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# WIDER



# HORIZONS

## Happy Birthday



## Dear Church !!

**May 2009**

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## MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Once Easter is out of the way, our family starts thinking about our summer holidays; then the year will be over. Our first year in Ilkley, and at Christchurch, and what a wonderful year it has been. A warm welcome which has developed into a supportive and encouraging year: from last September, with the first round of meetings during the autumn, and the celebrations of Baptism, harvest, then Christmas festivities, followed soon by Lent's self examination and devotion. We have spent much of the year learning about prayer, praying together, and prayerfully looking forward. Now Easter is behind us and the prayer festival will be over by the time you get to read this. Only one festival left then - Pentecost. The coming of the Spirit of God who gives us life and builds the church fellowship, binding us together into the body of Christ.

I come to appreciate the logic and the rhythm of the church year more and more every year. This year Pentecost seems to come with a challenge - in the same month as Christian Aid week the challenge is to look outwards beyond ourselves into the needs of God's world, and the call to challenge injustice and right wrongs.

The other challenge of Pentecost is to look inwards and to belong. The call is to stand up and be counted part of this Church of Christ that the Spirit creates. This can begin to sound a step too far for some of us, we might think we are members, or we might wonder what the point is. Someone at Christchurch has suggested we might feel:

*"I go to the services at Christchurch. I give money to the church. I don't see the need to become a member. Anyway, attender or member - what's the difference?"*

That person continues to explain (*I quote them at length*):

*Membership of Christchurch means that you **belong** to us, that you are **in** our particular fellowship of Christians (with its joys and frustrations) as well as being a member of the world-wide church of Christ. As a **member** you affirm your beliefs, you represent us in the community, and you can play a full part in what we do and how we do it.*

*If you are a regular attender at Christchurch you no doubt feel as though you belong already, and the congregation has welcomed you into our fellowship. However, our parent bodies, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, classify you as an **adherent**. The word implies that you are stuck to us but not one of us. We would like you to move from being a 'sticker-on' to a 'sticker-in'.*

*At the service when those who are being received into membership have made their promises, the minister turns to the congregation and asks them to give their support as 'members of the body of Christ'. Just as a human body is made up of different but interdependent parts, so we should be close and caring enough to feel each other's pain and delight. We should put the good of the whole body before our own individual needs. As part of the body, you will have your own gifts to offer, and it is important to discover what these are, and use them - in Christchurch and in the world.*

*Membership has both a spiritual and practical dimension. In taking on membership you are making a public affirmation of your faith in God, in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is in other words your **confirmation** as a Christian. But you are also saying; "Yes, I want to put more into Christchurch. I'll do my bit for the church in its day-to-day workings, in its mutual support and in its outreach to others." Membership is a sign of **commitment**.*

*"Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Church membership can also mean we recognise God's commitment to us, no matter what our faults and failings, it can also mean we live with the questions and doubts rather than know all the answers. The longer I am a Christian personally, the more I realise the list of things I believe is less and less, but the depth of conviction with which I ask the questions deepens.

It's more 'O Love that wilt not let me go' than 'Oh Jesus I have promised'. I have made my promises to Jesus, but I want to explore more and more what that means rather than simply keep repeating it. I also think it's the promise he has made to me that's actually more important as time goes on!

To be a church member is to be counted in, it does come with the benefit of cheaper weddings and funerals, and also the ability to vote and serve on committees! It can happen by very simple and unannounced transfer for those already confirmed, or it can be heralded by ceremony and public testimony. If you consider yourself a member of Christchurch, if you want to renew or re-affirm that Confirmation promise made some years ago, if you want to maintain URC or Methodist ties, or if you're not bothered about denominations and want to live the questions with integrity and faith as part of the family at Christchurch while you are here - and you're not a Church member, let me know, or think about it before I approach you!

Happy Pentecost  
and many Happy Returns to the Church on its birthday!

Your minister and friend,

*Rob*

**Church Meeting Monday 11th May, 7.30pm.**

If you wish to suggest an item for the agenda put it in writing and give it to Chris Mannall, Secretary.

**Church Representative on Church Council**

There is still one vacancy for a Representative from the Church Meeting to Church Council. If you wish to propose someone (must be a member) get their permission, put it in writing and give it to Chris Mannall, Church Secretary.



**Loo Letters**

Thank you to all who contributed a 'Loo' letter. The ideas are being collated and will be sent to the Resources Committee for their next meeting.

*Elisabeth Halsall*

## ***World Poverty and Trade Justice*** (Thoughts preceding the G20 meeting last month)

Even though the public agenda appears to be dominated by the global economic recession the Fairtrade Foundation (*in a report published in February*) asks that we do not forget the plight of the millions of vulnerable people “who have been pushed to the edge” by the extreme food price volatility over the past year. Their vulnerability has been exacerbated by the economic slowdown. According to the World Bank the volume of world trade is likely to contract for the first time since 1982, further reducing the potential for growth in developing countries. This FF report records an analysis of 11 Fairtrade producer organisations spread across the Asian sub-Continent, Africa and South America in which seven producers proved (because of the food price volatility) to be “net-buyers” of food to avoid starvation. The remaining 4 struggled to break even on their buying and selling of food. (*“Net-buyers” of food buy more than they sell to survive*)

Small holders have been routinely marginalized in the way states and businesses have developed private sector involvement in food farming, focusing instead on large scale industrial agriculture.

It is for this reason that the FF because of its core principals urges governments (both north and south) to negotiate more creative trade liberalisation policies and provide support on a local basis. Failure to support small farmers is likely to deepen the global food crisis. Some 450 million small farms around the world are home to 2 billion people, one third of all humanity, and therefore are vital in increasing both the food for local and national consumption, as well as earning crucial export income from international trade. Thus providing opportunities for improved health and education facilities as well as development once having overcome their survival crisis.

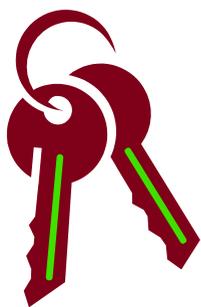
*Alan Lowe*

**We remember those who have died:**

Joyce Crick, Alan Wright, Walter Gray

## Improving Security at Christchurch

Security can be an emotive word these days, conjuring pictures of burnt out buses and long queues at airport checkpoints. Be assured, fear of terrorist attacks is not the driving force for this initiative. However, Church Council has expressed concern about the standard of security against pilfering, burglary, vandalism and arson attacks. A comprehensive report by John Sayers has been accepted and his recommendations to improve security are to be adopted.



One of our greatest vulnerabilities is the unsupervised access available to the premises from Riddings Road. The property stewards along with the caretakers will be conferring with users of the premises as to the times when the two entrances need to be unlocked with a view to ensuring they are kept locked at other times. Other measures being considered include the use of a surveillance camera and reinforcing low access windows.

Committees will be asked to consider any security aspects of their activities. In particular, evening meetings on church premises present an ideal opportunity for an intruder to gain access and secrete himself / herself until the premises are empty. A dropped latch on the entrance door would thwart such a ruse.

It is imperative that measures to improve security do not impinge on Christchurch's reputation for warm hospitality to all its visitors. Individual members can play their part by speaking to strangers in the foyer, enquiring if they require directions to a meeting room or the sanctuary. Such a helpful word is consistent with our mission of service and befriending him/her might deflect that person from any possible dishonest intent, if they had any.

*Brian Armitage*

# FAIRTRADE NEWS



## Visit to Namaste UK Fairtrade Shop in Skipton

If you want to experience the WOW! factor then visit Namaste.

A group from Christchurch, together with friends of Linda Smith who arranged the visit, ventured onto Snaygill Industrial Estate on Wednesday evening 18 March not knowing quite what to expect - but no-one was disappointed with what we found.

Namaste has one of the best and most comprehensive selections of fair trade products in Europe - clothing, gifts, crafts, jewellery, soft furnishings and wood furniture. As soon as we entered the shop we were absolutely stunned by the colour and variety of the goods on offer.

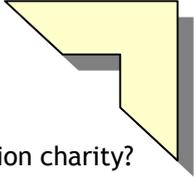
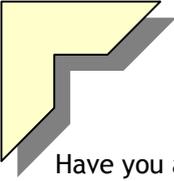
Everyone had a great time browsing, trying on and offering advice. We all stayed a lot longer than we expected and most people could not resist making purchases.

The staff were very helpful and friendly. In fact, for our special evening visit, drinks and delicious nibbles had been laid on for free.

Normal opening hours for the shop are 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday only. I would encourage everyone to visit Namaste when in the Skipton area to get a flavour of what is available. This is a local outlet offering quality goods from around the world which are ethically produced and fairly traded. What could be better?

*Judith Bray*

**BUYING FAIRTRADE REALLY DOES  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO LIVES**



## Suggestions please!

Are you connected with a mission organisation?  
Have you a passion to support and pray for a particular mission charity?

The World Mission and Society Committee have the privilege each year to recommend to Church Council those charities that Christchurch will be supporting through prayer, awareness and donation for the coming year.

If you have a suggestion (*preferably for an organisation for which there is a personal connection*) do have a chat with Rita Armitage **before the end of May.**

### **USE YOUR CROSS Vote for Hope in Yorkshire**

Jesus broke down barriers. He treated all people with respect. As a Jew he talked to the shunned Samaritans. Through the cross he reconciled people to God and to each other. 'There is neither Jew nor Greek' (Gal. 3.28).

Christians assert that all human beings are created equally in the image of God. The Christian vision of society is one where each person is treated with dignity and respect, whatever their race or religion. It is a vision of hope.

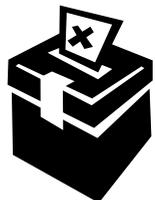
Unfortunately, not everyone shares Christian values. The British National Party, however it presents itself, is rooted in racist and fascist thinking; their message is one of hate. The Christian churches are totally opposed to the BNP.

European elections are being held on 4 June. There is one big constituency for Yorkshire, with six Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) elected by proportional representation. There are many different attitudes towards Europe, but the Christian churches are united in wanting to ensure Yorkshire *is not* represented by a racist MEP.

To do this, we need to stop the BNP getting 12% of the vote. It is important that everyone votes on 4 June, *whichever other party you vote for*, to make sure that we don't have one of our MEPs promoting hatred and division. What matters is that you vote, even if you don't normally do so.

You, your family and neighbours, can really make a difference, just by using your cross.

**Vote against the BNP on 4 June.  
Vote against their hatred.  
Vote, instead, for hope in Yorkshire.**





## **Christian Aid Week** **10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Please make a note in your diaries if you haven't already done so! More envelope distributors and collectors are needed than last year if we are to set new records. Envelopes will need delivering a few days in the week before and (preferably) collected as soon as possible in the week itself. A list of streets to be covered, assigned to Christchurch, will be displayed in the church foyer early in April. It is hoped you will "sign up" with the minimum of delay so individual collecting "packs" can be prepared in good time.

**Saturday 9 May Afternoon Teas 1.45—4.00pm**  
**will be served in Christchurch Coffee Centre to raise funds and promote awareness of Christian Aid Week.**

**Please come and support this event.**

**Donations of home-made cakes and biscuits would be very much appreciated.**

**Contact: John Sayers or Elisabeth Halsall**



### **THANKS**

Pat Fisher and family would like to thank friends at Christchurch for all the cards, flowers and visits to John's mother, Mary Lewis, on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> March. They were very much appreciated and helped to make it a very memorable day for her.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the whole family at Christchurch for their wonderful support during my recent illness and hospitalisation. The flowers, cards, visitors, but most of all the prayers were very supportive in the darkest of moments. I knew that someone was out there rooting for me. It gave me a wonderful feeling. The Lord bless you!

**My progress is steady but sure.**

*Edward (Ted) Mould*

## World Mission and Society Project Funding



A donation of £210 was sent to start the Phakamisa “Travel Fund” so all participants in the project can be brought to church and taken home.

Glenda Howieson (Project Director) emailed the following:

“Thank you so, so very much indeed for the very generous donations. It has been great fun and rather hectic to organise but there is no doubt it will change people’s lives. The excitement, laughing, clapping and cheering in church when they were told was so moving and encouraging. It is essential the women—who are mainly on their own with children—in far-flung communities are able to attend Pinetown Methodist Church .”

The Phakamisa Statistics are mind-blowing!

- Educare: 150 teachers for 8000 4—6 year olds  
and 60 childminders with 800 birth—2 year olds.
- Caregivers: 180 Caregiver groups (*which continue to grow as more and more children are orphaned and seek support*)  
with approx. 1700 carers for over 6000 orphans of  
0—18 years old.
- Economic Empowerment: 19 factory / sewing ladies, 22 bead-  
workers, 2 greetings card makers plus four  
in the kitchen team.
- Vegetable gardens: 84 gardens, with 9000 gardeners to feed  
1000 families.
- Tholuthando (HIV/AIDs): 30 members

There are 14 fulltime staff at Phakamisa, plus 11 part-time and numerous volunteers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR GLENDA AS SHE DIRECTS THE PROJECT;  
THE TEACHING STAFF AND ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.



## The Green Spot

As we begin to plan holidays, perhaps we should consider how environmentally friendly our plans are. Air travel releases carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. It seems the combustion of these gases at high altitude does more damage than burning them at sea level. If you decide to fly to your destination, you can offset the carbon by funding projects that either absorb carbon e.g. planting trees, or avoid emitting carbon e.g. Wind turbines.

For more information visit [www.co-operative.coop/carbonoffset](http://www.co-operative.coop/carbonoffset).

If you want to go to Europe, can you reach your destination by Eurostar? Have you thought about booking an environmentally friendly holiday or one that ensures that profits go to the people in the country of your destination? Fairtrade holidays are advertised in the Traidcraft Catalogue which is available at Christchurch. See Judith and John Bray.

PS. The Environmental Group wants to organise a special 'Environment Day' in the Autumn. If you would be interested in helping to arrange this, please contact Elisabeth Halsall or one of the Stewards. Any ideas would be welcome.

### CHRISTCHURCH GIVING

It is important to acknowledge that this is a difficult time financially for some of our community, so thanks to all those who have responded so far to the 2009 Stewardship Review. It is not too late if you have still not returned the form: please post to me via the Church pigeonholes.

I am happy to speak in confidence to anyone who has not yet become part of the planned giving scheme. Contributions can be made by setting up a Standing Order or by joining the envelope scheme.

If you pay tax and the amount you give can be recorded then Gift Aid can be claimed. Last year over £22,000 was reclaimed from the government. It would be great if we could increase this amount simply by encouraging those who's giving is not yet recorded but who pay tax, to join the Stewardship scheme and sign a Gift Aid form.

Giving is also about time and talents and this is not dependant on your financial circumstances, so please think about your part in the life of Christchurch and where your personal talents may be used.

For more information contact - Helen Singleton, Stewardship Secretary.

## THE BEAMSLEY PROJECT

Invite you to:

**COFFEE, CAKES AND LUNCHEES**

**Saturdays 2nd May and 29th August**

**10am—4pm at Christchurch**

### OPEN AFTERNOON

**Light refreshments from 12.30pm at**

**The Beamsley Project—Saturday 20th June**

Sue Ryder Care is looking to set up a support group in Ilkley. This will involve inventing and taking part in fundraising schemes in support of Manorlands Hospice, Oxenhope. Sue Ryder Care provides support and care for people with serious illnesses so they can enjoy in comfort the best life they can in what time they have. If you are interested in joining the group, or would like more details, please contact Chris Normington on 01535 640430 or at [chris.normington@suerydercare.org](mailto:chris.normington@suerydercare.org)

### **Oberammergau 2010**

**A group of 45 – mainly from Christchurch and the Ilkley Circuit – are booked to visit Oberammergau in June 2010 to attend the famous Passion Plays, only performed every 10 years. Our agents, McCabe Pilgrimages, can accept 5 more bookings. If interested, ask Geoff Halsall for further details.**

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

**Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)**

**really did say:**

**I hear and I forget.  
I see and I remember.  
I do and I understand.**

If you would like to suggest a quote (*topical, classical, theological, literary, amusing* .....) please submit it to the Editors for their consideration.

Please supply a source or acknowledgement for the quote.

## The King's Club

**(Churches Together in Ilkley) Children's Holiday Club  
at St Margaret's Church, 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August, 10am -12 noon**

It is a great week, with over 70 primary school age children from across Ilkley. We are using a fab resource called Showstoppers – which takes a theatrical theme – and looks the big bible story, from Genesis, taking in David and Daniel, and ending with the birth of Jesus and celebrating why he came with the Easter story.

We need – technical IT people, children's team leaders, fitness freaks, refreshments providers, musicians, actors, upfront people, craft/arty types, props makers, support people and security guys (*for registration*). Anyone aged 14+ can be classed as a helper, so if you're at a loose end in August, give me a call.

You don't have to commit for the full week, although it helps the children if there is some consistency.

Planning Meetings: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April; *Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June*; Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Contact the Office for venue details

*Ruth Jones*

### **DOROTHEA'S PRAISE & PRAYER UPDATE FOR MARCH 2009**

Thanks for praying for all my travels and consultant checking sessions last month - they all went well. At the moment I'm having a good time at the Wycliffe West Eurasia Group conference in the scenic Westerwald region of Germany. I don't think I've ever seen so much snow before! I'm meeting new people, getting to know my Team 3 colleagues better and being blest by the ministry of Dr Luis Pantoja. The theme of the Conference is "The Power of the Cross".

I'll be making another quick trip to Glasgow from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April to check another couple of chapters of Zam Luke.

Please continue to pray for:

- The protection and safety of my Mündü friends and for an end to the LRA's (Lord's Resistance Army) reign of terror.
- The recording of the Mündü New Testament and the translation of the OT - still no progress on either, as far as I know.
- The Mündü broadcasts 3 times a week and for those doing the programming.

*Dorothea Jeffrey, Wycliffe Bible Translators*

## NEW WEBSITE MEMBERS' AREA

Firstly, thanks to all those who have submitted text and pictures for pages on the new website. We hope to be launching any day now!

When you do visit our new website, you will notice in the top right hand corner on every page is an invitation to login. This takes you to a screen where you need to key in your user name and password. The ITCCommittee's Subcommittee will be allocating these to members of our congregation (who so request it), once this part of our website has been fully implemented. This then gives members access to additional menus and pages not available to the rest of the world!



In addition there will be another layer of confidentiality which can restrict certain pages to some designated members only. This is achieved by assigning “group” membership. For example, members of the Resources Committee can be allocated to the “Resources” group and have access to documents of a confidential nature, whilst other papers such as a general report can be made available to *all* members. This facility will be set up at a later point.

Initially, we have allocated a page for each committee, working group and activity and wish to fill them with core information:

- the remit or purpose (what you do)
- who is “in charge” (or who to contact)
- list of members, and
- your current areas of maintenance and development activity.

In other words, general information that would be useful to members.

Documents such as agendas, minutes or reports can also be posted as attachments to the page. So if committees, working groups and others who feel that they should have such a page kindly supply the above information to [steve.amos@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:steve.amos@blueyonder.co.uk) along with any documents to be posted, then we can continue to build this element of our website and launch Phase 2a as soon as possible. Many thanks in anticipation.

*Steve Amos (on behalf of the ITCComms Sub)*

## Kids' Slot

### **If you're aged 10 or up read this!**

Uprising is a brand new, exciting Youth Event organised by Churches Together in Ilkley. Its aim is to bring together young people from all the churches in Ilkley to experience Christianity in a fresh and relevant way. Uprising Events will be packed with live music, exciting speakers, multi-media presentations and much more. It's the Sunday night experience you don't want to miss!

Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm at Church House, All Saints Church, Church Street

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 7.15pm at Church House

Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> THE BIG EVENT 7.15pm Riddings Hall, Christchurch

Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.15pm at Church House

For more details please contact Rev Dan Price

[danjo@discoverychurch.co.uk](mailto:danjo@discoverychurch.co.uk)

### **If you're a family, a young person or a child read this!**

What's the story about Pentecost? Can you piece the stories together?

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, St Peter's Church, Addingham, 2pm-5pm

All age event including craft, dance, choir and drumming.

Tickets £5 or £20 for a family of 5. Organised by Otley Deanery Youth and Children's Network [wts@otleydeaneryac.org.uk](mailto:wts@otleydeaneryac.org.uk) or 01943 465927

## **Find the Need: Seize the Vision – an Update**

Many thanks to those committees, groups, and individuals who've responded to the invitation to consider: "What is God calling us to do next in accordance with the Christchurch 'Vision Statement', and thus what resources (people, finance, premises) do we need in order to grow and fulfil God's mission and work at Christchurch?" Thanks, too, to those who've been supporting this discernment process through prayer, both individual and corporate.

We're asked to contribute thoughts and suggestions without any preconceived ideas about our existing resources, and how we currently use them. The key is to be open to God's calling, and to the prompting of His Spirit as we seek to "Find the Need" – within both our own church family, and the wider community we serve – and then to "Seize the Vision" that will enable us to meet that need within the resources and premises we'll have available.

Key themes are emerging (e.g. space for prayer and a lounge), and it's good to see some consistency! However, the balance of the responses feels more towards "Finding the Need" within Christchurch (i.e. meeting our own requirements), rather than looking at how the church could meet the wider needs of Ilkley. We've been asking community groups and organisations this question, but it would be good for us to have more thoughts ourselves - given that we're members of the community and aware of various concerns with which Christchurch might be able to help.

There'll be a report at the 11<sup>th</sup> May Church Meeting and the 8<sup>th</sup> June Church Council, but there's still time to contribute. So, please continue to make suggestions, especially on the community aspect, via the church pigeon-hole or by email ([michaelnoble.ilkley@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelnoble.ilkley@btinternet.com)). Think big, dream dreams, without constraints (at this stage) of physical premises – this is about more than just our buildings!

*Michael Noble*

## **SING A NEW SONG**

Accessible language is now recognised as a crucial part of our mission - to be able to communicate with folk using contemporary, everyday words so that there are no barriers to understanding.

So why do we continue to use language from centuries ago? Every time someone comes across a "didst thou" or a "wert", what stops them thinking, instead of recognising that we have a living faith which is for today, it would appear that we have an historic religion disconnected from reality.

So please can we avoid songs and hymns and prayers that employ such language? Can we finally move thee's and thou's to the bin?

But it breaks the rhyme, the poetry, the reverence you say! But this isn't a lesson in English - it's about expressing, talking, passing on meaning, communicating, sharing our faith with everyone. We shouldn't be a people who excludes by using language that is not readily accessible.

And this doesn't just mean singing or using "modern" songs. These need careful scrutiny as well: after all what does "the blood of the lamb" mean to someone who is un-churched (*or even within the church, but that's another debate*)? All our songs and prayers, all our language should be carefully scrutinised to ensure that the intent is clear.

So if you want to sing a song, or use a prayer that includes "ancient" language, why not edit it and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. That's where we are. If you are still in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, then is it time to sing a new song? For Jesus sake?



*Steve Amos*



Grateful thanks to all who planned and guided us through an excellent Circuit Weekend at Sneaton Hall, Whitby. We were a party of around sixty of all ages.

Arnold Clay and Rob Hilton gave us some very inspiring presentations on the theme of "Stepping out of the Boat". Jean Clay, Ruth Hilton, and Ruth Jones headed up the team supervising the children's activities. There was much fun and laughter as all ages joined in social activities led by Geoff Halsall and Mike Dixon. Angela Pearson did a wonderful job in the booking of rooms for activities and accommodation.

We experienced sunshine and witnessed a sea that changed from a millpond into crashing breakers urged on by stormy winds! All this contributed to our nautical theme! The weekend concluded when we were privileged to share in a service in the Abbey. We enjoyed seeing the children's work and shared Communion.

All in all a weekend that will long be remembered. Thank You!

*Enid Eagle*

## **HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS— "Have I got good news for you"**

Books recommended by our visiting speakers:

Rev Stuart Jenkins

"Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography" - John Dominic Crossan (*Harper, San Francisco*).

"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time—The historical Jesus and the heart of contemporary faith" - Marcus Borg (*Harper, San Francisco*).

"Last Week: What the gospels really say about Jesus's final days in Jerusalem" - Crossan and Bork (*SPCK Publishing*).

Canon Philip Gray

"More about Mark" - Canon John Fenton (*SPCK*)

"The Gospel According to Mark—Morna Hooker (*Black's Commentaries*).

"A Crucified Christ in Holy Week, Essays on the Four Gospel Passion Narratives" - Raymond E Brown (*Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota*).

My second suggestion is Jesus, the Final Days - essays by Craig A Evans and Tom Wright, ed Troy A. Miller (*SPCK, 2008*).

Fr Kieran Heskin

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### CHRISTCHURCH GUILD

Meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Lower Hall. There is always a warm welcome to both men and women.

Speakers in May are:

6th: Mavis Thornton (*On Becoming a Nightingale*)

13th: (*Christian Aid*)

20th: No meeting

27th: Members Afternoon (*Tea and chatter*)

### **Churches Together in Ilkley Easter Card Competition.**

A child from St John's Church won the competition.

From Christchurch, Deborah Henney came second and highly commended were Joanna Henney, Libby & Ella Madden and Isobel Jackson. All received Fairtrade eggs.

Well done all five girls. (*Where are the boys?*)

CTI plan to run a similar competition for the Christmas Service Card card.

### **The deadline for the June 2009 edition of Wider Horizons is 1st May**

Items (maximum words: 300 )

preferably by email as a Word attachment

to both George McArthur (mcarthur59@blueyonder.co.uk)  
and Christchurch Office (Office@christchurchilkley.org.uk)

## WORSHIP AT CHRISTCHURCH May 2009

	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
<b>9am</b>	On-Line@9	On-Line@9	On-Line@9	On-Line@9	On-Line@9
<b>10.30am</b>	Rev Rob Hilton HC	Rev Rob Hilton	Rev Rita Armitage	Chris Eagle / Jeannie Buckroyd	Rev Rob Hilton
<b>6.30pm</b>	Rev Arnold Clay	Roland Henney <i>Prayer &amp; Praise</i>	Rev Rob Hilton <i>3rd Sunday</i>	Rev Arnold Clay	Taize HC

### SHOPPERS' SERVICE EACH FRIDAY at 10.30am

1st—Rev Dan Price; 8th - Rev Stuart Jenkins; 15th - Rev Rob Hilton;  
22nd— Rev Carole Johnston; 29th - Michael Noble.



### CHRISTCHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR

*You are invited to include the following suggestions of local and broader concern in your private prayer:*

#### **3rd May**

Beauty4Ashes, a Christian project in China offering friendship to women caught up in prostitution;  
West Yorkshire Methodist District Synod meeting at Elland on 9th May.

#### **10th May Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid and their partners throughout the world; those who work in Ilkley's charity shops

#### **17th May**

Those who maintain and provide the electronic audio-visual facilities in worship; the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts, using our premises this week

#### **24th May**

The ecumenical leadership and congregation of the Shoppers' Service; the Disasters Emergency Committee and those providing care in emergency situations.