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Welcome

As I write we have a veritable Indian summer with a forecast of (some) mellow September weather to come. But intimations of the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness are already evident. A recently arrived refugee asked me 'when does winter start?' Climate change means, of course that we can no longer rely on past patterns. There is however no doubt that soon, the shops will be filling with seasonal items and festive lights will start to appear. Before that, Autumn is a time for remembering as we approach All Saints and All Souls days, as well as Remembrance Sunday. For many of us, one or other of those dates will cause us to pause and

think of those who have gone before, whether after a full life or a life cut short.

This edition of Nexus includes the programme for the St Andrews Music Festival, previewed in the last edition. It also includes a form for donations to the Parson Cross Initiative, a project we have supported at St Andrews in various ways over the years. We hope that our support may be extended into the wider community served by our church. And at last, we have a response to the Talking Point in the previous issue of Nexus. Last words is a reminder of Keats famous poem, to save you from reaching for another source. Information about our new Sunday 2 service is on the back page of this edition and we look forward to seeing you at future Sunday 2 services. Links to further information are within the text and it will be easier to access those links from our web page <http://www.standrewspalterlane.org.uk/>

Links to further information are within the text and it will be easier to access those links from our web page <http://www.standrewspalterlane.org.uk/> Nexus is curated by Anne Hollows 07723407054, anne.hollows@gmail.com The next edition of Nexus will cover December 2019 and January 2020. Contributions are welcome and should arrive by Thursday 14th November.

Letter from Gareth

Dear friends,

We are living through a time of considerable pessimism at the moment. The rise of populist leaders, divisive nationalism in many parts of the world, the effects of austerity policies in the UK and the chaotic series of events we are witnessing in our domestic politics have caused many people grave concern. Whatever our political viewpoint may be, and whatever our views on the central issues of the day, it cannot be doubted that we are living in deeply divisive and disturbing times, with no obvious resolution of the divisions.

The Bible doesn't give any straightforward answer to crises in politics and society. In the Gospels, we have Jesus' enigmatic saying, "Give to God what belongs to God, and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." In his letter to the Romans, St Paul advises his readers to obey the current authorities since authority is instituted by God, though this was in the context of a weak and vulnerable early church. There have been plenty of occasions in the history of the church since then when Christians have felt called to peaceful civil disobedience. It is the Hebrew prophets who have most to say about the values that go to make up a good society: things like compassion, and justice for the poor and marginalised, which we also find highlighted in the Qur'an and the scriptures of other faiths. In the Gospels, there is an emphasis throughout on the value and worth of each individual, and the imperative to respect rather than exploit.

The opposite of pessimism in religious faith isn't optimism but hope. Optimism is the assumption that everything will work out for the best, in spite of current appearances; hope is the belief that, somewhere deep within the universe as it is, there is the possibility of new creation. When Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life", he is saying something about the very nature of reality.

This hope isn't based primarily on structures in the world and society, even though it finds its expression in the realities of the world. Rather, it is a transcendent hope, rooted in the eternal being of God, beyond the solutions that human beings devise. Our role is to try and build a society in which those transcendent values are reflected as fully as possible.

Our Christian faith doesn't lead us to believe that, in the current malaise, things will somehow inevitably turn out right – though nor does it make us assume that things will turn out for the worst. What it does is to urge us to look for signs of what Jesus calls the "kingdom of God": justice for all, especially the vulnerable and oppressed, unity in our communities, peacefulness and reconciliation, care for the environment, integrity in those in public office. But more than that, it asks us to be ourselves signs of the kingdom. As the church, in its widest sense, we are called to model Christ-like values and qualities. We know that, as flawed human beings, we shall never get it

completely right, but at least we can have this as our aim. And in striving for a good and just society, we work not in isolation but by cooperating with all people of goodwill.

Peace and love,

Gareth



CONTEMPLATION

Several years ago, I visited the Cathedral Church of St Barnabas, the mother church of the Diocese and seat of the Bishop of Nottingham. Designed by the renowned architect, Augustus Pugin, it was built in 1841 - 44. Though he was a leading architect of 19th century Britain, his contribution to the history of interiors and decorative art is less well known and the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a fine example of rich decoration in vibrant colours in an otherwise light airy church. The peace and warmth was palpable and I paused to read the following words set on an easel at the door where all who entered could see them. If ever you are in Nottingham, do pop in.

Marilyn

Welcome.

You have come into this house where God lives.

Whoever you are, He welcomes you,
with your gladness and your sadness,
your successes and your failures,
your hopes and your disappointments.

Be welcome.

Before you, generations have loved this place,
helped to build it and make it beautiful and they have prayed here.

Respect it. Be silent.

If you believe, pray.

If you are seeking, think.

If you are doubting, ask for light.

If you are suffering, ask for strength.

If you are joyful, give thanks to God,
and may your happiness continue.

In this house you may meet others and be able to pray with them.

May the memory of your visit remain with you.

Whoever you are, He welcomes you.

Welcome Him too.

Marilyn Godber

Talking Point : A response

When I started the Talking Point column in this magazine, I had hoped that it would generate responses. Finally one of our readers has sent the following comment on the previous Talking Point and, both for the sake of fairness and also to encourage others to respond, it is shared here, with the author's permission. Thanks to John for this thoughtful piece which I hope will encourage others to think and respond to the (often intentionally provocative) Talking Point articles published here. There will be space for responses in the Nexus immediately following an article, though not for continuing dialogue after that.

I have a confession to make. After much deliberation and consideration of the rival arguments I voted to leave the EU, would do so again, and I am not in despair at the prospect of 'No Deal'. So it was with particular interest that I read the anonymous Talking Point article in the August / September Nexus.

I much prefer reading material that challenges my thinking rather than reinforces it. Having said this, much of it I did not find challenging, including the underlying assumptions, implied and stated in the article which have been common currency over the last 3 years.

That people who voted to leave are gullible, or old, or racist, or self-serving. Duped by a 'dangerous populism' they are unable to recognise, though obvious to everyone else.

That the British people cannot be trusted to elect responsible and caring politicians but must be managed by those superior beings who have a better grasp of things.

That only those who wish to remain are concerned about international aid, the Health Service, migrants, the poor. And that Remainers, exclusively and nobly, choose to act against their own self-interest, unlike the self-servers who support leave.

That there is no rational basis or argument in favour of leaving.

That only Remainers are affected by the emotion of the situation.

That only Remainers can be trusted to safeguard the 'values and traditions' of the nation.

None of this challenged or even surprised me. After 3 years I have become inured.

What did make me stop and think was the inferred incompatibility between voting Leave and being a good Christian. This was not formally argued so much as taken as read. So beyond comprehension as to be beyond consideration. Certainly my experience supports this interpretation. In 3 years of admittedly irregular Church attendance I cannot recall any enquiry as to whether there are Leavers in the congregation or any sympathy for the position. No hostility either, but of course how can there be hostility against something that cannot exist. A Christian who believes in Leave.

Particularly sobering is the reference to Pastor Neimoller's famous passage, lamenting the failure of Christians, including himself, to stand against the rise of the Nazis.

Given it is so prominently located in the article I presume I am invited to see a clear equivalence between the two scenarios ? Indeed, can it be read in any other way ?

And, if so, where does this leave me ? Am I being challenged to stand up ? Or am I one of those to be stood up to ? One of those 'coming for you'. At worst an active agent in the process, at best, a dupe, complicit because deluded.

It was impossible not to be challenged by this and it did generate a serious rethink of my position, my rationale, and the arguments of each side.

Having done this and reconsidered (in the proper sense), my next concern was whether I should go public or not ? It would be so much easier to stay silent or anonymous. Two things dissuade me. Firstly the title of the article, 'Talking Point', seems actively to invite comment. Secondly, the essence of the article demands we have the courage to state our views. On that basis and with considerable trepidation, I have to say that, sorry, SAPLC, you still have at least one unreformed and unrepentant Brexit viper, and questionable Christian, in the bosom of your Church.

John Austin

Important Advice for EU nationals

Do you know any EU national or family of a national who are planning to continue to live in the UK? Help is available to apply for settled, or pre-settled status under the EU settlement scheme for free. This is available at Darnall Well Being. For an appointment contact Lucie Ward, Link Worker at Darnall Well Being on 07534 862169 or email lucie@darnallwellbeing.org.uk

For an appointment, a valid passport or national identity card is required, together with National Insurance Number and an email address and phone number. Howden House on Union Street can help with copying and sending scanned documents to the Home Office (there is a charge).

Interfaith News

News from Shirley House Interfaith Centre

Many, if not most, of the wars in the last 30 years seem to have involved faith groups; from the Balkans in the 1990s, ISIS in Syria and neighbouring countries, the ongoing issue of Israel/ Palestine, the Burmese Rohingya and Chinese Uighur Muslim crises to the most recent clampdown in Kashmir. All of these are disasters for one or both sides, and most feature exploitation of a minority group by the ruling majority. In most of these places, people of different faiths had lived peacefully alongside each other for generations. Almost all of



the religions in whose name these atrocities take place extol their followers to love their neighbours and treat others as you wish to be treated, so why are there so many wars? Each conflict has roots going back centuries but wherever conflict resolution takes place, people emphasise their common humanity and try to understand each other's beliefs.

Here in Sheffield we are lucky to be able both to express our various faiths and to encounter people of other faiths, from many parts of the world including conflict zones. This is not a privilege we should forever take for granted, especially where different groups feel threatened by each other even here. Deepening our understanding of each other, their faiths and their fears, is vital.

Our **forthcoming events**, to which everyone is invited, are:

- Monday 7th October, 6.00-8.00 pm Sheffield Interfaith Food & Friendship bring and share dinner
 - Wednesday 16th October 7.30 pm – Interfaith panel discussion on 'Prayer – how do you do it?'
 - *Sunday 20th October Sheffield Interfaith outing to Holocaust Memorial Centre at Laxton in Nottinghamshire (see website for details)*
 - *Interfaith Week – Sheffield Interfaith Walk Saturday 16th November, Burngreave*
 - Wednesday 20th November 7.30 (Interfaith Week) Symbolic foods – Show and share
 - Thursday 21st November 6.00-8.00 pm Sheffield Interfaith Food & Friendship bring and share dinner
- Caroline Cripps

exclusion due to ill health, disability, low educational and skills attainment, unemployment, low income and financial hardship.

The Parson Cross Initiative grew out of a project initially funded by the Methodist Church in 2010. 7 years later, we received charitable status. We still have strong links with the Methodist Church as well as other local organisations and agencies. We work with council housing teams, local schools, health workers and other charities in and around the area to think of innovative and new ways of supporting people. Often, these grow out of the ideas, skills and talents of the people we work with. Sessions include a Community Kitchen, Growing Projects, Creative Groups including music, art and writing. These contribute to building a sense of community and reducing social isolation which, in turn, helps to improve people's mental and physical health, alongside building their confidence and self-esteem.

We also offer training workshops such as Food Hygiene and Basic First Aid courses. In addition, we provide emergency food support for people in crisis.

Food is central to what we do. Food brings people together, whether through preparing and cooking a meal together as a group or sitting around a table and sharing a meal. We run three different cooking groups each week. The focus is to cook simple, nutritious recipes on a budget. The meal is then shared with the cooking group and with people attending the different sessions that are taking place that day. Alongside this we provide opportunities for people to gain qualifications in Food Hygiene. As well as cooking and preparing food it is important to eat together as a group. Many of those we support live alone and enjoy sharing a meal with others.

We run an independent food support service for local people who are struggling financially. In 2017 we provided 2025 food parcels for people who needed help due to problems including low- income, benefit issues, ill-health and mental health problems. At the moment, we support around 200 families in this way. Citizens Advice Bureau Sheffield also provide an advice worker to support people during

these sessions. We have found that the Foodbank has been a gateway for people to access the other services that we provide, and an access point into our wider Community. Alongside our food bank session we run a social café .A small team of volunteers bake cakes and treats which are then served at the social café. The team of bakers has also helped us with fundraising events.

Gardening projects allow people to get a greater understanding of the links between growing, harvesting and preparing and processing food. As well as being good for physical wellbeing, we promote the benefits of gardening for people's mental health. We run three different projects enabling people to access a variety of growing spaces: two kitchen gardens and also a community allotment.

Creativity builds confidence and it also gives some 'time out'. The people we meet always bring new interests, passions, skills and talents and we try to respond to these by supporting new activities and sessions. We run sessions including Community Music, Art, Creative Writing and a Craft and Colour group. We have also been involved with the Sheffield Food Bank Choir, an amazing experience for everyone involved.

As we collect people's stories we find that many people are keen to share them with us. They want us to help them challenge the perception that they are 'scroungers' and 'benefit cheats' and develop a narrative that shows how their neighbours, friends and family help each other, children play safely on the streets and in their homes and in times of need our community shares what resources it has.

Radical Welcome Course

The next meeting for the Radical Welcome Course, on behalf of the Mission Partnership, will be at St Oswald's Church on Thursday October 10th at 7.30 pm.

Even if you missed the first of this 4 session course, there is time to catch up and share as the churches in the Mission Partnership focus on what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive – to be Radically Welcoming.

All We Can and St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church.

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church has signed up as an All We Can Partnership Church. In autumn we are planning to be involved in a community, Cherkos, in Ethiopia as they struggle with climate change, poor harvest and lack of resources.

All We Can work in partnership with talented local organisations and individuals whose commitment is best placed to provide help and support.

We are generous at giving help in emergencies but this partnership is different as it is on-going and needs planned support and interest from us. We hope to do this by not only raising money but by



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increasing our knowledge of the community of Cherkos - both its strengths and challenges. There is information about Ethiopia and Cherkos on the All We Can

website <https://vimeo.com/326294014>

and we will really welcome your involvement in prayer, planning and fund raising. Let us have your good ideas about how you, your families and groups can help. This could be coffee mornings, open garden event or sponsoring a task.

Look out for further news in autumn

Judith Loveman and Janet Clark, who are leading SAPL's engagement with All We Can.

All We Can Tea Party.
Please come to the All We Can tea party (in
aid of Ethiopian agriculture) at
2.30 to 4 o'clock on Tuesday, 8th October at
Southcroft.
We look forward to seeing you all.

Theology Everywhere

Digging Deep for Pearls by Barbara Glasson.

According to the Myers Briggs personality indicator I am very strongly introvert. 'Don't be silly, darling, of course you're not!' was the response of my extrovert mother. Which proved the point really; the point being that I thought she never listened and she thought I never told her anything.

As a child the thought of 'being introvert' hadn't yet been invented. The definition was 'being shy' and this was something that you could clearly get over. Getting over being shy was just a matter of plucking up courage and saying something, learning some social graces and putting yourself 'out there'. Being shy could stop you having friends and make you feel gauche and isolated. Being shy was a problem. But being introvert is most certainly not a problem – it's a gift, it's not something to be got over, it's something to be claimed!

Being introvert is not the same as being unfriendly. As a friendly introvert one is in the cleft stick of really loving people and being totally exhausted by them. Really liking people means you will listen to them deeply and intently and really empathise with what they are saying; being introvert also means that all that intense listening is going to fill up your head until it has no room for thinking. The result is you forget things and get easily confused by simple tasks, well that's my excuse for leaving my laptop behind.

I've just returned from the Greenbelt festival, which is why I am in a room upstairs on my own writing this (on my returned laptop) and recovering from being with fifteen thousand people for a whole weekend. It's not that I don't like people, I really do, I find them interesting and weird, complicated and funny. It's just that, in my opinion, like chocolates, you're better off enjoying them one at a time rather than by the box-full.

My Greenbelt didn't seem much like anybody else's. I didn't go to any talks or any music or any stalls but I really got to know a lovely taxi driver from Ghana called Alec and the security guard on night duty at the gate and, whilst reading poetry out loud to myself in an empty tent I met two lovely young people and read them some poetry too. And on the Sunday morning, when there was the huge communion service in the main arena, which was all about Christmas and had camels and everything, I stayed in the Methodist sponsored tent called the Foundry to listen from afar. But interestingly, so did about a hundred other people, all seeking quiet and gentle conversation and good coffee and that was so lovely. I moved outside on the grass and smiled, because there are a lot of us introverts around.

So what's the story? They do say, if you don't know what an extrovert is thinking you haven't listened and if you don't know what an introvert is thinking you haven't asked. And an introvert's 'story' will take time and pondering and gentleness to form and find words. We need space (and good coffee) and we're not afraid of the silences and long pauses. In a group or meeting introverts may well be the last to speak, not because we are shy, but because we are still working out what to say. Just be patient, don't keep asking if we are ok, just bear with us and eventually, with time, you never know there may well be a pearl of great price!

Dr Barbara Glasson is a pastoral theologian and Methodist Minister, currently Team Leader at Touchstone, an interfaith project in the heart of Bradford. She has written four books that describe her work at Somewhere Else (The Bread Church) as well as reflections on what it means to survive and live as prophetic communities. Barbara

has travelled many times to Pakistan and is also learning to weave! She is currently President of the Methodist Conference.

Eco Church

I ended last Nexus' report with the hope that I would now be reporting that the arrangements for the orchard's new fruit trees will have been finalised, and the clearing of the Compound's detritus completed. Ah, well....., but we are getting there. The "Sheffield Fruit Trees" organisation has been approached and has agreed to advise us on the planting project with the understanding that it supplies the trees themselves, but only after our eco-group has agreed their proposals. The Compound still requires work, and we desperately need help with shredding. This is light work and the only equipment required (apart from the shredder itself which can only be run safely with either Chris Rogers or myself in charge) is gloves and secateurs. There are still some stumps to be removed but this is hard work and is being done by the wonderful and strong Chris Rogers. The good news is that the composting facilities are now complete and tidy, and we await the "harvest of autumn leaves"!

The Eco-group itself met on 4th September (2019) and we agreed importantly that alterations should be made to the Sunday Leaflet, to incorporate a "Green Box" which would give news of relevant developments, achievements, encouragements, and with appeals for help when necessary. We also felt it important that all should see for themselves what is going on in the Compound, Orchard, and adjacent wooded area. Additionally we were pleased to hear that more energy is to be put into recycling initiatives, especially for clothing but even for bric-a-brac. Finally we agreed to support a proposal to visit the newly built "Eco-Mosque" at Cambridge, in order to learn from their experiences. We would, of course, share travel costs with our local Muslim friends. There's a good place to end.

Anthony Ashwell 01142550568

Gardening Notes

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a gardener in possession of fertile and productive soil, come autumn, must be in want of a seed catalogue. Get your skates on. Join Archer Lane Allotment & Home garden society, buy a Kings seed catalogue from them for £1 and get your order in quickly.



The quality of the seed is good the prices are about half what you will pay anywhere else.

All who took part enjoyed the Show and “the competitor gaining most points” was Mr Brew. Demonstrating both gardening prowess and personal management skills. Putting in so many exhibits and not getting in the least flustered. A tricky year with garlic crops wiped out by a sudden onset of rot, very few onions and most people complaining that their tomatoes were still green. There were more exhibits than last year in the flower classes; lots of dahlias and one clever lady had produced big chrysanthemums. Though overall there were both less competitors and exhibits. Mr Millman exhibited some beautiful apples that gained a Vegetable Society silver medal; Mrs Millman had most points in the domestic classes with their daughter, Evie, getting the cup for most points in the Novice classes.

Now is the time for planning those structural changes. If you are quick there is time to plant shrubs and trees but once you are in November the cold wet land can be the death of saplings. The first frost is due mid October. Remove the saucers from under the pots in your garden. Stagnant water will drown the roots. If you don't you might have the saucer split by the frost. I once had a watering can rip in two as I had left water in it. This expanded as it froze and when it thawed the can fell into two pieces. Put the old windfall apples & pears onto the compost heap. Pull off any mouldy carcasses still stuck to the trees. Plums are the worst for this. Prune the apples and pears

but not any of the “drupes”, those fruit that have a stone in the centre. This is the time to put grease bands on the trunks and supports of your fruit trees. These fend off one of the moths that like to eat your apples before you get to them. Put the wispy remnants of the sweet peas and the tougher stems of the runner beans in the compost heap. By the end of November that might be full. So plan where the beans will be next year and dig a long trench to pile the vegetable waste into, as the beans will benefit from the fertility and the water retention that will give. The inside of the greenhouse will need a wash. Of course this is the time of year when our beautiful Nether Edge trees drop their leaves. These are a blessing not a curse. Pile them in a distant corner of the garden. They only need wire netting to contain them. In time they will give the best free compost available.

Food and Feasting

Sloe Gin

500 Grams ripe Sloes

250 grams sugar

1 litre gin

1. Rinse and pick over the sloes, then pat dry in a clean tea towel. Using a stainless steel fork or cocktail stick, prick the sloes and tip into a 2-litre Kilner jar, or divide between two smaller jars.
2. Add the sugar and gin, then seal the jar. Shake well. Once a day for seven days, give the jar a good shake. Store the jar in a cool, dark place and leave for two to three months.
3. Line a plastic sieve with a square of muslin set over a bowl and strain the sloe gin through it. Decant into clean, dry bottles, then seal and label. The sloe gin is now ready to drink but it'll improve and mature over time – so, if possible, make it one year to drink the next.

Musical events in November

Margaret Fingerhut 'Far From the Home I Love'

On 6th November at 7.30 at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church, acclaimed international pianist Margaret Fingerhut will be touring the UK with a special **concert** called 'Far From the Home I Love'. The concert will raise awareness of refugee needs as well as collect funds for Sheffield City of Sanctuary. Through music and words, Margaret tells the stories of some of the many composers who were refugees or who migrated for their work. Her programme includes Chopin, Grieg, Handel, Haydn, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov, and a new piece by Arian, a Kurdish Syrian composer who wrote the refugee anthem for the 2016 Olympic Games. This concert is one of a series throughout the country dedicated to raising money to support refugees through Cities of Sanctuary. This final concert in Margaret's tour will be introduced by City of Sanctuary national president and founder Inderjit Bhogal OBE.

Ticket price includes a free glass of wine or juice. All proceeds will go to supporting the work of City of Sanctuary Sheffield at The Sanctuary in Chapel Walk. Concessionary tickets are available on application to The Sanctuary. City of Sanctuary thanks St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church for hosting the event.

Tickets price £20 including wine/fruit juice and snacks will shortly be available through Tickets for Good.

<https://events.ticketsforgood.co.uk/events/1620-far-from-the-home-i-love-piano-concert>

ST ANDREW'S MUSIC FESTIVAL 2019

The 2019 St Andrew's Music Festival is in its 6th year. Running from Friday 8th to Sunday 17th November we welcome wonderful youthful talent from Sheffield (8th) and the Peak District (14th) to stand alongside outstanding professional ensembles. And the dazzling violinist Lizzie Dawson will be giving a recital on Saturday 16th

On Saturday 9th the inaugural concert is being given by the Pennine Quartet whose members have played for Opera North and other prestigious ensembles with music by Ravel and Beethoven. The final concert on Sunday 18th will be given by the superb local pianist, Kaoru Bingham, with music by Schubert, Chopin and others.

Sunday 10th sees the return of the greatest Klezmer duo in the world today. Merlin & Polina Shepherd come back to the city where the UK Klezmer revival began in the 1980s. This Jewish folk music from Eastern Europe has a huge following and Merlin & Polina's popularity seems to grow year on year – not a concert to be missed! But if you really want to let your hair down, try the Dodworth Colliery Band on Tuesday 12th November led by our local music teacher, Eliot Darwin. Everyone is welcome and all tickets are only £5 at the door (children free).

Church and Community

Regular Groups

Knit and Knatter

Mondays 10-12 noon Knit and Knatter. In Shirley House. Contact: Alison Gregg, 266 5638.

Parent and Baby Group: New baby in the family? Join our friendly group of parents - Mums and/or Dads with babies up to 12 months. Friday mornings during term time 10.00 – 11.30 at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church. It's a chance to meet other new parents in friendly relaxed surroundings. Refreshments teas, coffees, other beverages and home made cakes. Cost: £1. 50 per family per week Contact Muriel on 2551473 or Jean 2550198

17th Sheffield Monday Brownies

Mondays at St Andrew's Hall from 5.45pm – 7.15pm. If you are at all interested, please contact Chris Venables. 07950 432487 for further information.

The Tuesday Café

The Tuesday Café, our café for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers opened in the middle of March. The café takes place in the narthex in church on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon . We intend that it will be open every Tuesday of the year (except Christmas Day!) The café offers hot drinks, biscuits and homemade cakes, music, memory activities, and the opportunity for a chat. The café already has a good group of volunteers from the congregation and we are also grateful to those who have offered to bake for us. If you know anyone who might be interested in coming to the café, do please take flyer with all the information. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Judith Roberts.

Church Family

Congratulations to

Tim Groves as he commences his doctorate at Worcester College, Oxford

David Groves and Sabrina Waddon following success in their A Levels. David will be studying Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Sabrina will be taking a gap year before studying Anthropology at Bristol University.

Alice Flowerdew following success in her GCSEs

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Jean Powis following the death of her mother Happy Holland

Pat Flowerdew following the death of her mother Jennifer

others who have suffered bereavements recently

Bob Adkins, in Ashgate Hospice following a bad fall

Joan Francis after her recent move to Knaresborough

those with health concerns or recovering from times in

hospital: Chris Lowry, John Kenward, David Chapman, John Booter,

Pat Tang, Peter Rothwell, Pril Rishbeth, Serafina Body, Pam Frost,

George Glover, Lisa Solk, Fiona Needham, Margaret Abbey
and Alexander Snook

Young SAPLC

Junior Church: (Pebbles 3-5, Stones 6-10,) is during the main service at 10.30. Children between 2 and 3 can join in the youngest group (Pebbles) with a parent/carer)

About our services

Sunday Services

Normal pattern: 10.30 am Service: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Holy Communion service; 4th Sunday, Morning Worship

Monthly services: 2nd Sunday: Sunday2 – Breakfast and family service from 9 am

4th Sunday – Holy Communion at 9.15 am (using Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer)

2nd Sunday – Holy Communion at Southcroft, 6.30 pm

Please note that the bread used in our communion services is gluten free. Both fermented and unfermented communion wines are used.

Wednesday Services

At the 10.00 Communion service on Wednesdays, we reflect together on a piece of spiritual writing. This may be from one of the Christian traditions, or sometimes from another tradition of faith. The person leading the service will make copies of the piece of writing to give out to everyone. Come and enjoy an oasis of reflective calm in the middle of a busy week, and join us for coffee or tea afterwards

CHURCH DIARY

OCTOBER

Saturday 5 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Monday 7 th	6.00-8.00 pm	Sheffield Interfaith Food & Friendship bring and share dinner	Interfaith centre, Shirley House
Thursday 10 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Thursday 10 th	7.30 pm	Radical Welcome Session 2	St Oswald's Church
Wednesday 16 th	7.30 pm	Interfaith panel discussion on 'Prayer – how do you do it?'	Interfaith Centre
Thursday 31 st	7.00 pm	Property & Finance meeting	Interfaith Room

NOVEMBER

Saturday 2 nd	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Thursday 7 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Friday 8 th	7.00 pm	Music Festival concert – Sheffield Music Academy	Church
Saturday 9 th	7.00 pm	Music Festival concert – The Pennine Quartet	Church
Sunday 10 th		Music Festival concert – Merlin & Polina Shepherd	Church
Tuesday 12 th	7.00 pm	Music Festival concert – Dodsworth Colliery Band	Church
Tuesday 12 th	7.30 pm	Church Links meeting	Interfaith Room
Thursday 14 th	7.30 pm	Eco-Group meeting	Interfaith Room
Friday 15 th	7.00 pm	Music Festival concert – Peak District Youth	Church
Saturday 16 th	7.00 pm	Music Festival concert – Lizzie Dawson & Polly Sharpe	Church
Saturday 16 th	To be announced	Sheffield Interfaith Walk, Burngreave	
Sunday 17 th	7.00 pm	Music Festival concert – Kaoru Bingham, piano	Church
Tuesday 19 th	7.00 pm	Leadership Team meeting	Narthex

Wednesday 20 th	7.30 pm	Symbolic foods – Show and share	Interfaith Centre
Thursday 21 st	6.00-8.00 pm	Sheffield Interfaith Food & Friendship bring and share dinner	Interfaith Centre
Monday 25 th	7.00 pm	Openness Group	Narthex
Wednesday 27 th	7.30 pm	ECC meeting	Narthex

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER SERVICES

October 6th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
October 13th	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00 am	Sunday2	<i>Judith Roberts</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
October 20th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
October 27th	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Imogen Clout</i>
November 3rd	All Saints	
10.30 am	Holy Communion.	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
3.00 pm	All Souls	<i>Revd Gareth Jones, Judith Roberts</i>
November 10th	Remembrance Sunday	
9.00 am	Sunday2 Followed by wreath laying	<i>Imogen Clout</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
November 17th	Second Sunday before Advent	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
November 24th	Christ the King	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Jenny Carpenter</i>

Last Words Ode to Autumn by John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.



A new style of Sunday worship

September saw the launch of our regular

morning worship on the second Sunday of each month. We had a very happy time starting with breakfast and (as promised) excellent coffee.

The band kicked off the music, cheerfully assisted by smaller people with the contents of the percussion basket, and we sang some of the songs that the Sandcastles children have enjoyed – many of the adults did too.

We sat at tables, which had lovely flowers that Anna had brought and the smaller ones had a special table with little chairs at the front so they could see the story, as it was told. We heard about the calling of the disciples from their nets, and Jesus telling them to push out into deep water, and reflected on what that might mean in our lives.

There were visual prompts to aid our prayers and reflection: paper boats and fish, but for those who wished, time to sit quietly too.

The atmosphere was relaxed and happy, and we hope that it will continue to grow and evolve over the year. Everyone is very welcome and we hope especially that families with children will come and join in.

The next Sunday2 service will take place on 13th October.

On Sunday 10th November the Sunday2 service will be followed, at 11 am, by ceremonies and wreath-laying at the war memorial outside the church, and also inside Shirley House. Full details will be on the church web site. The records of the men named on the war memorial will be on display.