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THE CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We discern that God is calling us to be Christ's faithful witnesses, growing in prayer, proclamation and partnership with others.

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MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

The editor welcomes and encourages contributions to the church magazine. The preferred method is by email, however any other means will be just as welcome:

E-mail sp@spchadwick.force9.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: All contributions to the magazine should be sent before the 15th of the previous month to guarantee publishing in the next issue of the magazine.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

SOLD OUT! We printed 120 copies of the Sep/Oct issue of the magazine. 20 went to the Methodist Church and the rest were all sold. If every copy was paid for, the church made £30 (less production costs). If we add the revenue from the advertisers we should make a profit of around £48. Not bad eh?

Anyway Christmas is over. I hope you all enjoyed it. We are all looking forward to the New Year. The only event in the calendar for Jan/Feb is St valentine's Day on 14 Feb so to remind you I have included a few related cliparts here and there.

Now, for you Sudoku fans stuck at home with nothing better to do, we have a challenge. On page 25 you will find what is probably the hardest Sudoku ever (Daily Mail) and for those who solve it there is a prize. The prize we are giving away at great expense is one year's worth of the Parish Magazine FREE. How generous is that then?

Don't forget if you have any comments on, or have any articles/news you wish to share, let me know for the magazine and/or let Graeme know for the website. You have my E-mail address, Graeme is on:

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Peter Chadwick Magazine Editor



A Christian Joke

One day a Bishop and a Vicar took a visitor fishing in a boat. Once in the middle of the lake, the Bishop said "I seem to have forgotten my fishing rod, be right back" and to the visitor's amazement stepped out of the boat and walked on top of the water towards the shore.



When he returned, the Vicar said "I need to use the bathroom, I won't be long". Again the visitor watched in amazement when the Vicar stepped out of the boat and walked on top of the water towards the shore. Once the Vicar returned, not wanting to be outdone, the visitor said "I need to use the bathroom too"

As soon as he stepped out of the boat, he sank. The Bishop nudged the Vicar and said "We should have shown him where the stepping stones were"



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Coffee morning: NOTE there will be no coffee morning in January. The next one will be on Wednesday 23rd February at the Keys Restaurant as usual between 10.15am and 11.15am. If you wish to join us for the price of a coffee and fun, talk to Christine Sparks.



Thought For Valentine's Day

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13



'UNFINISHED BUSINESS'

ALAN BOYD'S SABBATICAL

11th FEBRUARY - 15th MAY 2011

WHAT 'UNFINISHED BUSINESS'?

It's been 7 years since my last Sabbatical. In 2004, after 10 years in Circuit ministry, my first sabbatical was called 'THIN PLACES'. That was when I set out to explore the places or times where the gap between heaven and earth was 'thin', and also to reflect on my own personal faith experience over those years of God being 'thin' on the ground. Many of you will recall that the 2004 sabbatical turned out to be truly the thinnest of places, marked entirely by personal tragedy, difficulties and trauma. Against all the odds, I returned to Circuit, while a glimmer of new light also came from it all. It hasn't been a dazzling light, but it has illuminated the path just enough for me to pick out the way ahead. So there is much 'UNFINISHED BUSINESS' from 2004, from the past 7 years, and now from this final year in the Huddersfield Pennine Circuit. Here is an opportunity, a few years on, to work with some of that in a focused way for a second time.

WHAT'S A SABBATICAL?

At 3 months long, a sabbatical, surprisingly, isn't a holiday. It's time spent away from your normal work in Circuit as a Minister ... while your duties are covered by other colleagues. After your first 10 years in Circuit, and then every 7 after that, the Methodist Church gives this great gift to its ordained ministers. It's a long, uninterrupted, time for genuine reflection on, renewal of, and re-energising of, the individual and their ministry. That's what I'm hoping for.

WHEN IS IT?

I'll be away for all of Lent and Easter 2011. Allowing for a few days of normal holiday at the very beginning to get things started, my sabbatical dates will be:

11th FEBRUARY – 15th MAY 2011 (inclusive)

I'll return to Circuit on Monday 16^{th} May. Then $2\frac{1}{2}$ months later, I move on from Huddersfield in the summer to my next ministerial appointment.

WHAT'S YOUR SABBATICAL GOING TO BE ABOUT?

The danger of any sabbatical is that we get caught up in the 'protestant work ethic' – or, more particularly, the 'Methodist work ethic' - make it all very 'worthy', try to generate work, fill the days, achieve results and produce 'things' from it. Thankfully, it's actually meant to create a bit of space in the unending head-long rush of ministry. My sabbatical is called 'UNFINISHED BUSINESS'. By using the notion of pilgrimage through all of Lent and Easter, experiencing it in other traditions, places and ways, I intend to pick up on what has hap-

pened since 2004 and look to the future. As a hopeful pilgrim, I might not 'arrive' in the end, but at least I will try to make the journey.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING BE DOING?

The undergirding idea will be experiencing Lent and Easter away from the pulpit, and with a fresh pair of eyes and ears. I haven't prescribed 'how'. Alongside this I've planned 3 significant things over the 3 months:

FEBRUARY: Guided retreat at a Benedictine Abbey in Yorkshire.

MARCH: Some time with my family in Ireland, but most of it on a circular

pilgrimage in the very south of Ireland with by best friend, who's an Anglican Minister. This will follow on from the one we shared

together in 2004.

APRIL: Spend Holy Week and Easter in Rome with my wife Ashley.

WHO WILL BE LOOKING AFTER THINGS?

The Circuit have appointed a 'Sabbatical Support Group' to make sure that my Sabbatical is well planned, properly used, and that my Circuit work is covered. The members are Gillian Holmes (convener), Ashley Boyd (my family), Mrs. Jean Blount (the Mission), and Audrey Kershaw (Crosland Hill). While I'm away, the ministers looking after the Churches are:

Crosland Hill: Rev. Pam Ward (01484-542338) and the new soon-to-be-

appointed Church Life Coordinator in the Circuit

The Mission: Rev. Dr. Steve Day (01484-300097) and Deacon Gill Atkin-

son-Heck (01484-654569)

In the first instance, before phoning a minster, you should always contact:: Crosland Hill: Audrey Kershaw (01484-646083) or Margaret Armitage

(01484-511075)

The Mission: Rev. Cyril Blount (01422-370150) or Pat Mudd (01484-

340816

There are some additional specific arrangements in place for the Mission, the

town centre and my District, regional and Connexional work.

WHAT IF WE WANT TO CONTACT YOU?

Please don't try to contact me – whatever happens. It's really important that the 3 months are a complete break from everything in the Connexion, District, Circuit and Churches. I will be away for most of the time. If anyone phones, a permanent answer-phone message will redirect them to where they can get help. My e-mail will not be checked or answered (again, a standard message should tell you who to contact). Any post will be sorted and re-directed on roughly a weekly basis. Thank you - to all of you and to all of my colleagues – for this generous gift of a sabbatical.

Alan Bayd

PARISH NEWS AND DIARY

Sadly we lost Charlie Holmes our caretaker and good friend on 17 November (see page 31). The funeral took place at St. Peter's. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

In spite of the scaffolding, we've had lots of activities in the church over the last few weeks. In addition to the usual Christmas events such as the Christmas Fayre and the carol services we've had the Festival of Light, the Coop art exhibition, the Wood-Carvers' exhibition, all really superb.

Diary For the next few weeks

See the service sheets and the notice boards for details of venues, dates and times and also who to contact.

Sun 2 Jan 10.00 am Epiphany Service

Thu 13 Jan 12.00 Pub lunch at the High Park, Bradley

Wed 19 Jan 12.30pm Town Centre prayers for Christian Unity Week

Fri 21 Jan Interview day for potential vicars for our church

Wed 26 Jan 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Thu 10 Feb 12.00 Pub lunch, venue TBD see notice board

Wed 16 Feb 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Wed 23 Feb 10.15am to 11.15am Coffee morning at the Keys

Fri 4 Mar 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Sun 6 Mar *** Next issue of the Network Magazine ***

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) MEMBERSHIP

In March we shall be holding the Annual General Meeting at which Wardens and Church Council members are elected and other volunteers confirmed in various duties. PCC members are usually elected for a period of three years and they, together with the Vicar, form the church's management team. Meetings take place every month except August, and within the Council, sub-groups of 2 to 3 people each undertake to care for one aspect of church life.

Now is the time to think or pray about putting your name forward as a candidate. As a rule there are three vacancies each year and new members are welcome for their fresh insight into problems, their ideas and vitality. If this seems like you why not go for it.

HUDDERSFIELD MISSION SPECIAL SERVICES & DATES Jan/Mar 2011

1 JANUARY - 3 JANUARY MISSION CLOSED FOR THE NEW YEAR

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Sun 2 Jan	CAFÉ CHURCH & COMMUNION (11:00 Coffee, 11:15 Wor-
T	ship, 12:00 Shared Lunch, 1:00 End) – Iain Spencer
Tue 4 Jan	MISSION REOPENS
Sun 9 Jan	10:30am Morning Worship & Commiunion (Rev Alan Boyd)
Mon 10 Jan	2:30pm Mission Café Committee
Wed 12 Jan	7:30pm 'Churches Together in Huddersfield Town Centre' meeting @ the Mission
Tuo 18 to Tuo 9	5 Jan OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2011
Sun 16 Jan	10:30am Morning Worship (Dr. Roy Squires)
Tue 18 Jan	12.30pm Town Centre prayers for Christian Unity Week @
Tue 18 Jan	New North Road Baptist
Wed 19 Jan	12.30pm Town Centre prayers for Christian Unity Week @ The
	Parish Church
Thu 20 Jan	12.30pm Town Centre prayers for Christian Unity Week @ St.
	Patrick's RC Church
Fri 21 Jan	12.30pm Town Centre prayers for Christian Unity Week @
	Waverley URC
Sun 23 Jan	10:15/10:30 Christian Unity Week – Pulpit swap – Rev. Keith
	Ballard (Roman Catholic) @ Mission, Rev. Alan Boyd @ New
	North Road Baptist Church; Deacon Gill Atkinson-Heck @ St.
	Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
Mon 24 Jan	12.30pm Town Centre prayers for Christian Unity Week @ the
	Mission
	7:00pm Church Council (business)
Wed 26 Jan	7.15pm Kirklees Holocaust Memorial event 'Untold Stories' @
	Dewsbury Town Hall
Sun 30 Jan	10:30am Morning Worship - OWN ARRANGEMENT
	SERVICE
Sun 6 Feb	CAFÉ CHURCH & COMMUNION (11:00 Coffee, 11:15 Wor-
	ship, 12:00 Shared Lunch, 1:00 End) – Rev Alan Boyd
Tue 8 Feb	2.30pm Mission Cafe AGM
Thursday 10 Fe	bruary - Rev. Alan Boyd's last day in Circuit prior to Sabbatical
Thu 10 Feb	6.30pm Huddersfield Interfaith Council meeting + workshop
	(Huddersfield Police Station)

11 FEBRUARY – 15 MAY 2011 REV. ALAN BOYD ON SABBATICAL

Sun 13 Feb 10:30am Morning Worship (Phil McSweeney)

Sun 20 Feb 10:30am Morning Worship for EDUCATION SUNDAY (David

Spencer)

Sun 27 Feb 10:30am Morning Worship (Rev. Dr Steve Day)

Fri 4 Mar Women's World Day of Prayer

Sat 5 Mar Wedding of Belinda Caldwell @Mission (by Deacon Gill Atkin-

son-Heck)

Sun 6 Mar Fair Trade Sunday in West Yorkshire District

11.00pm CAFÉ CHURCH (11:00 Coffee, 11:15 Worship, 12:00

Shared Lunch, 1:00 End) - Dr. Roy Squires

Mon 7 Mar 2.30pm Mission Café Committee

Wed 9 Mar ASH WDNESDAY

12.35pm United Ashing service & communion @ Parish

Church

7.30pm United Ashing service @ Parish Church

Thu 10 Mar 7.30pm 'Churches Together in Huddersfield Town Centre'

meeting @ Geldholt MC

Sun 13 Mar 10.30pm Morning Worship & Communion for 1st Sunday in

Lent (Rev. Cyril Blount)

6.00pm Joint Huddersfield Pennine/East Circuits service @

Lindley Meth. Church



Annual Report 2010

Introduction

Huddersfield Plus Point is a registered charity working for the inclusion and benefit of young people aged 8-16 years and their families. We run a programme of evening activity sessions during the week together with residential experiences and holiday schemes. The project is divided into junior and senior sections. The project is managed by a board of trustees who employ a project manager and project workers; they are supported by a team of volunteers. Our funding comes from grants and donations.

Young People and the Programme

The programme for young people has been based on monthly themed activities. For seniors the themes have included Relationships, Life Skills, Team Building, Bullying and Creative Arts, whilst for juniors they included Are you Street Wise?, Religion, Disabilities, Education and Get Fit! We take a fun approach to informal learning by providing a variety of activities, such as arts and crafts, performing arts, physical activities, adventurous activities, cooking, life skills, information technology, inter-community activities, reward trips and visits e.g. bowling, cinemas and meals. By running the project as a focused support service we aim to meet the government guidelines within the Every Child Matters framework.

The project ran residential trips during the summer of 2009 as well as at Easter in 2010 for both the juniors and seniors. These residential trips provided a valuable opportunity to engage in different activities and bond as a group.

In the year from 1 April 2009-31 March 2010 the project was accessed by 111 young people, 37 juniors and 74 seniors. Of these 111 young people 54 are female and 57 are male. Thirty eight young people are from black and ethnic minority groups (Black -8, Asian -9, Dual Heritage -18, Other -3). Seven young people are carers and seven are in the care of local government; three young people are seeking asylum. These figures indicate that we support a small but diverse group of young people often experiencing difficulties. The small groups in which we work allows the staff and volunteers to develop good personal relationships with the young people and which forms the foundation of all our work with them. Evidence of the continuing need for the project is shown by the fact that there are 12 young people waiting to join the project and one person wishes to return to it.

Funding

Plus Point is totally dependent upon the goodwill of others to support its work. The past financial year marked the final year of three in which we received grants from the Henry Smith Charity and the Church Urban Fund, which has paid for the project manager and one project worker; we are extremely grateful for this essential funding.

Other financial support has come from the following sources: Calderdale Community Foundation, Kid Premiership (part of the One17 Design Group), Norah K. Combe, Community Spirit, N. & P. Hartley Charitable Trust, Huddersfield Schoolchildren's Trust, Make a Change, Kirklees Young People's Services Capacity Build, Minor, Play and Vibe grants, Youth Opportunities Fund. We are extremely grateful for the financial support from all of these organisations which has enabled the project to continue its valuable work.

The young people took part in a five-mile walk for the *Huddersfield Examiner* Charity Challenge, in which they raised money to support the ongoing work of the project.

Trustees and Board Membership

During the year Steve Perkins resigned as Chair, due to the pressure of other commitments. Steve's leadership as Chair has been extremely valuable, not least because he took over the Chair in difficult circumstances following the death of his predecessor, Roger Dyer. In March 2010 Rev. Stephen Day was appointed as Chair. The work of Astrid Love as Secretary and Mollie Stell as Treasurer is much appreciated as are the contribution of all Trustees. Additional Trustees are actively being sought.

Staff and Volunteers

Darren Holdsworth has continued to provide leadership for the project in his capacity as project manager. Darren's experience in youth work has enabled us to offer innovative projects for our young people. Darren has also represented Plus Point at multi-agency meetings relating to the wellbeing of specific young people, indicating the importance which other agencies place on the work we do with young people.

Kingsley Allen is a part-time project worker who began in July 2009. Kingsley has just completed his second year of a degree in Youth & Community Work. He is a part-time play worker with Kirklees Council, a teaching assistant and a qualified play and drama worker.

Saira Nawaz began working as a part-time project worker in October 2009. Saira is studying towards a postgraduate degree in Youth & Community Work and is also a classroom assistant.

Stephanie Beever was a part-time project worker who left in June 2009, but continues as a volunteer with the project. Stephanie coordinates a back to work project in Doncaster and gained a Certificate in Youth Work whilst she was with the project.

Elizabeth Williams was a part-time project worker who left in September 2009, but continues to support the project as a volunteer. Elizabeth now works as a care nurse for disabled young people. She gained the Gateway to Youth Work qualification and the Certificate in Youth Work.

During the past year we have had a team of 11 volunteers. In-house training has been offered to all volunteers and they have free access to the Gateway to Youth Work and Certificate in Youth Work.

Tony Cashin is a volunteer who represents the volunteers in relation to any discussions between a volunteer and members of the staff and board. He also has a mentoring role for the volunteers.

What's next?

At present we are doing a complete review of the project, consulting with young people, their parents and carers, and referring agencies. This review will highlight the strengths of the project as well as areas for further development ensuring that we offer the best possible support to the young people in our care.

New sources of funding are being sought to enable the continuation of the project and develop the range of activities which can be done with the young people.

Rev. Dr. Stephen Day, Chair

Thirty Books of the Bible – A Puzzle

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours.

He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on it while fishing from his john-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fund raising event which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi Lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over two hundred patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of

them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass exodus; there really are thirty books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.

Answers next issue





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For the church's Christmas lunch this year we chose the Fenny Bridge. 25 people attended on Thursday 9 December, all in good spirit, to take advantage of the offer of three courses for £9.99. This turned out to be good value for the money. Thanks to Anne John for organising it.



Next Pub Lunch:

It was decided that the venue for the January pub lunch will be the High Park, Bradley Road on Thursday 13 January at 12 o'clock, All welcome.



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Luke 23:43

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Or through the parish office:

Phone 0148 442 7964. Email: huddspc@btconnect.com

Life still goes on under the scaffolding

During the week Mon 1 to Mon 8 Nov we were privileged to host a superb exhibition of world wars 1 and 2 carvings from the West Riding Woodcarvers' Association. They meet every second Saturday of each month at Shepley Methodist Church, Lane Head Road between 10.00am and 12.30pm and are inviting anyone interested to pop in. For further details contact the secretary on 01422 361109. Website: www.wrwoodcarvers.com



Then on Sun 7 Nov we were hosts to the Grassroots Theatre Co, an evangelical band from Zimbabwe. For four months of each year they tour the UK with a strong message through song and dance routines to all unite under the same God, the rest of the time they raise awareness of such critical issues as HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe. Website: www.grassrootstheatre.com



We are not the only ones with ceiling problems





Note the netting under the ceiling

If you thought St. Peter's was the only church with falling bits of ceiling – think again. Anne & Alan John found another – The Church of Notre Dame in Salins-les-Bains, in the Jura area of France.

Thanks to Alan John for this photo

HELP

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Danielle

Danielle who?

Danielle at me, it's not my fault!

PUZZLE PAGE

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Prize Sudoku This is it. The hardest Sudoku ever. Anyone completing it will get the big prize - free magazines for one year. Wow!

Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.

Each number is only used once.

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NEWS FROM YOUR PCC

We are still in limbo with regard to getting a new vicar. All the documents produced are on the Wakefield website:

www.wakefield.anglican.org/jobs

Have a look at them. Apparently there is a lot of interest in the post but we won't be involved in the selection process until Friday 21 January when interviews will take place with two of our PCC members on the interview panel. We just all need to be patient.

Meanwhile we have received £15K from the National Churches Trust towards the ceiling repairs. We featured an article for them in the last issue of the magazine. However we are still short of £12K to meet the full costs of the repair so more fund raising will be necessary.

As most of you know we had a break-in on the weekend 5/6 Nov through the Clergy vestry door damaging four doors in the process. Only four bottles of communion wine were stolen but the cost of repairs is estimated at £1,918.46.

The Charities Fayre raised over £600 (see picture on page 28).

The U3A cancelled their carol concert at a very late stage because of the scaffolding but the Town carol concert went ahead as planned, and it was superb with the Marsden Silver Prize Band and members of the Huddersfield Choral Society. Follow that then!

In accordance with our usual practice, we still aim to give 10% of our income to selected charities (mostly Christian charities) this year in spite of the recession.

All the available car park spaces are now let out again so this income is back on.

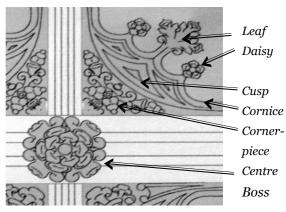
Our financial year ends on 31st December, so the next issue of the magazine will be summarising our financial situation.

New Lent courses are being planned for 2011 and are to include other denominations such as the Roman Catholics. Watch out for notices in church.

Ceiling Repair and Restoration

Good progress is being made with the repair and renovation of the ceiling and the programme is on target to complete on time by early March.

The scope and detail of the work that is being done, to an excellent standard throughout, is extraordinary. The ceiling comprises some 184



panels, the majority of them being rectangular measuring 2x1.5 metres. In each corner of the main panels are floral enrichments made up of five separate elements; a cornerpiece, a cusp, a leaf and two daisies. A bullnose plaster cornice, joining corner to corner, completes the panel. Four different corner pieces, two different cusps, four different leaves and three different daisies have been combined to produce a wide variety of designs across the ceiling. There are also a variety of bosses fixed on the intersections of the ceiling framework and on and around the roof trusses.



Many of the main panels, which are constructed with laths and three coats of plaster, were damaged to some degree.

Twenty-five panels have been completely reconstructed and a good number of others have had fixings and grouting put in place to stabilise them. Every existing enrichment has been examined and any insecure elements removed and numbered. Subsequently undamaged elements have been re-fixed in their original place.

A large number of elements were totally missing from the ceiling, not apparent from ground level as painted silhouettes had been used to hide their loss. After carefully removing and stripping several coats of paint from one of each of the different elements, moulds have been made from which over 1035 new elements have been cast in gypsum; 180 cornerpieces, 90 cusps, 435 leaves, and 330 daisies, 60 centre and corner bosses. Over 70metres of cornice has been made and fitted and many small parts have been cast to replace bits that have broken off elements over the years. The majority of panels have now been restored with all repairs expected to be completed by the year end. Decoration in areas that have been completed is now underway.

Arthur Nightingale

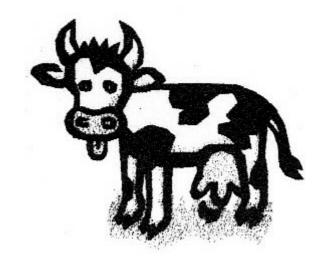


The Charities' Christmas Fayre stalls in the church on Saturday 27 November 2010

OUR PRAYER DURING THE INTERREGNUM

- God our Father, you have called us to be the Body of Christ in this place.
- Send your Holy Spirit, at this time of change and uncertainty. Fill us with vision, with energy and with faithfulness.
- May we be true to our calling to serve you and bring new life to our community.
 - Guide with your wisdom those involved with choosing a new priest for this parish, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and holy shepherd of your people, and together we may serve you with joy, grow in faith and walk in the way of Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

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CHARLIE HOLMES

A long and faithful friend to St Peter's, Charlie sadly died on the 20^{th} November following a long illness, which as Charlie always did, he bore with such courage and good humour.

Charlie started work for the church as our early morning caretaker in the days when we still had the Venn Street premises. When these were compulsory purchased by Kirklees he concentrated his work on the church, opening the building at 8.30am every morning, and the crypt which he cleaned every week. When we purchased the car park, he felt it was his job to clean and maintain the area. One could often see him at 8 o'clock picking up the empty beer cans and pulling out the weeds. Charlie was a great worker, nothing was too much trouble and all of this he did for a pittance of a pay. He was a true friend to many and a great example to us all. There is a small room in the crypt where he kept his tools and cleaning materials which will always be known as 'Charlie's Cupboard'.

During his illness Charlie was well supported by his wife Josie and four children and their families, who, like us, miss him greatly. Thank you Charlie and God Bless You.

Barbara Nightingale, Warden, Huddersfield Parish Church



HPC WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Eucharist.

The choir is in attendance during university term time for this service and there is usually a short organ recital at the end of the service. Coffee and biscuits are available during mix and mingle after

the service.

Wednesday

12.35pm Holy Communion

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

The church is open to the public for private prayer and reflection every Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 4.00pm and on Saturdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome, regardless of religious beliefs, even if it is just to admire our beautiful building.

Be aware though that there are CCTV cameras in operation within the church throughout the day and night.

MISSION SERVICES

Daily: Prayer Chapel is open for your own use.

Sundays: 10.30am - Morning Worship

Mondays: 12.30pm to 1.00pm - Guided prayer in the Chapel

Monthly: Bible study groups in homes.