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Sunday
Worship
11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Or join us on zoom

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Churches Together in Intake & Wheatley Hills



**Thurs 30 May, 10-11.30am,
Ardeen Rd URC, Doncaster**

**Thurs 1 August, 10-11.30am,
Flintwood Methodist Church**

**Thurs 29 August, 10-11.30am,
Ardeen Rd URC, Doncaster**

**Thurs 31 October 10-11.30am,
Flintwood Methodist Church**

**Monday 23 December, 10-11.30am,
Ardeen Rd URC, Doncaster**

**All families are welcome to
join us for free crafts, a Bible
story and celebration, and
refreshments.**



From Our Minister

Dear friends,

[Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. (Mark 16:15-20)



There's a phrase that's often mistakenly attributed to St Francis of Assisi: “Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words.” It implies that it's more virtuous to proclaim the Gospel by example, than by speaking or writing. And it's very popular, not least because many of us are quite happy not to have to tell others about our faith! But it's misleading because the Gospel (the ‘good news’), in its very nature, is a message that needs words. It's the sort of proclamation that an ancient Emperor or King might have sent heralds to announce all over the land.

This good news is all about Jesus, and we can't proclaim that message about Jesus simply by our actions for at least two reasons: First, because Christians do not have the monopoly on goodness. There are good Muslims, Buddhists, and atheists – and, let's be honest, there are plenty of ‘bad’ Christians! You can't get to the truth about God simply by observing people's lives. Secondly, none of us can ever be good enough to demonstrate the perfection of Jesus. To think that people only have to look at our lives to see the glories of Jesus and His salvation is either arrogant or delusional - and, if our lives could do that, we wouldn't have needed Jesus in the first place!

In the book of Acts, which we've been focussing on in our Sunday services, every proclamation of the Gospel involved words. It would have been a complete anathema for those early believers not to have told anyone what Jesus had done – they were bursting to tell this life-

changing, history-splitting Gospel that was and is turning the world upside down, even in the face of persecution.

Nonetheless, actions are important. In Mark 16, Jesus talks of ‘signs’ that will confirm the disciples’ words. If we have received the Gospel, and planted its seed deep in our hearts, it will bear fruit. The Gospel shapes and transforms our lives, bringing about the fruit of the Spirit, empowering us to be Jesus’ hands and feet, equipping us to share Jesus in a myriad of ways. These changes, and the action that flows from them, will back up our proclamation, showing others the difference that Jesus and His Spirit makes to flawed and fallible human beings.

So let’s be people of word and action. Let’s pray for boldness – as they did in Acts 4 – to share the life-changing news of Jesus’ Gospel, and to live it in all that we do.

With love,
Matt

Worship Leaders

July 7 th	11.00am	Rod Morrison
July 14 th	11.00am	Val Morrison
July 21 st	11.00am	Revd. Matt Stone
July 28 th	11.00am	Val Morrison

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study is an informal group that meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons. We’re currently looking at the book of Acts, linking in with our Sunday sermons. In July, we meet on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd, 1.45-2.45pm in the church. All are welcome to join us!

A computer once beat me at chess. But it was no match for me at kickboxing!”

WHITBYS FISH & CHIP LUNCH

MONDAY 1st JULY



Pexels free images

Please sign for this event in the usual way on the form at the rear of the church.

Many thanks for your support.

Dorothy

Some dates for your diary...

Sunday 21 July, 6.30pm 'Passion for Doncaster' – a united evening of worship for churches across the city at Powerhouse Christ Church.

Thursday 1 August, 10-11.30am Messy Church –at Flintwood Methodist Church.

Thursday 29 August, 10-11.30am.Messy Church – at Ardeen Road Church

Friday 27 September, 10am-12 Macmillan Coffee Morning – noon.

WhatsApp Prayers

If anyone would like to join the WhatsApp prayer group please let me know by phone or e-mail (both given in this newsletter). I will need your number please.

If you have a phone capable of receiving messages but not WhatsApp, please let me know so we can send out texts instead.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

God Bless – Val

If God could:

Close the lion's mouths for Daniel, part the Red Sea for Moses, Make the sun stand still for Joshua, open the prison for Peter, put a baby into the arms of Sarah and raise Lazarus from the dead then he can certainly take care of you.

Nothing you are facing today is too hard for him to handle (Pinterest)

Synod Forums

What has the world of 1 Corinthians chapter 8 and the world of Ardeen Road United Reformed Church, Doncaster got in common?

This was the starting point for the discussion which began the Synod Forum which was led by Jamie Kissack. The purpose of the Forum was to bring folk together from different churches in the Synod, to hear from each other and to learn something of the joys and challenges of our particular situation. Whilst the very particular issue which was exercising the Corinthian church is hardly likely to exercise us – the issue of relationships and opinions is an ongoing part of life.

Paul's solution to the problem? Quite simply, it was for each individual to take care not to do anything which would cause a problem to others.

So having shared some thinking based on the words from Corinthians we were set three other tasks to discuss in smaller groups.

1. What takes the most time and energy in your church?

Thoughts from those I was sitting with included:

- Preparing worship – either the spoken and/or the screen version
- Maintaining the buildings
- Administration
- 'Keeping things going'

2. What gives you the most joy?

- Worshipping
- Fellowship
- Involvement
- A full church!

3. What are the challenges?

- Finances
- Equipping people to share their faith
- Engagement with non-church people

I think there is another question. What are our priorities? And does that bear any resemblance to the question about time and energy?

I invite you to ask yourself these same questions. God bless, Val



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SINGING GROUP

The singing group meets monthly to practice and learn new hymns.

Please see either Pat or Maureen for further details and the date for the July group. Everyone welcome.

FLOWER LIST



The list for 2024 is now on the notice board towards the back of the church. Please sign up against any dates you wish to provide the flowers for.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT
YOUR MUCH NEEDED
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
FOOD BANK IN THE BASKET
AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH**

Stop waiting for things -

Happiness is achieved when you stop waiting for things to happen and make the most of the moment you are in now. (Pinterest)



Aiming for net zero by 2030

Here is an Urgent News Alert!

**This year, Earth's Overshoot Day falls earlier
than last Year 😞**

On **World Environment Day**, June 5th, the Global Footprint Network announced that [Earth Overshoot Day](#) for 2024 is on August 1st, **which is one day earlier than last year.**

This shift highlights the urgent need to intensify our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint and adopt more sustainable practices. The earlier date indicates increased pressure on our planet's resources, emphasizing the need for immediate action.

What is Earth Overshoot Day?

Earth Overshoot Day marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what our planet can regenerate in that year. The earlier the date, the greater our ecological overshoot.

Let's use this as a wake-up call to redouble our efforts in sustainability and conservation.



A.V. ROTA



July 7 th	Andy
July 14 th	Rod
July 21 st	Pat & Dena
July 28 th	Adam

CRAFT CLUB

Dates for the Craft club for the rest of the year are:

Tuesday July 9th

NO MEETING DURING AUGUST

Tuesday September 10th

Tuesday October 8th

Tuesday November 12th

DECEMBERS MEETING WILL BE REPLACED BY THE CAROLATHON

All meetings held in the church from 10am – 12 noon

Please see Margaret Dyson for more information



The community BBQ on 15th June was attended by 36 members of the church and surrounding community bringing together people for a good old chat, food and a drink creating a convivial atmosphere with lots of fun.

Jim and Chris Harrison, our resident BBQ chefs cooked the meats to perfection and

the backroom boys and girls looked after the rest.

The gluten free food was provided by one of the church members and altogether £195 was raised for DARTs.

Thanks to everyone who supported the BBQ in any way. Events like this can only happen with the community and church working together in creating an amazing local team.

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

Find the following words relating to family relatives in the grid below.

Aunt, Baby, Brother in law, Children, Cousin, Daddy, Daughter in law, Descendants, Family/circle, Father, Flesh and blood, Folk, Gramps, Grandad, Grandma, Hubby, Husband, Kith/and/Kin, Mama, Mater, Missus, Mum, Mummy, Nan, Nana, Nephew, Old/Man, Our/Lass, Papa, Pops, Sibling, Sister, Son, Spouse, Twin, Uncle, Wife.

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Flowers: Elizabeth Dodsworth

Property Stewards: Jim Harrison & Martin Johnson

July diary dates

Newsletter items for the August Issue to Martin by

Sunday 20th July please

Door Stewards

- 7th Jeane Brookes**
- 14th Margaret Dyson**
- 21st Janet Chorlton**
- 28th Dorothy Keen**



Vestry Duty

- 7th Steve Armitage**
- 17th Pat Jordan/ Christine Jewison**
- 21st Tricia Larder**
- 28th Jim Harrison**



Bible Readers



- 7th Dena Hull**
- 14th Margaret Dyson**
- 21st Linda Ross**
- 28th Jim Harrison**

- 7th John Brown**
- 14th Christopher Harrison**
- 21st From the flower fund**
- 28th Martin & Ailsa Johnson**

Flower list



Refreshment Rota



- 7th Ailsa Johnson & Dorothy Keen**
- 14th Janet Chorlton & Dena Hull**
- 21st Dorothy Keen & Steve Armitage**
- 28th Dean Hull & Malcolm Stanley**