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Sunday Worship

11.00 am

Everyone welcome

Or join us on zoom

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CHURCHES TOGETHER PRESENTS

Praise & Worship

‘with psalms, hymns and spiritual
songs’

AN REFLECTIVE HOUR OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS



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MAY

THURSDAY 4:30 PM

@ St Aidan's Church,
Central Boulevard, DN2 5PE

From Our Minister



Dear church family,

Two months ago, we celebrated Easter. The tomb was empty and Jesus was (and is) very much alive! In the church calendar, the season of Easter lasts for 50 days until Pentecost, which is the birthday of the church, and the day the Holy Spirit fell upon God's. During those 50

days, Jesus's disciples encountered the risen Jesus, and through those encounters they were radically transformed! We too need to make this journey from Easter to Pentecost.

On Easter Sunday, standing outside the empty tomb, Jesus says to Mary Magdalene: "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God'" (John 20:17). As Christians, we're not supposed to just cling to Jesus. We're sent out – just as Mary was - to tell the good news that Jesus is alive.

By ascending into heaven, Jesus lifts us up into the heavenly places, he prepares us for continuing His ministry and mission, and then he blesses us to be a blessing to others. We're lifted up to be sent out. But before this can happen, the disciples need to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - and so do we! Too often, we get stuck at the empty tomb, clinging on to Jesus like Mary. Or like the disciples at Jesus's ascension, we stand staring up at the sky, shell-shocked, or simply waiting for Jesus to return - rather than opening ourselves up to the adventure of Spirit-filled discipleship that awaits.

Maybe this is why there's such a monumental disconnect between the early church in Acts and the church today? Maybe it's why we know our Bibles, but regularly fail to live it out in practice? Maybe it's why, so often, our work doesn't bear the fruit we hope for and why fear stops us from sharing our faith? We've reached the empty tomb, or the ascension, in our discipleship journey - but Jesus is calling us on further - to the day of Pentecost, to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Will you open yourself up to the love, the work and the power of the Holy Spirit today? You might like to ponder and pray the words of the hymn:

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord, Come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see, Give me passion for Your purity;

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, May Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, In each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, Giving life to all that God has made, Show Your power once again on earth, Cause Your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see.

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With love, and blessings,

Matt

WORSHIP LEADERS

Sunday 7 th June	11.00am	Rod Morrison
Sunday 14 th June	11.00am	Sue Pickering
		HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 21 st June	11.00am	Peter Franklin
Sunday 28 th June	11.00am	Rod Morrison



SINGING GROUP

Everyone welcome to come along and join in learning new hymns and songs.
See Pat or Maureen for dates

A New Church Member and Two New Elders

We are delighted to be welcoming Gill Burton into membership, ordaining Sue Pickering as an elder, and inducting Geoff Shaw and Sue to the eldership, on Sunday 5 July. This service will also be our July Communion - **please note the changed date**. We hope you can join us to welcome them and celebrate with them.

Bible Study

Our church Bible Study is an informal group that meets fortnightly to discuss the Bible passages we've looked at on Sunday mornings. This month, we meet on 2, 16 and 30 June, 1.45-2.45pm. All are welcome!

CRAFT CLUB

Forthcoming dates for the Craft Club Meetings are as follows.

Wednesday 10th June

Wednesday 8th July

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Wednesday 9th September

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 11th November

The December meeting will be replaced by the Carolathon.

All meetings start at 2pm.

WHITBYS FISH & CHIP LUNCH



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**The next visit to Whitby's will be on
Monday 1st June at 1pm**

Please sign up on the sheet at the rear of
the church if you intend to be there.

Dorothy



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A.V. ROTA

June 7 th	Martin
June 14 th	Adam
June 21 st	Pat & Dena
June 28 th	Andy



Image from
Rocket Charities

FUND RAISING 2025/26

Our chosen charities for this year were for hospice care to be split equally between Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and St John's Hospice.

We have raised funds throughout the Year; Carolathon; donations and fund raising; New Year Party; cash in lieu of Christmas cards and Lent lunch donations.

Our final event was on Monday 4th May when we held a quiz night. A wonderful evening of fun and food. Many thanks to our sister church, Stag Community URC for the quiz and to our church for hosting and providing the food. We were grateful to everyone who provided raffle prizes but most of all a big thank you to all who came and supported this event.

We have raised a grand total of £776.50

We are not finished there. We have a bequest of £1000 from a much-loved Elder, Treasurer for many many years and very active member of the church. Sadly, she died last year but still wanted to contribute to our fund raising.

Total £1,776.50.

At the Elder's meeting in May it was decided to make the amount up to £2,000 from the charity/disaster fund ring fenced in the church accounts.

We are thrilled to be able to send each charity £1,000 each.

Tricia



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DOWN MEMORY LANE

Two photographs from the 1987 Summer Fayre at Intake United Reformed Church



ALPHABETICAL TOWNS AND VILLAGES

The list below are all names of local towns and villages but with the letters in alphabetical order. Can you unscramble the letters to identify the place. The first and last letters have been provided and the first one done for you.

AEHMOPRRT

ARMTHORPE

GINNOORSST

R_____N

ACILNST

S_____L

DEHILLMNO

L_____E

AFHINORSTT

S_____H

ADHORTWW

W_____H

BIRD LIFE

Find the following bird names in the grid below.

Auk, Avocet, Arctic Tern, Bar Tailed Godwit, Bittern, Blackbird, Buzzard, Chough, Coal/Tit, Common Crossbill, Coot, Cuckoo, Curlew, Cormorant, Emu, Fulmar, Hen Harrier, Hobby, Jay, Kestrel, Lark, Little Egret, Little Grebe, Magpie, Merlin, Ouzel, Owl, Puffin, Raven, Sand Martin, Shag, Shoveler, Smew, Teal, Thrush, Treecreeper, Wren

The unused letters taken in turn will spell out the name of one more bird.

T	C	O	A	L	D	R	I	B	K	C	A	L	B	L
I	O	U	Z	E	L	F	U	L	M	A	R	I	I	L
W	R	O	L	E	R	T	S	E	K	B	C	T	R	I
D	M	A	C	M	R	M	R	L	A	E	T	T	E	B
O	O	R	B	U	E	L	A	B	N	L	I	L	P	S
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A	H	N	V	H	H	J	A	Y	A	U	O	I	S	O
B	E	A	C	S	A	N	D	M	A	R	T	I	N	C

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Property Steward: Steve Armitage

Churches Together in Intake & Wheatley Hills



NOTE THE DATES

**Monday 20 July, 10-11.30am,
Flintwood Methodist Church**

**Thursday 20 August, 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.**



IF I HAD FIFTY PENCE FOR EVERY MATHS TEST I FAILED, I WOULD
NOW HAVE £3.47

CAFE CHURCH



Join us for a
different style of
church service
for all ages

Sunday 31 May,
Coffee from
10.45am
Service at 11am

Ardeen Road United Reformed
Church, Doncaster

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



June diary dates

Newsletter items for the July Issue to Martin by

Sunday 21st June please

Door Steward

7th Margaret Dyson
14th Janet Chorlton
21st Dorothy Keen
28th Dena Hull



Vestry Duty



7th Tricia Larder
14th Rod Morrison
21st Jim Harrison
28th Val Morrison

Bible Readers



7th Jim Harrison
14th Christine Jewison
21st Alison Shaw
28th Geoff Shaw

7th Elwyn Edwards
14th Malcolm Stanley
21st Jim Harrison
28th John Brown

Flower list



Refreshment Rota



7th Steve Armitage & Malcolm Stanley
14th Malcolm Stanley & Dorothy Keen
21st Pat Jordan & Alison Shaw
28th Janet Chorlton & Malcolm Stanley