

# CTR NEWS



APRIL 2016

*Churches Together in Rotherham*

*Our Unity is found in in our Diversity*

+++++

- **Leader: John Bradwell**, 33 Stratford Way, Bramley, Rotherham, S66 1WN. Telephone 01709-702882. Email [johnbradwell@btconnect.com](mailto:johnbradwell@btconnect.com)
- \* **Secretary: Mrs Monica Grant**, 71 Gerard Road, Rotherham, S60 2PP. telephone 01709-518825. Email: [monicagrants71@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:monicagrants71@yahoo.co.uk)
- \* **Treasurer: Mrs Doreen Chance**, 2 Lisle Road, Rotherham, S60 2RJ. Telephone 01709-376216. Email [doreen.chance@btinternet.com](mailto:doreen.chance@btinternet.com)
- \* **Publicity Officer: Ted Ring**, 212 East Bawtry Road, Whiston, Rotherham, S60 3LS. Telephone 01709-322671. Email [tedring@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:tedring@blueyonder.co.uk)



## EASTER WILL SOON BE UPON US --

\*\*\* --- and that means, of course, that Rotherham town centre will host the annual **Good Friday Procession of Witness** at noon. This dignified walk through the pedestrian area near the Minster takes about twenty minutes, starting in the Minster Yard. Local Christians follow the Cross, which is then erected in the Minster Garden overlooking the Square. After the walk, there will be a short act of Christian Witness in **All Saints' Square**, the Preacher this year being **Jordan Morris**, a local evangelist from Hope Church. As per tradition, the **Mayor and her Consort** will be in attendance at this ceremony, and the proceedings will finish before one o'clock. This will allow you time to walk the few yards to the Minster --- read on.

\*\*\* **Good Friday at Rotherham Minster – A Two-Hour Devotional Service** commencing at 1.00 pm will be led by **The Revd. Canon Dr. Alan Billings**, the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. Everyone is welcome to attend.

\*\*\* On **Easter Day**, the traditional **Sunrise Service** is scheduled to take place in a different location this year, so it will not be in **Boston Park**.

The place to be for the **6.15 am** short service will be the carpark at **Talbot Lane Methodist Church**, immediately opposite **Rotherham Town Hall at the top of Ship Hill**. There will be plenty of nearby on-street parking at that time on **Easter Sunday**, so please do not try to park inside the car-park area, which will be restricted to pedestrians. This year, the leader of this annual act of worship will be, by invitation of Churches Together in Rotherham, **Erica Dunmow**. Erica is based in the Darnall area of Sheffield and she is well known to many Christians in Rotherham in her role as the *Ecumenical Mission and Development Officer of Churches Together in South Yorkshire*.

You may wonder if there is any significance for using the area at the side of Talbot Lane Church. The area where the gathering will take place is just where **John Wesley** preached on several occasions in the latter half of the eighteenth century. At that time the place of worship was an octagonal chapel.

*We hope as many local people will attend one or more of these events, which are designed to show our town that Christianity is well and truly alive. Do come along, and if you can, please bring someone with you who is not a regular church attender. Spread the Word!*

+++++

## WAYNE'S WALK

*Not at all like your local ramble!*

**An ex-soldier resident in Rotherham set off for London on 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you think there is nothing unusual in this, then think again, because this was planned to be a journey with a big difference!**

**Wayne Hayhurst** set off on a walk from Rotherham to the capital carrying a large pinewood cross all the way. He is scheduled to arrive at Preacher's Corner in Hyde Park on Good Friday.

Wayne's Walk is happening because, as he explains, *'God has told me to do this walk. I am an ex-soldier and I have a strong faith in the Lord, so it will be a clear example of God's Word in Action.'*

As you can well imagine, he is seeking substantial donations as well as other sponsorship as he walks around a hundred and seventy miles carrying the heavy Cross. The donations will go principally to **Christian Aid**, but also to the **Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice** and to the **RSPCA**. He will be glad of your help in this respect and he can be contacted on **07745-576444**.

Wayne welcomes being accompanied for sections of the route by anyone wishing to join him and keep up the encouragement. Strenuous preparation and trial walks are already the order of the day for Wayne Hayhurst, of course, and his pet dog is never far from his feet.

Some people will remember Wayne from Good Friday last year when he carried a heavy oak cross from Whiston, where he lives, into Rotherham. We admired his efforts then, so assuming all goes well between the 15<sup>th</sup> March and Good Friday this year, we shall be looking for words that go beyond just *admiration*.

Please pray for Wayne, and help in any way you can. God is so good to give the world people and challenges like this!

+++++

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER was held on FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016

*Monica Grant, who co-ordinated this event with its two services on the same day, tells us that despite a degree of adverse weather that caused some slight alteration to the planning, the day went generally well. She wants to thank the two leaders of the worship and also those who took part in the presentations. And of course, without people turning up in the gathering there would have been nothing to report. So, we say thanks to you all, not forgetting Monica Grant for her organisational skills.*

+++++

## WHAT'S COMING UP AT YMCA WHITE ROSE?

+++++ **YMCA White Rose** is running four **Learning Hubs for Church-based Youth Workers** later this year, with the first one taking place on **May 10th at MyPlace** around CSE, Domestic Abuse, Sexting and Online Bullying. The series features *Beth Stout* from the *Golddigger Trust*.

The event starts at 6.30pm with a sandwich buffet, and will finish by 9pm. Tickets are free, although people need to book their tickets at: [yorkshirelearninghub.eventbrite.co.uk](http://yorkshirelearninghub.eventbrite.co.uk) as numbers are limited. I've attached posters for the event too; it'd be great if you could publicise them where you can :)

People can contact me direct for more information.

*Jonathan Buckley, Ecunite Project Manager, YMCA White Rose*

+++++

## WATOTO RETURNS TO HURC!

The ***Watoto African Children's Choir*** are returning to Herringthorpe United Reformed Church on Wickersley Road on Sunday 10th April at 6pm. The choir will be performing their latest concert 'Oh what love!' All are welcome to join us. No tickets are required - just turn up on the night - and there will be an offering in aid of Watoto during the concert.

*As we are hosting the Watoto African Children's Choir on Sunday 10th April at 6pm, we are desperately needing one more person, couple or family to host two children (boys) and an adult leader for the Sunday and Monday nights. On Monday, there will be activities at HURC for them to join in with so they won't need to be entertained unless the host wishes to do so. The hosts will, however, need to provide breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday, a packed lunch on Monday and an evening meal on Monday. If anyone is interested, I can send more information.*

Many thanks, and every blessing,  
Matt Stone, Minister at Herringthorpe URC  
01709 373355  
[matt.stone@cantab.net](mailto:matt.stone@cantab.net)

+++++

## WALK THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Rev. Jo Siddall from *Broom Methodist Church* will be leading a series of three **'Walk through the Old Testament'** events at Herringthorpe URC on Tuesdays 12th April, 17th May and 7th June, all from 7.15-9.30pm. *'Walk through the Old Testament'* is a fun and engaging way of learning the grand story of the Old Testament and seeing how everything fits together. Tickets are £14 (which includes a workbook) and can be purchased online here ([http://www.bible.org.uk/adult\\_events\\_book\\_online.php](http://www.bible.org.uk/adult_events_book_online.php)) or by contacting Rev. Matt Stone on 01709 373355 / email: [matt@hurc.co.uk](mailto:matt@hurc.co.uk).

\*\*\*\*\*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*Aiming at making a bigger impact for 2016, Hazel wants to visit as many churches and church groups as possible. To that end, she is willing to accept any invitation throughout the year --- try not to leave it until November, but plan earlier in the year --- to tell people what **Operation Christmas Child** is all about and what is involved in making it happen. It is a captivating story, so why not contact her on [01709367516](tel:01709367516).*

\*\*\*\*\*

## HELP, if you can!

The **Rotherham Safe Haven** at *Talbot Lane Methodist Church* opposite the Town Hall operates currently on Friday Nights from 10.00 pm until, if necessary, about 4.00 am on the Saturday morning.

There is a small team of committed volunteers that provide this temporary refuge for vulnerable people in the town centre, working alongside Street Pastors. The team could benefit from a few more volunteers, especially if any women feel drawn in this direction.

If you can help, please contact the Town Centre Chaplain **Barrie Thomas** on 01709 532203 for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*



## THERE IS AN EASY WAY TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Just pick up the TELEPHONE and CALL 01709 – 829821; then say that you would like to become a VOLUNTEER.

Some kind, helpful person at VOLUNTARY ACTION ROTHERHAM will then give you all the help you need.

**ENJOY MAKING ROTHERHAM A BETTER PLACE**

**IT'S WHERE NEARLY ALL OUR READERS LIVE!**

+++++

## THE QUEEN AND HER CHRISTIAN FAITH

*An opportunity to hold a community event around  
the Queen's Birthday Celebrations*

### The Queen's faith in Jesus Christ

The **Queen's 90th Birthday** offers a great opportunity to bring communities together to celebrate her life and her Christian faith.

*HOPE*, *The Bible Society* and the *London Institute for Contemporary Christianity* have produced a beautiful 64-page book including the Queen's own words about her trust in Jesus Christ. It will be a wonderful conversation starter.

Why not start planning to hold a Thanksgiving Service and perhaps also a street party on **Sunday 12 June 2016** to celebrate the Queen's birthday?

'*The Servant Queen and the King She Serves*' costs £10 for a pack of 10 books (plus p & p). The Scripture Union has produced a 12-page schools' version, including a lesson plan and an assembly outline: CPO has a matching range of posters, banners and invitations.

Order: [http://hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/268180/Pre\\_order\\_The.aspx](http://hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/268180/Pre_order_The.aspx)

\*\*\*\*\* As a part of the **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth II, St Paul's Church in Masbrough** will be holding a **Special Thanksgiving Service** on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at 6.00pm**. The service will be followed by a buffet supper. Tickets cost £6.00 and are now available. Contact St Paul's church or **David Selman** on **01709518743** or via [davidaselman@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:davidaselman@blueyonder.co.uk)

+++++

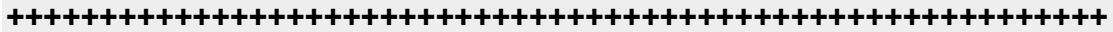
## EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Whether it's a church service, a conference or some other special event, a relevant and tailored selection of Christian products will add value to what has been organised. It will also help you achieve your aims and will better equip the saints for service. You can run the bookstall or we can do it all for you (if we have someone available).

Do you have any questions? **Contact CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street, SHEFFIELD S1 4EQ**

Tel (0114) 272 4662

Email [sheffield@clcbookshops.com](mailto:sheffield@clcbookshops.com)



**ADRIAN DEXTER SENDS YOU A MESSAGE**

**IN APRIL, WE ARE HOSTING JONATHAN CONRATHE AND HIS MISSION24 TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The week-long full-time course is designed to equip and empower the church to be more effective in evangelism and outreach.

Jonathan is a well-known and highly respected Minister, who seeks to empower the church in Evangelism and in the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

if you have any members of your church who would benefit from the training, please let me know as soon as possible.

The week-long training is a full-time course from **Monday 11 April to Sunday 17 April**, and costs each participant **£120.00**.

Anyone interested, can reserve a place by sending a covering letter with a **£20.00** non-refundable deposit to Liberty Church, Station Road, Rotherham. S60 1JH. (Cheques made payable to Liberty Church, Rotherham).

The course will be followed by **three consecutive Saturdays of outreach in the Town Centre of Rotherham, culminating in a large scale evangelistic event over the Pentecost weekend 12-15 May 2016**

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the promotional DVD please let me know.

---

---

**READ ON -----**

**Here's more from Adrian Dexter ----**

**AT LIBERTY CHURCH WE ARE ALSO STARTING TO ORGANISE OUR EVANGELISM PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS**

We would like to warmly invite you to come and join us, and advertise your church and its events alongside Liberty Church.

We believe that as we work together, pray together and stand together, God's favour is going to touch our town.

Town Centre Outreach Dates: All Times are 10:30-12:30pm

**Befriending Evangelistic Outreaches** – see John Wilson

April 2, Pitch 13

April 23, Pitch 13

**Healing Evangelistic Outreaches** – see Chris or Linda Bennett

April 16, Pitch 1 – Impact Week Outreach with *Jonathan Conrathe*

May 7, Pitch 1

**Now Is The Time** Evangelistic Weekend with *Jonathan Conrathe* and others

Friday 13- Sunday 15 May

=====

We would like to encourage you to warmly invite your Ladies in your Church(es) to **“THE JOURNEY” WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 2016**

**FRIDAY 17 JUNE - SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2016**

At LIBERTY CHURCH ROTHERHAM

The special guest speakers will be *Rachel Hickson* and *Helen Azer*.

For more information contact

Kirsty on [kirsty180@googlemail.com](mailto:kirsty180@googlemail.com)

or Diane on [dianedexter50@googlemail.com](mailto:dianedexter50@googlemail.com)

For more information about any of these events, please feel free to contact me on 07790030899

*Adrian Dexter, Pastor at Liberty Church, Rotherham*

+++++

## What’s coming next for Churches Together in Rotherham?



The next planned quarterly meeting of **Churches Together in Rotherham** will take place on

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

at the **ROTHERHAM HOLIDAY INN** in West Bawtry Road, starting at **7.00 pm**

**Jim Foy will speak on Interfaith Matters**

You are all welcome to come along for this meeting



## **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 MAY 2016 issue. **THAT DATE IS THE 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.**

**Thank you for your co-operation**

*CTR appreciates 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 notice-board would also be appreciated.  
Thank you!*