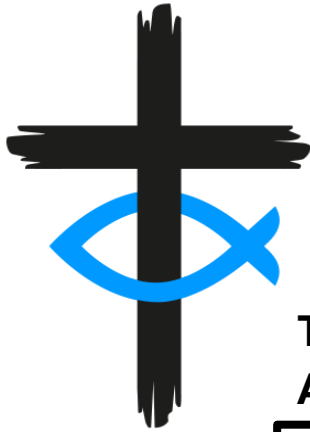




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Sunday Worship

11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Or join us on zoom

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The Open the Book team telling the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho. The team perform at Plover and Intake Primary Schools. If anyone would like to join us, please speak to Matt or Rod.



The harvest festival donations on display for the service on 19th October.

All the non-perishable goods were donated to the Doncaster Food Bank.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards this.

Churches Together in Intake & Wheatley Hills



CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH

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

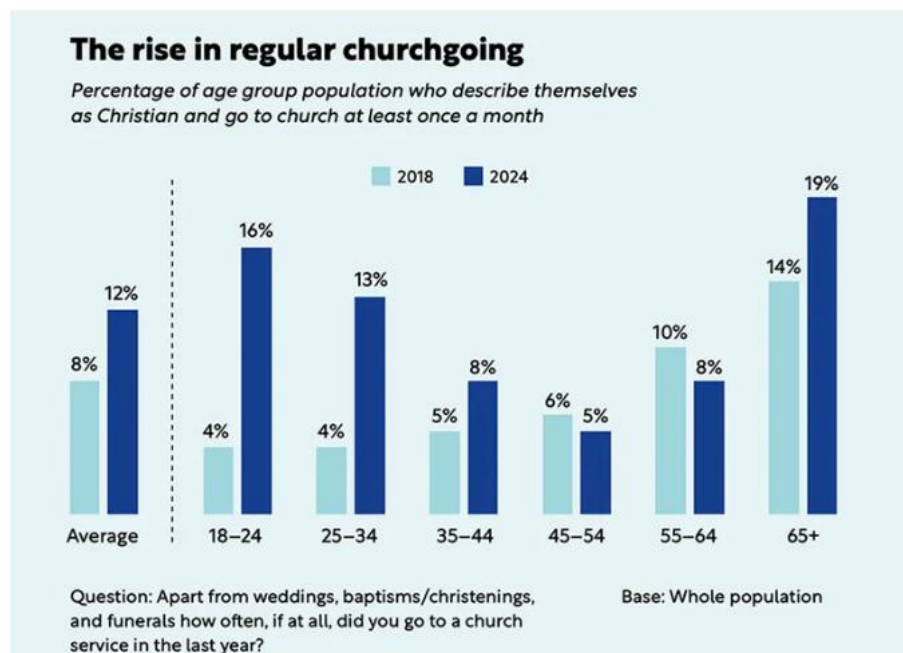
All families are welcome to
join us for free crafts, a Bible
story and celebration, and
refreshments.



Service to others is the rent paid for a room in heaven. (Muhammed Ali)

From Our Minister

Earlier this year, the Bible Society released some research which suggested that churchgoing in the UK had increased significantly since 2018. Overall, they recorded a 50% increase – from 8% to 12% of the population – with notable increases amongst the young (18–34-year-olds) and the old (those 65+)



Initially, I was sceptical of this, but further research keeps pointing in the same direction:

- Bible sales have increased 87% since 2019.
- A survey by Onepoll in January found that only 13% of under 25s claim to be atheists – about half the number found amongst their parents and grandparents.
- A survey by SavantaComres found that 29% of students in the UK read the Bible weekly, and 33% of non-Christians would read the Bible with a Christian friend, if they were invited.

As well as this national research, at Stag Community Church, where I also minister, we have seen quite a few of the unchurched young people in our youth club show a real interest in faith. And at a wedding last month, I sat next to a young man who told me he'd become a Christian 3

years ago after reading the Bible for himself, and he now attends a church in Sheffield.

The Bible Society call this a 'Quiet Revival'. I'm not sure it's quite a revival (yet), but after decades of decline it does feel as if the tide is turning. It's exciting – but also raises some real challenges for the church. Are we ready to share the good news of Jesus with our family members, friends and neighbours who may be keen to know more? And are we ready to welcome and disciple anyone God sends to us?

In Mark 1:16-18, we read: *“As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.*

We've probably heard these verses many times, but it's easy to miss the link between being *called to* Jesus and being *sent out by* Jesus. They are two sides of the same coin. Simon and Andrew are not called into a personal, private relationship with Jesus simply for their own edification. Jesus is making it clear at the start: they're called *in order to be sent out*. In following, they will make new followers. They are disciplined in order to make new disciples. And that's true of us too.

The question then is: Will we go?

With love,
Matt

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*

Photons have mass? – I didn't even know they were catholic.

WORSHIP LEADERS DURING THIS MONTH

Sunday November 2 nd	11.00am	Rod Morrison
Sunday November 9 th	10.45am	Val Morrison REMEMBRANCE DAY
Sunday November 16 th *	11.00am	Rev. Matt Stone HOLY COMMUNION*
Sunday November 23 rd	11.00am	
Sunday November 30 th	11.00am	Sue Pickering

**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME ON NOVEMBER 9TH FOR
THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

***Sun 16 Nov will be a Memorial Service for Roderick Garthwaite as
well as Communion.**

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 4 and 18 November.

WHITBYS FISH & CHIP LUNCH



**The October visit to Whitby's will be on
Monday 3rd at 1pm please arrive early.**

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

Good news – Zoom is back!

For some time now we have had a problem with the ability for church members who are unable to attend church for whatever reason to use Zoom to join our church services on Sundays.

I am pleased to inform you that the problem has now been solved. It was a software problem. For some unknown reason, the Black Magic box which controls the Zoom features had defaulted to its factory settings. This has now been rectified, and Zoom is once again up and running.

So, if for any reason you cannot get to church on Sunday and would like to worship with us, use the following link, or use the ID and Password, to log on to Zoom.

Zoom link :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86918631774?pwd=ZmMramdEQThEWVJxUGJDMWJCUDIDdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 1863 1774

Passcode:725344

This information is sent out by email every week prior to the service, with a copy of the script for the service, so you do not need to type out the link every time. All you need to do is simply click on the link in the email.

If you do not currently get an email with a copy of the script of the service and would like to receive one, please let the church secretary know and she will add you to her mailing list.

Rod Morrison



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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



November 2nd
November 9th
November 16th
November 23rd
November 30th

Adam
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 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, with the following sessions; **22nd Dec** at Ardeen Rd URC, and **19th Feb** (2026) at Flintwood both starting at 10am. If you're able to help, please speak to Ailsa.

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



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DONCASTER

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EVERY MONDAY

11.30am-12.30pm



Aiming for net zero by 2030

Circular Monday – 24th November 2025.

Do you remember the old days, when your mum darned your socks, or put patches on the elbows of your school blazer? When you took your shoes to the cobblers to be re-heeled, or unravelled that now-too-small jumper to knit a new one in a bigger size?



It was repair, reuse, share, and upcycle – practices that we need to return to as we face the consequences of global warming; practices which we now call “circular consumption” - keeping resources in use and preventing waste.

That’s what “Circular Monday” is all about. Forget Black Friday, and celebrate Circular Monday instead, when we focus on keeping resources in use and preventing waste. Put the date in your diary now ... Monday 24th November

Of course, we should be keeping resources in use and preventing waste all the time. But Monday 24th November is when there is a main event to promote “circular consumption”.

So why not join the Main Event for this year?

It’s just one hour – with big impact. It’s online, and showcases how circular solutions are reshaping the world. Expect inspiration, global perspectives, and engaging voices leading the way towards a more sustainable future. If you want to take part, simply post a photo of yourself or your group on social media with #CircularMonday, showing something linked to reuse, repair, or renting.

For more information use this link :

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/circularmonday-2025-official-main-event-tickets-1607228065409?aff=oddttdtcreator>

But “Circular Monday” is more than just one day in a year.

Circular Monday began in 2017 in Malmö, Sweden, as a counter-movement to Black Friday. Circular Monday is now an on-line campaigning community which highlights and celebrates businesses, organisations, and individuals that keep resources in use and prevent

waste, making it easier for people everywhere to choose circular solutions. (see www.circularmonday.com)

The Circular Monday community aims to promote circular consumption by:

- Hosting an annual global action day (the main event - Circular Monday - the Monday before Black Friday)
- Building the world's largest database of circular businesses and changemakers
- Inspiring people to repair, reuse, rent, share, and upcycle instead of buying new.

At their main event, always the Monday before Black Friday, the year's campaign results are revealed. The goal is to make circular solutions visible, accessible, and the new normal.

As a guide, the Circular Monday community use the 12R strategies, including: Refuse, Reduce, Rethink, Redesign, Reuse, Repair, Refurbish, Remanufacture, Repurpose, Recycle, Re-earth, and (as a last resort) Recover. Recycling is considered baseline, not leadership so we encourage higher-value practices like reuse, repair, and redesign.

Anyone can join the Circular Monday community, since individuals can be part of the community, as well as businesses and organisations, both online and through local in-person activities or digital events. You can explore the Circular Monday database of circular businesses, or join as a volunteer. For ideas, check out @circularmonday on Instagram.

Why not join the online community yourself and start to consume circular – or at least think about which of the 12 Rs you can put into practice?

And an after-thought : If you want to calculate your carbon footprint so that you can monitor your progress towards zero carbon, go to <https://climate-calculator.climatehero.org/?source=MicrosoftKeywords&msclkid=e14c76185f8b1f0a5a4c1ec4154a8c61> It takes just 5 minutes!

‘I’m not a fan of the new pound coin, but then again, I hate all change.’
Ken Cheng

‘Hedgehogs – why can’t they just share the hedge?’ Dan Antopolski

GUNPOWDER, TREASON AND PLOT

Find the following words related to the Gunpowder plot in the grid below.

Ambrose Woodrook, Bates, Fifth, Francis Tresham, Guard, Gunpowder, Guy Fawkes, Hanged, House / of Lords, John Grant, King / James, November, Parliament, Percy, Plot, Prison, Protestant, Robert Catesby, Robert / Keyes, Robert Wintour, State opening, Treason, Tunnel, William / Parker.

The unused letters taken in turn will give you a fact about the Gunpowder plot.

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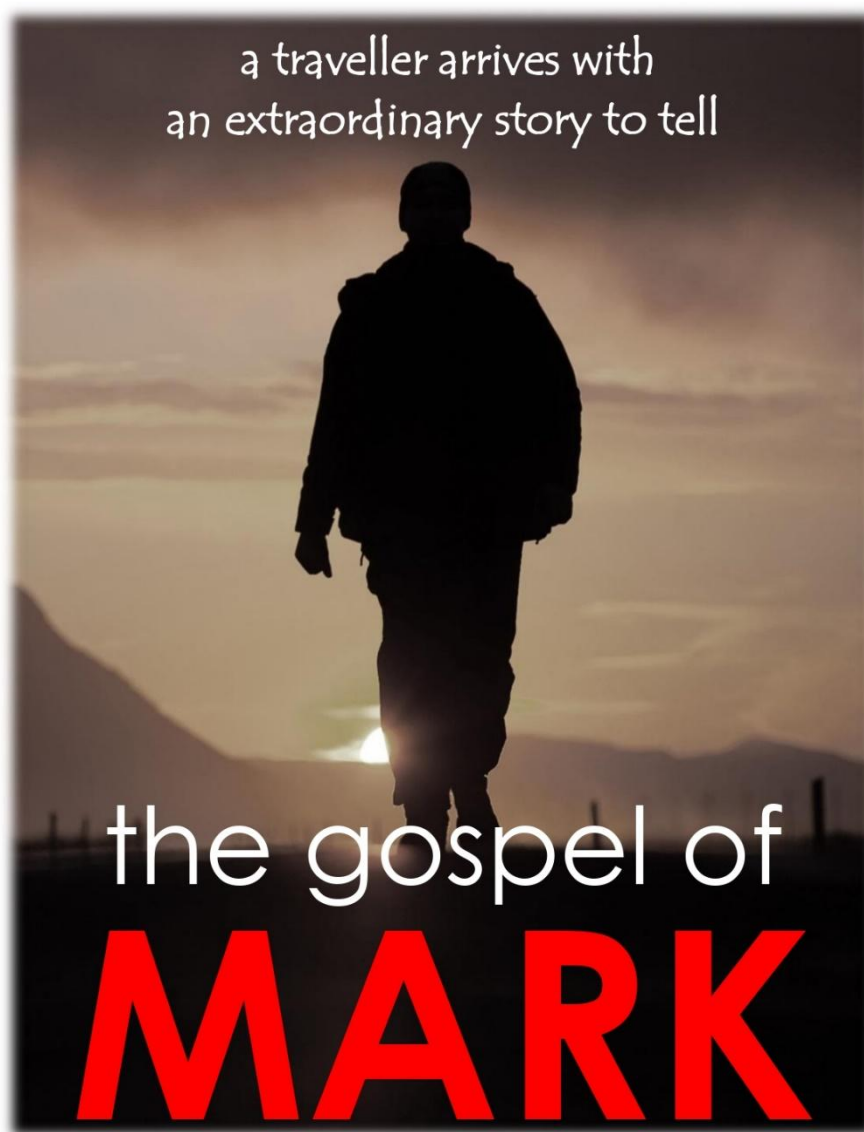
Room Hire: Ailsa Johnson

Flowers: Dena Hull

Property Stewards: Jim Harrison & Martin Johnson

A Free Performance of Mark's Gospel

Stag Community Church in Rotherham (Herringthorpe URC) is hosting a free performance of Mark's Gospel. It's (almost!) a one man show, acted out by Rev Ian Birkinshaw who retells the story of Jesus' ministry as told by Mark. All are welcome to come along – it's Friday 7 November at 7.30pm.



performed live and uncut with original music

Stag Community Church

Wickersley Road, Rotherham, S60 4JN

Friday 7 November, 7.30pm

Free entry. No tickets required. All are welcome!

Colouring picture to while away the time on a rainy day.





Two of the
window displays
from the Harvest
festival service

November diary dates

Newsletter items for the December Issue to Martin by

Sunday 23rd November please

Door Steward

- 2nd Jean Brookes**
9th David Witham
16th Malcolm Stanley
23rd Jean Whitaker
30th Malcolm Stanley



Vestry Duty



- 2nd Steve Armitage**
9th Jim Harrison
16th Val Morrison
23rd Rod Morrison
30th Christine Jewison

Bible Readers



- 2nd Ailsa Johnson**
9th Dena Hull
16th Margaret Dyson
23rd Christine Jewison
30th Linda Ross

Flower list

- 2nd**
9th Maureen Griffiths
16th Linda Ross
23rd
30th



Refreshment Rota



- 2nd Malcolm Stanley & Pat Jordan**
9th Pat Jordan & Janet Chorlton
16th Janet Chorlton & Dorothy Keen
23rd Dorothy Keen & Dena Hull
30th Dena Hull & Steve Armitage