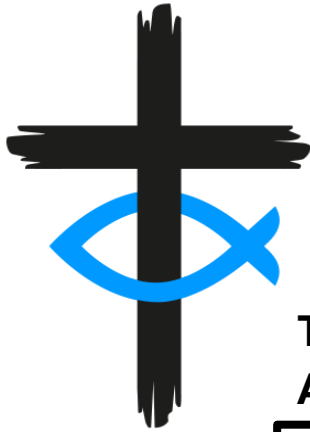




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Ardeen Road United Reformed Church Doncaster

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Sunday Worship

11.00 am

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NOTE THE DATES

**Thursday 30 October, 10-11.30am,
Flintwood Methodist Church**

**Monday 22 December, 10-11.30am,
Ardeen Road United Reformed
Church, Doncaster**

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



From Our Minister

Dear friends,

Paul tells us, “as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity” (Colossians 3:12-14).



Clothing ourselves is a two-part process. We *take off* our old clothes, our dirty, earthly clothes – clothes of sexual immorality, of greed and idolatry, of anger and malice, of slander and filthy language (Colossians 3:5-9). We take off the clothes that do not honour Christ, and this ‘taking off’ means putting it to death, ‘murdering sin’, for they have died with Christ. The puritan John Owen said, “Be killing sin or it will be killing you.”

And then, having been raised with Christ, we *put on* new clothes. Clothes of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Clothes of forgiveness, love and unity. Ultimately, we’re putting on Jesus’s clothes, as we seek to become like Him.



Some self-effort is required here: we have to choose to ‘clothe ourselves’. But it’s not all down to us. Jesus – through the Holy Spirit – helps us. So, for example, we might struggle to forgive. I’m always reminded of Corrie ten Boom, who was sent to Ravensbrück Concentration Camp in the second world war for hiding Jews in her home. After Corrie had been released due to an administrative error, and after the war had finished, she met one of the camp guards who had become a Christian.

The guard said that he knew God had forgiven him, and asked Corrie for her forgiveness. Corrie realised in that moment that she couldn’t forgive – his cruelty, the evil he had done, was too much. But Corrie prayed in that moment, ‘Lord Jesus, I can’t forgive, but you can – help me.’ And she felt God’s supernatural forgiveness flow through her.

Similarly, we might find it hard to resist temptation, and fall into sin. We might struggle to control our tongues, or to be humble, or to have compassion on someone we really don't like – or who we may feel deserves what they're going through. But, if our hearts and minds are set on Jesus, we can always pray and be caught up in a greater vision, captivated by a greater beauty, overwhelmed by a greater love.

Let's pray for Christ to help clothe and renew us, remembering that He became like us so that we could become like Him.

With love,

Matt

Please note that Matt is on annual leave from 24-31 October.

WORSHIP LEADERS DURING THIS MONTH

Sunday 5 th October	11.00am	Chris Ogle
Sunday 12 th October	11.00am	Sue Pickering
		HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 19 th October	11.00am	Rev. Matt Stone
Sunday 26 th October	11.00am	Martin Johnson

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is an informal group that unpacks the Bible passages we've looked at on the previous Sunday. We meet in church on alternate Tuesdays from 1.45-2.45pm, and all are welcome to join us. We meet on 7 and 21 October.

The next **Churches' Together Prayer and Praise**, will be at Flintwood Methodist Church on Tuesday 21 October at 6.30pm. There will be worship and refreshments. See poster in this magazine for more details.

WHITBYS FISH & CHIP LUNCH



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The October visit to Whitby's will be on Monday 6th at 1pm please arrive early.

Sign up on the sheet at the rear of the church nearer the date if you intend to attend
Dorothy

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



SINGING GROUP

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in learning new hymns and songs.
See Pat or Maureen for this months date

A.V. ROTA



October 5th
October 12th
October 19th
October 26th

Martin
Pat & Dena
Andy
Rod



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

CRAFT CLUB

Forthcoming dates for the Craft Club Meetings are as follows.

Tuesday 14th October

Tuesday 11th November

The December meeting will be replaced by the Carolathon.

If you would like more information regarding the activities of this group
please see Margaret Dyson.

Dates for your diary

Messy Church continues to meet in school holidays, and we have planned the following sessions: **30th Oct** at Flintwood Methodist, **22nd Dec** at Ardeen Rd URC, and **19th Feb** (2026) at Flintwood. If you're able to help, please speak to Ailsa.

On **Tuesday 21st October**, we have another Churches' Together Prayer and Praise Service at Flintwood Methodist Church at 6.30pm. All are welcome - and this will include refreshments.

We are also booked in to sing carols at the Day Centre on Thursday 11 December at 1pm.



Don't let your ice cream melt while
counting someone else's sprinkles

Climate Resilient Microfinance Project Bangladesh



Approximately one year ago Christian Aid launched the Climate Resilient Microfinance project in Bangladesh. The project had big ambitions – it sought to tackle serious problems in the current way the microfinance sector operates in Bangladesh. In doing so, it aimed to better protect families who are most vulnerable to the devastating impacts of climate change.

The project took a whole system approach to addressing this challenge, looking at everything from the risk assessment process for microfinance loans, to providing training to communities on climate-resilient income generating activities, to investing in disaster preparedness measures such as food banks, livestock shelters, low interest crisis loans and an early warning system app, and strengthening linkages to government social protection schemes.

After a slow start due to changes in the core team, delays in key in-country stakeholder approvals and further discussion and realignment of project activities to ensure the best chance of achieving the project goals, the project is now firmly underway.

- So far, the project has reached almost 4,000 people directly, against a target of 7,900, so is well on track in terms of overall project reach
- Recommendations have been developed on how microfinance institutions can better promote resilience in the face of climate change, and how they can promote women's equal access to resources and decision-making. As part of the recommendations, loan

application forms have been revised to better assess the resilience of proposed business activities to climate change.

- 10 climate-resilient demonstration plots have been established including homestead gardens, goat and pigeon rearing setups, and ginger cultivation plots. Community members will be able to attend training session and visit the demonstration plots so they can establish similar activities themselves to generate income
- 600 women have participated in training on agriculture, poultry and livestock farming. As a result, practice on climate resilient agriculture has increased which is supporting communities to adapt to climate risk. This training is being conducted in partnership with local Government to ensure sustainability
- Community committees have been established to increase awareness on gender-related issues including gender equality, dowry, early marriage, and divorce.
- Two meetings have been held with local leaders and government, with the aim of advocating for women representatives to be included in standing committees. As a result of the meetings, 15 women are now being included in two standing committees and 1323 women have been included in various government safety net programs, including Vulnerable Group Development, Vulnerable Group Feeding, Pregnancy allowance, a food for work programme and disability allowance

Christian Aid first worked in Bangladesh in 1972 after the Liberation War and today works with 17 partners in 20 of the most vulnerable districts of Bangladesh across the southern coastal region, north-west, and central flood and 'haor' (wetland) areas. Please give thanks to God for the work of Christian Aid and its partners in Bangladesh.

Please continue to pray for Bangladesh, its people and its government and leaders. Please pray that projects like this one can have a real impact in improving the lives of ordinary Bangladeshi people, giving them more protection against the devastation of climate change.

Please consider donating to Christian Aid to support its work in Bangladesh. For ways you can donate to Christian Aid go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate>. Every penny you give will help Christian Aid to realise its vision – an end to poverty.



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11.30am-12.30pm

Did you know – that kangaroos cannot move backwards which is why they are used to represent progress in Australia.

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Find the following words in the grid below.

Aquarius, Aries, Cancer, Capricorn, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Pisces,
Sagittarius, Scorpio, Star signs, Taurus, Virgo

Animals, Chinese, Dog, Dragon, Goat, Horse, Monkey, Ox, Pig, Rabbit,
Rat, Rooster, Snake, Tiger,

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Property Stewards: Jim Harrison & Martin Johnson



THE FILLING STATION

Doncaster

Saturday 4th October
6pm - 8.30pm



Intake Library and Community Room,
Montrose Avenue, Doncaster, DN2 6PL
1st Saturday of the month at 6pm

Join us in October
for the launch of
Doncaster Filling
Station, for worship,
teaching, prayer,
fellowship & great
hospitality!

Encountering Jesus, Equipping the Church

Main Speaker

Andrew Yelland

Andrew is the CEO
of WorldShare,
the Doncaster based
global Christian
mission agency, that
supports projects
revealing the love and
gospel of Jesus in 15

countries worldwide. He also heads up Passion for
Doncaster, an outreach initiative which seeks to,
'Unite the church to share Jesus with the city.'
He is married Teresa and they have one adult son.



More info at...

**[www.thefillingstation.org/
station/doncaster](http://www.thefillingstation.org/station/doncaster)**



October diary dates

Newsletter items for the November Issue to Martin by

Sunday 19th October please

Door Steward

5th Janet Chorlton
12th Dorothy Keen
19th Dena Hull
26th Althera Burwell



Vestry Duty



5th Val Morrison
12th Rod Morrison
19th Tricia Larder
26th Christine Jewison

Bible Readers



5th Christine Jewison
12th Margaret Dyson
19th Jim Harrison
26th Jean Brookes

5th Linda Ross
12th From the flower fund
19th From the flower fund
26th Chris Garner & Pat Jordan

Flower list



Refreshment Rota



5th Janet Chorlton & Dorothy Keen
12th Dorothy Keen & Dena Hull
19th Dena Hull & Steve Armitage
26th Steve Armitage & Malcolm Stanley