

# CTR NEWS



**May 2015**

**Churches Together in Rotherham**

**Linking our Lord with the Locality**

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It is incumbent on all of us as Christians to adopt a positive approach to intolerance in all its forms. We need to respect and be grateful for diversity, and whenever possible we should be looking for trust in and constructive dialogue with those who may have different views from our own.

We need also to remember that diversity is part of God's design. It was man who invented denominations. God was the supreme ecumenist.



**Christian Aid Week** is almost upon us and I'm hearing about lots of inspiring fundraising ideas in South and West Yorkshire! However you get involved this Christian Aid Week, you are making a huge difference to some of the world's poorest people. Thank you for your dedication in making Christian Aid Week happen in your community. I know it's no small task.

With every blessing,

*Paul Furbey  
Regional Coordinator, South and West  
Yorkshire  
Christian Aid*

Your local webpage



## The difference a cow makes

Have you discovered the Christian Aid Week stories yet? You can read about Loko and Adi (and about cows) on [our website](#). Find out about our transformative work in Ethiopia – about changed lives and lives that still need to be changed – and why all the fuss about cows!

Share online:  

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Sheffield May Day Trek

Registration is now open for the 50<sup>th</sup> Sheffield May Day Trek. Participants are welcome from all over the region. This year we have three routes of 5, 11 and 17 miles. Come and enjoy a church day out and raise money in the beautiful Peak District.

[Find out more >>](#)

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## Last orders please!

You can still [order resources](#) to support your fabulous fundraising efforts. Many resources can also be downloaded, including inspiring films, prayer and worship resources, posters, and youth and children's material. What will you do?



Share online:  

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## 17<sup>th</sup> June – lobby day in London

We need local people to come to London on 17 June to join an estimated 10,000 people from across the country to lobby our MPs about climate change. Please think about coming and telling your MP to support our work on tackling climate change.

[Find out more >>](#)

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Looking for new ways to fundraise?

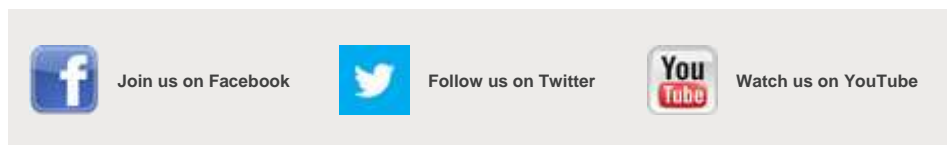
Act and pray on climate change



This year, we're trying out some new initiatives to help us raise money to change the lives of people like Loko and Adi. We're testing seven inspiring community events and are looking for churches and groups to take part. Choose from an Auction of Promises, Big Breakfast, Coffee and Craft, Live Simply, Party in our Park, Pop-up Shop or Walk Against Want. There's an idea to suit everyone and we'll be on hand to help you every step of the way. Email [caw@christian-aid.org](mailto:caw@christian-aid.org) to find out more.

A cow has changed Adi's life. But to make sure that hope is lasting for Adi and millions of farmers like her, we need to act and pray to tackle climate change. Join us to put climate change on the agenda of the new government this Christian Aid Week.

Order prayer and action cards now from the [Christian Aid Week site](#) by visiting the 'For church and fundraising events' section.



## ARE YOU PLANNING AHEAD?

As part of the Clifton Teaching and Discipleship Programme, the Rev Peter Edwards will lead a course on '**Dying and Rising**' between 29<sup>th</sup> April and 27<sup>th</sup> May. It will investigate how this Easter theme is a motif for the life of the Church. Contact Peter Edwards via [revpeteredwards@hotmail.com](mailto:revpeteredwards@hotmail.com) or on 01709382306.

# NEWS FROM LIBERTY CHURCH

**Now is the time** for us to **“Mobilise May”**

**Look what is happening during this busy month!**

**SATURDAYS 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY BETWEEN 10.00AM AN 2.00PM**

**Where we will be encouraging every church across Rotherham to join together to take the gospel of Christ back on the streets.**

**We have hired two marquees for the Town Centre where we will be giving away free drinks. There will be music and performances and we will be seeking to engage people in conversations about Jesus and pray for those in need.**

**We have had a great response so far and we are making this a United Christian Evangelism project for all the churches in Rotherham.**

**The dates again are Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May; from 10.00 am till 2.00pm in Rotherham town centre at Pitch 1 and Pitch 13**

***Now is the Time!***

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***Friday 15 May***

***United Half Night of Prayer***

***at LIBERTY CHURCH 8.00pm until 12.00 midnight***

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**NOW IS THE TIME!**

## LIBERTY CHURCH

We are planning several **Events of Evangelism**, with *Nathan Morris* (Shake the nations), *Jonathan Conrathe* (Mission 24) and *Jonathan Hulton* (God Channel) during the second part of May.

Alongside the evangelistic services, we are planning **Equipping for the Church** with ministry from *Rachel Hickson* and *Helen Azer* (Heart Cry for Change) and *Jonathan Conrathe* (Mission 24)

Here is the latest from Adrian Dexter about what is planned:

**Thursday Evening 21<sup>st</sup> May (Evangelism)**

5.00pm -6.00pm Intercession

7.00pm Jonathan Hulton (God Channel)/United Worship team

**Friday Evening 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Evangelism)**

5.00pm -6.00pm Intercession

7.00pm Nathan Morris/Lydia Marrow (Shake the Nations)

**Saturday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Equipping)**

Seminars Rachel Hickson / Helen Azer (Hearcry for Change)

2.45- 3.30pm Equipping for Mission

Tea and Coffee

3.45 - 4.30pm Equipping for Mission

**Saturday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> May (Evangelism)**

5.00pm -6.00pm Intercession

7.00pm Nathan Morris/Lydia Marrow (Shake the Nations)

**Sunday Morning 24<sup>th</sup> May (Equipping)**

11.00am LIBERTY CHURCH

Rachel Hickson / Helen Azer (Hearcry for Change)

**Sunday Night 24<sup>th</sup> May (Evangelism)**

5.00pm -6.00pm Intercession

7.00pm Nathan Morris/Lydia Marrow (Shake the Nations)

**Monday afternoon 25<sup>th</sup> May (Equipping)**

Seminars Jonathan Conrathe (Mission 24)

2.45- 3.30pm Empowerment for Mission

Tea and Coffee

3.45 - 4.30pm Empowerment for Mission

**Monday night 25<sup>th</sup> May (Evangelism)**

5.00pm -6.00pm Intercession

7.00pm Jonathan Conrathe (Mission 24) /United Worship team

Tickets are free, but they are going very fast, so to book your place and reserve your seat email [info@libertyrotherham.org](mailto:info@libertyrotherham.org) as soon as possible.

Every blessing!

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## YMCA WHITE ROSE

This worthy organisation has planned an event for **Young Christian Leaders** and **Youth Leaders** which is going to be held at **Elim on Saturday May 16th from 10am-2pm.**

It's a free day - including a free buffet lunch - and will be targeted towards training and inspiring young Christian leaders and their youth leaders. We have two great speakers in **Caleb Meakins**, founder of My Forty Days ([www.my40days.co.uk](http://www.my40days.co.uk)), and **Elisha Sargent** who many people will know through Unite.

**CLC Sheffield** will also have a bookstall at the event, and people can book spaces by contacting [jonathan.buckley@ymcawhiterose.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.buckley@ymcawhiterose.org.uk) or 07450 778678.

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## Christian Vision for Men

**Neil Fulcher** is a member of the *Elim Church* who has a heart to network with other churches and men from across the town as a regional representative of **Christian Vision for Men**. He is putting on a monthly event for men from all churches (and none) that would help men network with other men, and over time to introduce them to Jesus. As Neil writes below, although this ministry is facilitated through the Elim Church in Rotherham the intention is that it supports men from across the town.

*March 2015*

*Dear Sir / Madam*

*As 2015 starts to take shape I would be grateful if you could give me a few minutes of your time to see if the **CVM Rotherham** project is something that could benefit your Men's Ministry throughout 2015. It is completely free and there is no obligation required from you financially or otherwise.*

**CVM (Christian Vision for Men)** is a nationally registered charity backed financially and supported by all the major Christian denominations in the UK. The CVM mission statement is to expand God's Christian family by introducing one million men to Christ.

*This outreach is done by providing quality outreach events that local churches can link into free of charge. It gives the men of your church access to quality events that enable them to bring non-Christian family, friends and work colleagues together, as a*

way of introducing men to the spiritual curiosity that resides in all human beings. CVM is the event. Your church is the home that these new people will attend.

The upside of Christian denominations working together is that any interested people are channelled and funnelled directly into your church membership.

CVM operates through a local focus group in the town, city or village where you are based. Until now Rotherham did not have a CVM group. **The Rotherham Group called MOA (Men of Action) is funded and based at Elim Centre, Rotherham and event meetings are always on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.**

**Neil Fulcher** (Certificate of Education) as the official CVM Rotherham coordinator would love to come and share with you, your men and your Men's Ministry an interactive talk about the events and benefits that are being organised for Rotherham folk via the Men of Action MOA group.

The interactive presentation takes about 1 hour to deliver and is very informative and entertaining. We bring cold refreshments and nibbles to break the ice if you can provide tea and coffee.

This could be an ideal event to start 2015 off in your church's Men's Ministry. **If you would like more information please contact me Neil Fulcher via the contact mentioned below.** If you would like to book a presentation at a time and venue to suit you then please contact me with the details so the booking can be confirmed for you.

Thank you so much for your time in reading this letter and I do hope the common denominator in expanding God's Kingdom via Christian denominations working together will be an intriguing part of your 2015 evangelist outreach.

Yours in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ

Neil Fulcher

CVM / MOA Rotherham area coordinator

If you would like more information on how MOA can support the men in your church then please contact Neil at [neilfulcher@btinternet.com](mailto:neilfulcher@btinternet.com)



# DON'T HANG BACK ---- GET INVOLVED!

When it comes to going the second mile, Christians are often quick to do their part. Doing that bit more than can reasonably be expected is basic thinking for the vast majority of believers.

**Lending a cheerful and willing hand** is a great form of self-imposed therapy for the doer, and it makes life better for those on the receiving end of the action, those in the local community. This is especially good when Christians are helping people who are not churchgoers or even believers. Little acts of kindness often reap a fine reward for God.

It often asks very little of the person who is willing and able to help, but it can be a real blessing for the recipient. Offering a lift to an otherwise probably housebound neighbour; asking if some shopping needs doing; offering to mow a lawn; just being happy to sit and chat with a needy person over a cup of tea ---- all things like these are simple acts that don't demand much of the helper but they add real life-value to others.

Are you already playing your part as a **local volunteer**, for a group, a charity, an individual? If so, thank you. Are you prepared to help make a planned local event the very best it can be? That is where volunteers often come into their own.

Do you know of someone, perhaps in your family, who could easily become a useful volunteer if given a little gentle encouragement?

There's an excellent, easy-to-use website to find an opportunity to volunteer. Go to [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org)

If you would feel happier to make personal contact, try phoning **Voluntary Action Rotherham** and asking for the **Rotherham Volunteer Centre**. The number to phone is **01709384466**.

**Volunteers** are true local heroes!

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Preparing a newsletter like this takes many hours, so we need to say that there is a **deadline date** for any news to be included in the June issue. **THAT DATE IS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**. Thank you for your co-operation.

CTR would appreciate your co-operation. We ask you to kindly pass on this newsletter to your friends. It is easy to forward it via e-mail. A printed copy for your church noticeboard would also be appreciated. Thank you.







