

Coming events

February

28th - Pancake Party in the Newark 3.30-5.30pm

March

1st - Ash Wednesday Eucharist at 12 noon

3rd - Women's World Day of Prayer. Friends Meeting House

6th - Station of the Cross 6.30pm

8th - Lent lunch. 12 noon

11th - Start the Day. 9am at 4 Castle Drive

15th - Lent lunch. 12 noon

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

16th - Congregation Coffee Morning. 10.30am

22nd - Lent lunch. 12 noon

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

26th - **Mothering Sunday service. 11.0am**

28th - Seniors lunch 12.30

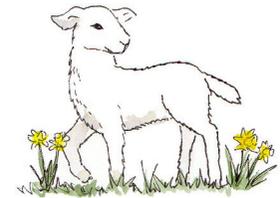
St. Anselms Lent Concert. 7pm



All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

MARCH 2017



When you hear the word 'church', what comes to mind? What pictures or images are conjured up by the word 'church'? For many people the word 'church' is probably associated with a building, possibly a particular building with a mixture of emotional attachments: the place where family weddings, baptisms and funerals have been conducted, the place where God has been experienced in ways beyond description, the place which both is beautiful, bearing witness to the creativity of humankind made in the image of God, and is in need of constant TLC for its upkeep.

For the Apostle Paul writing in the middle of the first century CE the 'church' is a gathering of people: the people who intentionally gather to worship God, the people who God gathers together to worship him. When Paul was writing letters to different 'churches' across the eastern provinces of the Roman empire there were no purpose-built church buildings. The 'church of God' in the different towns and cities of the eastern provinces of the Roman empire, that is the people who gathered together to worship God, met either outdoors or in people's homes.

In his letter to the Christians in the Roman city of Corinth Paul uses the image of the human body to describe the 'church of God' in Corinth (1 Cor. 12). Just as the human body has different 'members' (e.g., hands, feet, eyes), each of which has a specific purpose so that the whole body functions, so the 'church of God' is made up of different individuals each of whom is called by God to a

FUSION

New Service

Every third Sunday
of the month

At All Saints Bakewell

A service combining
Fusion with Eucharist
A new worship experience

11.00am

Next service 19th March

The Gathering

Every fourth Sunday
of the month

At All Saints Bakewell

Informal café style space
with short modern service
Sharing together

5.00pm

NEXT EVENT:

SUNDAY 26th March

specific service in the 'church of God' so that the whole 'church of God' flourishes and worships God.

In his letters Paul suggests some of the ways in which individuals are called by God to serve the 'church of God': teachers, evangelists, leaders, administrators. And in other New Testament writings we learn of ways in which individuals serve the 'church of God': sharing wealth so that everyone had enough, offering hospitality not only to people like the Apostle Paul but also to host meetings, encouraging one another.

As the Church enters the season of Lent, perhaps it is a time for us to reflect as individuals and corporately as the 'church of God' on what it means for us to be 'a body' with different members called by God to specific services so that the whole body flourishes and worships God. Who is God calling me to be? What is God calling me to do? How am I responding to God's call? What is an obedient, realistic and informed response? Resources will be available during Lent to help and guide us in our reflection.

David Mundy

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Am I Being Unfair to You?

On Friday 3rd March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on Friday 3rd March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

Our **Bakewell** service is being held at the **Friends' Meeting House** for the first time on **Friday 3rd March at 7.00pm.**

All welcome, men as well as women!



Although sales for the last few months have been very good, the overall picture for 2016 is rather disappointing. At £8128 the total receipts are the lowest I have known and 16% down on 2015. However, that is still a considerable sum, and represents many families who have been helped to be self sufficient and enjoy a fuller life.

Easter will soon be upon us so don't forget to buy your Real Easter Eggs in good time. Well over a million have been bought in the last 7 years, they have been voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg, and 10p for each one sold has been given to the Traidcraft Exchange to help support Traidcraft's producer groups. Each egg, produced by the Meaningful Chocolate Company based near Chesterfield, is made from fairly traded chocolate and contains a book telling the Easter story and a chocolate bar. I will stock the standard eggs but there are several more exotic versions to be seen online at traidcraftshop.co.uk which I will be pleased to order for you.

By this summer I shall have been selling Traidcraft goods in and around Bakewell for 12 years and I feel it is time for someone else to take over, with fresh enthusiasm and new ideas. I will be hanging up my calculator at the beginning of September and would like someone else to be in place by then. If you have an interest in trading fairly and in helping others, I would love to hear from you and will be happy to outline what might be involved.

Bargain of the month - Fair Break Packs - half price

Peter Bird (01629 813087 – pabird@gmail.com)

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Notice in a train window:

RESERVED FOR BARE METHODISTS

(Apparently the Methodists from Bare, Lancashire, were spending a day at the seaside, long before topless bathing was allowed.)

O M Witherby

At the February meeting, Sarah Eldridge, a worker on behalf of the charity 'Sheffield City of Sanctuary' outlined the situation faced by asylum-seeker and refugees and explained the scope of these terms. The lot of the asylum -seekers is much the harder. She then introduced Pride, a Christian English-speaking young man from the Cameroons, who told us some of his personal history. In Cameroon, where political dissent is not allowed, Pride and his father both faced imprisonment. Pride's father died and escape became for Pride the only option. England was his choice because of the historical link between England and Cameroon, his command of the language, and respect for the English traditions of personal freedom.

He described the complexities of applying for asylum which have occupied him for several years since his entry to this country. Asylum- seekers are in a kind of limbo. Basic accommodation is provided, and a weekly maintenance allowance of £35 is paid, but they are not allowed to take paid work. They have a succession of long and searching interviews in an atmosphere of suspicion and frank disbelief.

Our reactions were of shock, surprise that matters were not better handled, and a feeling of helplessness in the face of such apparently unfair and pitiless treatment. The branch will keep in touch with Pride's case and we hope to learn of a happier outcome. More information is available on the charity web-site at www.cityofsanctuary.org.uk/sheffield

Ruth Short

Our next meeting: Tuesday 7th March in the Vestry at 7.30pm.
'Preparing for Easter' *Rev. Ben Brown, Elim Pentecostal Church Bakewell*

Fri 3rd Mar. Women's World Day of Prayer. Friends Meeting House at 7pm 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' Praying for the Philippines. All are welcome.

Thurs 16th Mar. Corporate Communion . All Saints Church 9.30am
Tues 21st Mar. Tots & Teds. in the Newark 1.30-2.45pm
Sunday 26th Mar. **Mothering Sunday Service** in Church 11am



Don't forget...28th Feb the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party,
in the Newark 3.30 to 5.30pm

Everyone is welcome. There will be something for everybody to enjoy of any age.

Carol Wicksteed



Lent, Holy Week and Easter



March

Wednesday 1st - Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12.noon

Monday 6th - Stations of the Cross. 6.30pm

Wednesday 8th - Lent lunch

Wednesday 15th - Lent lunch

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd - Lent lunch

Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Sunday 26th - Mothering Sunday service 11.0am

Monday 27th - Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Wednesday 29th - Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

April

Monday 3rd - Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

Saturday 8th - Lent lunch

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - Meet at Bath Gardens 10.45. Service at 11.0

Holy Week Devotional 6.0pm

Monday 10th - Stations of the Cross 7.0pm

Tuesday & Wednesday - Eucharist with Address 7.0pm

Maundy Thursday - Holy Week Children's Club 9.30-12 noon

Seder meal and Watch of the Passion 7.0pm

Good Friday - Holy Week Children's Club 9.0-11.15

Good Friday Liturgy 2.0pm

Holy Saturday - Morning Prayer and litany

Easter Sunday - The Vigil with breakfast

Easter Parish Celebration 11.0am

Festival Evensong 6.0pm



Eight and a half thousand miles later *REFLECTIONS ON A JOURNEY*

It has been noted in the media that the eight richest men in the world have more money between them than the poorest half of the world's population. What an obscenity. Nicaragua, where Ian and I have been recently for another Peace and Hope Working Party, is second only to Haiti in the whole of the Americas, for its level of poverty. The extreme poverty of Bluefields on the Caribbean coast is brought more sharply into focus when we return home. Running water there is scarce, sanitation is scarce, rice and beans is the food staple and for some only a small quantity each day, clothes are what can be scavenged from the rubbish tip or from distribution of charity clothes such as the Peace and Hope Trust provides. Travel is limited not only by lack of money (only 15% of the population of Bluefields have any reliable income, most live on \$1 a day or less), but by lack of infrastructure, most journeys being done by slow boat, panga and rickety, fully packed buses. This is generational poverty and hard to break out from.

For 220 children the Working Party meant the completion of their new school and renewed employment for the dedicated teachers who had been forced to vacate their building. The building of a kitchen and storeroom has meant that the Government will provide food for the children for one year and a child with a full tummy will learn better than a hungry one. Delivery of rice and beans was made within hours of the building being completed. 224 children have been enabled to go to school by the provision of uniforms, shoes, bags and books. Without these basics, they would not be allowed to attend school. The smiles of the children and their mothers were wonderful. Women and children from the community of July 19th supported the team with snacks and practical help, and some men were given employment too, to help with the building work.

It became apparent on arrival in Managua that Casa Rahab, the day refuge for young girls who are the victims of sexual exploitation and other abuse, badly needed help. Instead of travelling with the rest of the team to Bluefields, Alyse stayed in Managua, travelling daily to Granada along roads that are littered with the remains of serious accidents, where rusty old trucks and buses engulfed in black smoke from burning engines race between overloaded cars with bald tyres, bullock and horse drawn carts, and huge gleaming American trucks. Small children to elderly men and women play Russian Roulette at road junctions as they try to earn a little money by cleaning windscreens or selling mangoes, dusters, patties to drivers and passengers. Life on the edge, indeed.

We only have to look at the number of court cases in our own country to know that sexual exploitation is not confined to developing countries, but it is the scale of abuse in several of the Central American countries that is shocking, and the lack of compassion and understanding for the victims not just by the police, but by families and the authorities. The status of women generally is very low. The Casa Rahab project is a tiny drop in the ocean, but perhaps the first of many. The girls may not become nurses, lawyers, teachers or even find work, but if the project can help them become survivors rather than victims it will have achieved much.

Ian and I, and indeed the whole team, knew we were surrounded by the love and prayers of many, many faithful people. Thank you and may you know God's blessing as we have been blessed. We give thanks to God for all that was achieved, for all the men, women and children we met and who were willing to share their lives with us for a short time. Let us never forget to thank God for all we have here in the UK and to give to those in need wherever they are, with joy and with generous and thankful hearts.

If you would like to know more about the Peace and Hope Trust, see photographs of the building project, learn more about Nicaragua, please talk to Ian or Alyse who would love to share more of their experience.

IAN AND ALYSE ROSS

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100 Club February Draw

1st prize	Peter Bird	£35.00
2nd prize	Pat Bryant	£17.50
3rd prize	Rick Naylor	£8.75
	John Wickham	£8.75

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Overheard when coming out of All Saints after Sunday morning service:-

Little girl to her mother, "Was I as good as gold?"

Mother, "Not quite as good as gold."

Little girl, "As good as silver then?"

(sent in by Hilbre)