

Holy Trinity Wentworth and Harley Mission

Our vision: to be a church at the heart of the community
Living in Christ | Growing in faith | Transforming in love



CHURCH NEWS



Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ,
 light of the nations and glory of Israel:
 make your home among us,
 and present us pure and holy
 to your heavenly Father,
 your God, and our God.

Draw Near to God

Believe it or not, we are now only a couple of weeks away from the start of the season of Lent. As many will know, Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to the commemoration of the death of Jesus on Good Friday and celebration of his resurrection at Easter. It is a time when we are all invited to draw closer to God and spend time thinking more deeply about what it means to follow Christ. The practice of observing what we now call Lent is rooted in the life of the earliest Christians. They spent the weeks leading up to Easter in fasting and abstinence to better focus on prayer, penitence, holiness and hope.

One of the ways we may choose to draw close to God is by reading and reflecting on passages from the Bible. The Church of England has produced some booklets of short Bible reflections which explore how we might build habits and patterns in our life that will help us draw near to God and grow as disciples. Each week a different contributor explores a different theme – worshipping together, praying, reading the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news with others. We will be ordering some booklets for church (priced £3 each). Please let Marie know if you would like a copy.

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What's On

Sunday 1 February <i>The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)</i>	9.30am 10.45am	Holy Communion, Harley Holy Communion, Wentworth
Monday 2 February	10.30am	Tea and Toast Club, Wentworth Village Tea Room
Tuesday 3 February	10.30 7.30pm	Holy Communion Wentworth <i>Followed by refreshments</i> Start Course
	7.45pm	Romans Course, Session 8 Wentworth Mechanics Institute
Sunday 8 February	10.45am 4pm	All Age Worship, Wentworth Messy Church, Harley Mission Rooms
Tuesday 10 February	10.30am 7.30pm 7.45pm	Morning Prayer Wentworth <i>Followed by refreshments</i> Start Course – see below for more details Romans Course, Session 9 Wentworth Mechanics Institute
Sunday 15 February	9.30am 10.45am	Holy Communion, Harley Holy Communion, Wentworth
Monday 16 February	10.30am	Tea and Toast Club, Wentworth Village Tea Room

Giving to Wentworth Church

If you would like to support our ministry by giving financially you can make a one-off gift or set up a regular donation via the Parish Giving Scheme.



Draw Near to God Cont...

The reflections will also be available on an app <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>.

We will also explore the habits that can help us draw near to God at our Tuesday morning services during Lent. We won't be running an evening Lent Course this year but are looking at the possibility of having a post-Easter course.

Those wanting to go deeper may also like to read an accompanying book "Dancing to the Heartbeat of God" published by SPCK priced £11.99. I (Marie) am also going to be reading "Meeting God in John" by David F Ford, also published by SPCK, which promises to be an inspiring read.

We will be marking the start of Lent on **Ash Wednesday 18th February** with a service of Holy Communion in Wentworth Church at 7pm. This will include the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross marked with ashes as a sign of penitence and turning to Christ. It is a moving ceremony in which all are invited to take part.

Visiting preacher

On Sunday 15th February we will be welcoming Beth Burras, Lead Lay Ministry Enabler for the Diocese of Sheffield as our guest preacher. Members of the Parochial Church Council and others met Beth in November when she facilitated an inspiring training event on the theme of Developing Lay Leaders. Beth will be speaking about how we can each play our part as members of Christ's body the church by contributing our gifts and talents.

Future plans

The PCC have agreed to engage the Church Architect to develop a plan for reordering the West end of church. For many years, we have struggled with a small kitchen and a small WC. The WC does not meet the requirements for an accessible toilet. The present kitchen/WC will be converted into two WC's one of which will be accessible and accommodate wheelchair users. A foldaway kitchenette will be developed along the South wall and be more than adequate for our catering requirements.

In addition, the Architect has been asked to look at remodelling the internal entrance porch of the main entrance. This storm porch has kept the drafts out for many years, but is now in much need of a full restoration.

Julian and Marie's Camino Challenge



From 14th-20th March we (Revs Marie and Julian) will be taking part in Sheffield Cathedral's Camino Pilgrimage. Over five days we will be walking 100 kilometres along the ancient pilgrims' route from Vigo to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. We will be raising money for two great charities that support people who are homeless and marginalised in Sheffield: The Archer Project and the Choir with No Name. We've wanted to do this walk for a long time and are delighted to be able to support this important cause. We are over halfway towards our fundraising target of £2000 and would be very grateful for further sponsorship. The easiest and most efficient way to donate is online using the link or QR code below. We will also have a sponsor form for those who prefer the traditional method. Thank you for your support. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/julian-and-maries-camino-challenge>



Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly afternoon service especially for children and families and involves a Bible story, fantastic craft activities, songs, prayers and a meal together. Our Messy Church meets at Harley Mission Rooms on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm. We regularly have around 15 children (plus parents) attending, many of whom live in Harley or are pupils at Wentworth School. This month we will be meeting on Sunday 8 February and thinking about the story of the lost sheep. All welcome.

Tea and Toast Club

The Tea and Toast Club is an opportunity for those who have been bereaved to meet together for friendship and mutual support. It meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 10.30 am at the Village Tea Rooms in Wentworth where there is an excellent selection of cakes as well as bacon sandwiches. Everyone is welcome.

Newsletter Contributions

**The next notice sheet will be out on 15 February
Items for inclusion need to be with Rev Marie by
Sunday 8 February**

Rev Marie's contact details

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