

# WIDER HORIZONS



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## Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am so excited I can hardly contain myself. I've a pretty busy few weeks I'm looking forward to the stress relief; we're going back to where it all began, and we're going with the friends it all began with.

Yes, the last and final Harry Potter film is coming out. By the time you read this I might just have seen it.



I was dubious at first; many Christians were against it - all that talk of magic, when the Bible clearly forbids sorcery. But as soon as I read the first book, I was hooked. J. K Rowling had created a wonderfully self-contained fantasy world that all fitted together. She had some amazing characters, funny, weird, and incredibly real! Then she created a hero, a little orphan boy who was surrounded by mystery and destiny.

My initial answer to those Christians who said magic was un-Biblical, was that Harry the hero always won out with bravery and character, it was moral fibre tied in with the innate ability to make the choices that proved his calling, that was his strength, not magic. Harry had a gift for yearning for and recognising wisdom when it was around, no-matter the human source, and he was willing to sit light to the rules when there were bigger issues at stake. He wasn't afraid of risk or adventure, and, as I've quoted many times, his headmaster recognised that it was 'his choices far more than his abilities that showed what his true character was'.

Without wanting to spoil the story for those who don't know it, Rowling has, I think a terrific insight into human evil, when the wrong, selfish choices are made by the evil dark lord Voldemort. We see what he makes himself through his selfish desire for power. We also see the power of love, and the redemptive possibilities of self-sacrifice.

To top all those Christians who opposed these lovely stories when they first appeared, it now turns out that the writer is a Christian

herself. She kept quiet about it because she didn't want people to guess the ending!

It's not too late, get the books and start reading, get the films and watch them all. Jesus isn't mentioned, but the gospel is out there! In Harry Potter and in many other places in our world, I believe many echoes and much resonance of the gospel message can be found – let's discern it and celebrate it.

I hope you're having a wonderful summer,

God bless,

Your Minister and Friend

Rob

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## **CHRISTCHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR**

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

### **AUGUST**

#### **7**

- The Ministries Co-ordinating Group, inspiring and co-ordinating the spiritual, social and worship life of Christchurch.
- the Methodist Relief and Development Fund – supporting and transforming lives of individuals and communities.

#### **14**

- The Prayer Fellowship and those who support people in crisis through the Prayer Chain.
- For the vibrancy, warmth and deep faith of Christians in the Caribbean.

#### **21**

- Those who listen to recordings of worship.
- Guides, Brownies and Rainbows and those who lead them.

#### **28**

- Our Community and Family Worker, Jonathan Logan, his wife, Jenny and their children, Levi and Caleb.
- The new Chair of the West Yorkshire Methodist District, Revd Dr Roger L Walton.

# JonaThan's jOttings

Every week we are working with over 40 families through our Toddlers and Music Mover's outreach.

40 families that for some time we have built up a relationship and a trust, that they feel comfortable with us and enjoy what we do.

Many of those families also have older kids that have started coming to the Big Saturday and the Kings Club holiday outreach.

For a while now I have been thinking, praying, planning with others what the next step is, in developing the relationships we have with these families.

In the bible it talks about winning Souls, influencing people, forming a relationship, earning the right to speak to people about the things of Jesus.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise".

*Proverbs 11:30 New King James Version (NKJV)*

So from September we are opening up the Riddings Hall for two days.

The sessions that will run will be 'See & Know' sessions, incorporating Music Mover's and Toddlers.

Each session will have a bible story theme, and the theme will be unravelled through dance, song, music, craft, storytelling, free play, puppets and much more.

There will also be a cafe area for the parents to sit and chat and a chance for us to listen and build on relationships, giving the opportunity for prayer and reflection.

In the future we may like to extend the services and also plan more events and sessions for parents such as, parenting classes, cooking with your kids, and bible studies.

How can you help?

We are looking for people that can come help with the cafe, registration, help with craft and activities, talking to parents, leading a session, setting up and clearing away and much more.

So if you feel that you are able to spend some time building relationships with these families then please come have a chat with me.

## **How Do We Read The Bible? How Do We Use The Bible?**

These are the questions we shall be exploring in our Housegroups from September. The study material through to Christmas will be based on a series of teaching sessions which Rob Hilton gave during some evening services in the Coffee Centre. There will be more material on offer at Housegroups than was contained in the four sessions Rob led, but in a nutshell, we shall be looking at The Bible as Revelation, The Bible as Story, The Bible as Inspiration and How to Question the Bible. If you attended those teaching evenings, as I did, I'm sure you would agree there is much to be talked about and still much to be learned. If you missed them, then here is your chance to be inspired by the breadth and depth of this subject.

All our Housegroups will continue to meet in the same venues as last year with the exception of the one on Tuesday afternoon which will now be held at Christchurch. Also, Janet and Mark Cade are offering their home on Thursday evenings for an additional group to meet in Burley. If you would like to stay in the same group as last year, all you need do is let your Housegroup leader know and make a note in your diary that the first meetings will be in the week beginning September 18<sup>th</sup>. If however, you would like to change groups, either because another time would suit you better or perhaps to get to know a different group of people, which is always good, then please contact me.

It's great to find that each year there are people who decide to join a Housegroup for the first time, or re-join after a gap. If you are one of these, please contact me to arrange which group you could join. I plan to put up a display in the church foyer by the middle of August so look out for that too!

As anyone who goes to a Housegroup will tell you, they are a great way to build friendships, share thoughts and grow in Christian knowledge and faith. Do please encourage each other to make the coming session even better and more successful than before.

Juliet Amos - via the church pigeon holes.



## Christchurch Comings and Goings

We are sad to record the death of Mr. Ernest Webb. Our love and prayers go to his family.

We are pleased to welcome the following who have joined us at Christchurch. We pray they may enjoy fellowship here and find their place amongst us.

- Mrs. Mary Baxter
- Mrs. Sheila Brooks
- Ann and Andrew Clark
- Mrs. Chris Grimshaw
- Mrs. Margaret Hopwood
- Mrs. Betty Luscome
- Mrs. Jean Moore

Please continue to keep your directory up to date by noting down the comings and goings. Address and telephone numbers can be obtained by ringing the Christchurch Office 603209. Thank you.



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## Over £250 raised for Marie Curie by Parent and Toddlers

Members of Christchurch Parent and Toddler group have raised £288 for Marie Curie by eating cake. Claire Macini, a long standing member of the group, is raising money for Marie Curie by doing a bike ride across India in the autumn. Claire and her friends baked delicious cakes and sold them on Monday mornings for a year. We pledged to match what she raised as part of our support for our members and our community. Claire and hundreds of other women are also cycling from Ilkley to Selby and back as another fundraising effort.



Also, in September, Parent and Toddler group will need more leaders. If you feel you can help fortnightly or weekly please contact Jonathan Logan. It is a wonderful group and the parents, grandparents and carers who come really support each other and appreciate Christchurch's care and concern for them. The children have a great time learning to socialise and enjoying the wide range of toys. Thank you to all of you who support the group by providing refreshments each week.

*Ruth Jones, Hetley Burnham, Jonathan Logan*

## **New Members**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June the following people were welcomed into membership at Christchurch.

- Betty Crosley
- Alec and Carol Emsley
- Joan Evans
- Jean Horst
- Fiona Kendall
- Shirley McCracken
- Edna Reynard

If you wish to become a member at Christchurch or have your membership transferred from a previous church please speak to Rob, Jeannie or Judy.

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Congratulations to Lynda and Alan Duttine who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 13th August!

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Congratulations to Phyllis Wilkinson at Glen Rosa who celebrated her 100th birthday on 29th June!

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Emily Hoe sends greetings to friends at Christchurch. She has now taken up the post of Children and Family Worker for Ashbourne Methodist Circuit. Her new address can be obtained by ringing the Christchurch Office 603209.

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Our sincere thanks to all our Christchurch friends for their good wishes, love and prayers during Enid's recent illness.

With our heartfelt appreciation.  
Enid and Chris Eagle.

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I would like to express my thanks to all at Christchurch for the messages of love, and the cards, flowers and prayers, all of which assured me of the Saviour's power of love. - Norman Davis

*"To him who by means of his power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of: to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever! Amen."*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

At a recent Steering Group (which meets three times a year to keep On-Line on track) among some routine things, we talked about the following:

- The possibility of having a video link so activity at the front can be shown on the screens
- The impact on attendance at 'joint' services
- Planning ahead with Advent and the Gift Services this year and Lent next year
- The involvement of our children in 'giving' and how we can engage them in meaningful stewardship
- Looking at ways of keeping our Song Worship contemporary (i.e. mostly this century) by using Songs of Fellowship 4 and Songs for the King
- Access issues for the hard of hearing by using the Loop system to facilitate involvement in adult discussion groups, and for the poorly sighted, how to improve visibility of projected words with projector bulbs fading
- Ensuring our prayer is all-age and engages our children

We have another meeting on 27 September and on 21 November we will have our annual Fish & Chip Review when all members of the On-Line@9 congregation are invited to take part in the shaping of our services. If you wish to comment on any of the above please do speak to me.

Steve Amos

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## **Quiet Room**

Following a successful trial in Lent, the Quiet Room will be open during the On-line services in September and October.

This is situated in the Green Room, through the door at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. It is laid out with a few chairs and a focal point (a lit candle on a small table). There are copies of the On-line discussion notes available, and also Bibles, but the room is silent and available purely for folk to sit and pray and worship as they wish. The door is opened to show when to return to the sanctuary for the final part of the service, but there is no obligation to leave at that point.

The room is available for all - stressed mums who want some peace and quiet, people who prefer silence to discussion, anyone who feels the need to be alone with God; young and old, On-liners or ten-thirtys are all invited to use the space.

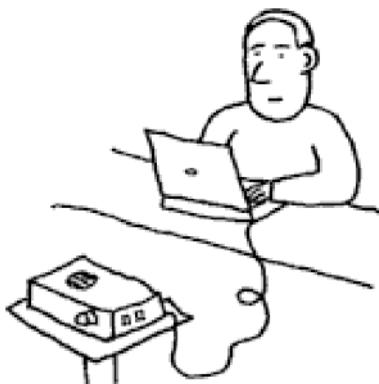
If you wish to know more, please talk to Margaret Whitton.

## THE OVERHEAD PROJECTOR



USED TO PROJECT  
THE WORDS TO  
THE SONGS.  
REQUIRED ONE  
MEMBER OF  
THE CONGREGATION  
TO REMAIN ALERT  
DURING THE SERVICE  
TO CHANGE THE  
TRANSPARENCIES

## THE DATA PROJECTOR



ATTACHED TO  
A LAPTOP  
COMPUTER, THEREBY  
DOUBLING THE  
NUMBER OF  
WAYS IT COULD  
GO WRONG

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**Holiday Club** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August at the Baptist Church, 10-12noon. Praise God that we have a good number of fantastic helpers and we are looking forward to a fun filled week at the Seaside – the theme is Seaside Rock. Do join us for our end of week service at 11.30am at the Baptist Church. Sign your children up for the week in our Foyer.

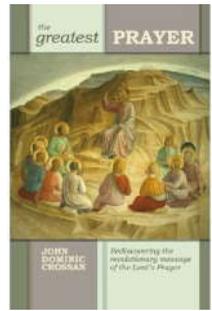
**Ilkley Summer Festival Songs of Praise** – 1.30pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at the Bandstand. Led by a team from Christchurch.

*Ruth Jones and Margaret Cook*

## **Book Review: The Greatest Prayer** **Rediscovering the revolutionary message of the Lord's Prayer**

John Dominic Crossan  
SPCK :: 978-0-281-06417-5 :: 2011  
£10.99 :: 190 pages

Crossan is Professor Emeritus at DePaul University Chicago.



The Lord's Prayer has inevitably become too familiar through regular repetition and, as a result, it has lost its powerful message. Crossan seeks to reassert the meaning and the message of the 'Abba Prayer'. He starts the book from the perspective of biblical literary styles, and in particular the use of parallelism in poetry to emphasise a point.

He unpacks the text from four accounts: those of Matthew and Luke, with Mark's Gethsemane prayer and the Didache (a non-canonical book of teachings), but also picking up on some references by Paul. Each line is carefully deconstructed, and within the discourse, Crossan covers the historical and political context of Jesus' life and times, his message of non-violent justice and his love for the poor of his day - about 98% would have been subsistence peasants for whom 'daily bread' was a daily struggle and debt (and debt slavery) a real danger.

In passing, he demolishes the church tradition of substitutionary atonement by explaining the nature of sacrifice, he explores sin/temptation/trial and explains Jesus' message on debt slavery in the context of Creation, Sabbath and Jubilee. He picks up on the feeding 'miracles' and links bread and fish back to the prayer via Passover and Eucharist. He frequently refers back to the Old Testament, seeking to explain the very nature of God, and whether God intervenes in history or whether it is collaboration that enables God's will. He centres on Jesus' non-violent teaching about distributive justice and looks at the apparent contradictions within the OT (justice through punishment) and similar passages within the book of Revelation.

All this in one book! Although accessible, it certainly demands a second read. Excellent. If anyone would like to borrow my copy, please feel free to ask.

Steve Amos

PS Crossan is leading a weekend conference in Leeds this September - a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

## **Book Review: Life Application Bible Studies - Romans**

New Living Translation

Tyndale :: 978-1-4143-2563-7 :: 2009

£5.49 :: 92 pages

I took on this slim book as my Lent task. It is a complete section of the NLT Bible along with 13 studies for either personal use or within a Housegroup situation.

I was not familiar with this translation: the text reads well – the English is easy to follow and flows well, and includes the removal of male-centred references. The book has a general introduction detailing the context and the themes to be found within.

Alongside are very detailed Study Bible footnotes, for each and every verse, as well as specific panels of additional information, seeking to answer the following questions:

- what does this passage really mean?
- how does it apply to my life?
- why does some of the Bible seem irrelevant?
- what is the cultural context?
- why can't I understand what God is saying through his Word?
- what's going on in the lives of these Bible people?

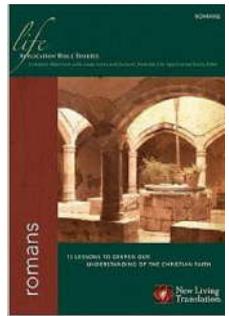
Each study is broken down into five timed sections – reflect, read, realise, respond and resolve - with enough material for an hour or more. Good questions are asked and the book comes with blank lines for your thoughts and responses, and so is completely self contained.

So far, so good; would I recommend it? The study section is twice the length of the text, and herein lies my criticism: the explanations and amplifications go way beyond the text and draw heavily on a conservative evangelical background, adding in layers of meaning from that tradition that I could not see in the text. This I found distracting and unhelpful. So overall – no, I wouldn't recommend it, but that could be my view of the theology, and others would find it suited them well.

Steve Amos

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**Men's Night Out** - first Tuesday of the month that isn't a housegroup week. Meet in the Bartat at 8pm. All welcome. See Martin Whitton or Mark Cade for further details. For the diary, the dates this year are - 6th Sept, 11th Oct, 8th Nov, 6th Dec.



## **So what was Ruth Hilton doing in Jamaica?**

Have you ever started the day with cabbage, and finished with mango fresh from the tree? Jamaica is a beautiful, yet troubled island, which for 8 days in May hosted the World Council of Churches' (WCC) Peace Convocation to mark the end of its Decade to Overcome Violence.

I travelled with 3 other UK Methodists to join another 1000 Christians working for peace from over 100 different countries. We heard stories and reflected on 4 different perspectives: Peace in local communities, the environment, the economy and International relations.

It's difficult to summarise, but here are two impressions which challenged and changed me.

The concept of 'Just Peace'. We are all familiar with a 'just war' – when military response remains the last resort. But history tells us it doesn't work. Even when military objectives are clearly defined, innocent people and communities are always affected, anger and resentments build up and violence escalates. 'Just Peace' is a commitment to non-violent methods of conflict resolution - creative ways to bring about peaceful change which more accurately reflect the message of the gospel. As Christians we are challenged to make a commitment to 'Just Peace' and the final message, sent to the next WCC Assembly in 2014 might help you to grasp the enormity of the task, it can be found at [www.overcomingviolence.org](http://www.overcomingviolence.org).

The Youth Empowerment Project in Kingston brings together young people from different ghettos in the city. Usually engaged in gang warfare it gives them hope for a transformed community. The project builds confidence through parenting skills, interview techniques, writing songs and making music videos. On the first day of a six-month project, we watched the groups from each ghetto view each other with suspicion. But within just 2 hours of games, talking, and listening, the barriers gradually broke down, and friendly banter and openness replaced tension and distrust.

My faith in Jesus motivates me to pursue peace. Its message unites people of all faiths and none. My visit has certainly re-energized my commitment to building a peaceful city through my work at Touchstone, a peaceful community in Ilkley – and to bring peace between my feisty children!

I am very grateful to all at Christchurch for supporting me in prayer, and our family in many practical ways. Look out for a date in the autumn when I hope to offer an evening to explore some of the issues further.

*Ruth Hilton*

***A date for your diary -***

**BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum CONCern)**

**Dinner – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, 6.30 for 7.00p.m.  
at The Riddings Hall, Christchurch, Ilkley  
Cost £15 per person**

Meet the BEACON Project Trustees and Volunteers

Learn about:

- McKenzie Friends
- Hosting
- CHAT

Tickets available from Rev Rita Armitage - Tel: 01943 603886

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**Dorothea Jeffrey, Wycliffe Bible Translators**

The Zam checking in London at the end of May went well, and we have now finished checking Luke's Gospel. The Zam team are in the process of recording Luke and are now planning to start the translation of Genesis.

I'll be going to the South of England on the 29<sup>th</sup> June to do the final check of John's Gospel in Kab.

The Irish Sign Language checking which had to be postponed in May is now rescheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Meanwhile in Sudan Seme and Dominic are continuing to work on the Jesus Film in Mundu. The first committee meeting will have been held by now where the committee was looking at the translation done so far, and thinking about choosing the voice actors.

Seme's nephew, Bakata, has just been running a seminar for Mundu youth to encourage them to read the Bible and to be united in Christ. Enoka's son, Ngaimoko, is in the middle of a project to record the songs in the Mundu hymnbook, using a choir of young people drawn from different denominations found in Mundu-land. Please pray for the Mundu youth to study the Scriptures and come to know the Author.

Independence Day for South Sudan was 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for peace. In recent weeks there has been some serious fighting in the disputed border town of Abyei and the adjacent South Kordofan state (500+ miles to the North of Mundu-land). According to the BBC, "tens of thousands have fled the fighting."

# BIG Saturday @the Bandstand



## Big Saturday Breaks out

We had a wonderful morning on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July when the Big Saturday, including Bubba the Gorilla and the Spicy Camels, escaped from the Riddings Hall and took over the bandstand.

The sun shone and over 100 people dropped by to meet members of the team, bounce on the Bouncy castles, have their face painted and do some cool crafts. It was a chance to chat to parents and to tell new people about the great programme of events coming up in the autumn.

Jonathan and the camels did a lively talk from the bandstand and everyone enjoyed the delicious burgers and sausages cooked by Becky Sayers and Margaret Scott.

Many people commented about how great it was to see the church getting out of its building, even it was only by a few metres! Keep praying for Jonathan and the team as we lead the children closer to Jesus in the new term.

*Ruth Jones*





The Spicy Camels were a big hit at the bandstand

A massive "Thank You" to all those who helped make the Big Saturday at the Bandstand a great success.

If you feel that you would like to get involved in future events, please let me know



### Caption Competition!

Email, or drop your caption for the picture (right) into the office by Monday 8th August and the best entry will win a fabulous prize!...

...inexpensive yes, but fabulous nonetheless!



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## **Christchurch Prayer Shawl Ministry**

It is now six months since the introduction of our Prayer Shawl Ministry and its effect and growth has been so inspirational.

So many of our ladies have knitted and crocheted in their spare time and a total of 20 shawls have been completed and blessed.

Thank you to the Pastoral team for liaising in the distribution and we have had so many positive responses from grateful recipients. It is rewarding to everyone concerned to see the out reach to people in our community and to share God's love with them.

Thank you to several people for their donations of money and wool which has been gratefully received.

Our little knitting group at Friday Free and Easy will continue after the summer holiday period.

During the holiday period and hopefully days of endless sunshine the knitting needles will take a short break but I know in the autumn that we will start up again with renewed 'clicking'.

A huge 'thank you' to all the ladies who have helped in our success. It couldn't have been achieved without your involvement, commitment and love.

May God bless you all.

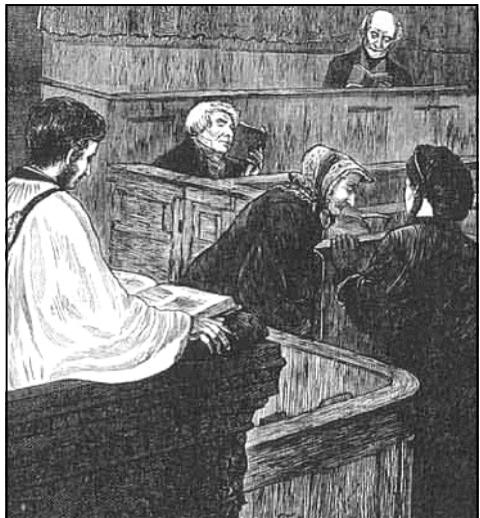
Val Appleton

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## **Why People Go To Church**

— *Found in an old Prayer Book dated 1870*

Some go to church just for a walk;  
Some go to laugh and some to talk;  
Some go there to meet a friend;  
Some their idle time to spend;  
Some for general observation;  
Some for private speculation;  
Some to seek and find a lover;  
Some, new fashions to discover;  
Some to learn the Parson's name;  
Some go there to wound his fame;  
Some go there to doze and nod;  
But a few go there to worship God.



## **A Grand Day Out!**

45 of us have glimpsed the sea, and spotted some stripey deckchairs! Some of us have tried our hand at painting a sea view, or tackled some card making, met people we haven't seen for a while, been served a tasty fish and had some wonderful end of pier entertainment!

Where have we been? The seaside!

Well, almost!

Thanks to all the preparation and beavering away of many, all 45 of us guests and helpers have thoroughly enjoyed a day out 'Holidaying at Home' in Christchurch with our theme 'Beside the Sea'.

The day started with a warm welcome, coffee and biscuits. The friendly atmosphere with familiar faces, rolling scenes of the seaside, and a beautiful display of the seaside set the scene for the day.

We were soon in activities, or settling in to a chat with friends and acquaintances. Some had a go at putting a fringe on a seaside themed prayer shawl, or played dominoes. Others got a bit of expert guidance on creating a watercolour of a sea view. You should see the results! A few of us are quite proud of our first attempts!

We were able to try card making, add to the giant jigsaw, and most became absorbed by the quiz. Listening for the answers towards the end of the day was like waiting for the next raffle ticket to be drawn to see if we'd won the prize!

Rob arrived dressed for sunshine with shorts and sunhat. He brought us a 'Thought for the Day' before we went off for a delicious lunch with a super pud, prepared, served and cleared by a hardworking team of volunteers.

And then came what was for many the highpoint of the day: an hour of high spirited, fun entertainment with the Ilkley Operatic Society. It pulled us all together and lifted our spirits as we listened to those songs and monologues from the 'good old days' and sang along with gusto!

By the time we had tea and cakes, and were ready for home, we'd enjoyed a wonderful day's holiday, and were left with a definite feel-good factor.

"I hope it's not going to be a one off" said one!

"That's the best £5 worth of day's fun I've had for the very long time" said another!

And "When are we doing it again?"

Well? Watch this space, you never know. And we're sure you'd have a great time!

*Lynda Duttine*

## **Phakamisa Micro-Loans**

Phakamisa is a charity that our church supports through "The World Mission & Society" and is a Methodist Church in Pinetown, Durban, South Africa which has a focus on helping its local community in many ways.

One of its ways of helping is a "Micro-Loan" scheme, which loans small amounts of money without interest to help people (nearly always ladies) to start or improve very small business ventures.

Micro-Loans have many advantages, in particular they help empower people, they help people become more independent and they become more confident. Below is a letter from one of the recipients of the loans. If you require any further information, please contact Ann Clark on 07917 867600.

My name is Sindi. I am 29 years old. I bought a store with the loan I got from Phakamisa. I bake and sell at the clinic to 160 customers a day. I make a profit of about 80 a day that help me pay myself and cover school fees for my baby boy. Thank you very much for allowing me to have the loan, you have fulfilled my dreams. May God Bless you

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## **St George's Crypt, Leeds**

We have received grateful thanks for all the donations of food items.

In the last three months the Crypt has:

- Served 5820 meals
- Accommodated 343 people in the overnight programme, with 78% receiving a positive onward move
- Received 423 referrals for bed spaces
- Provided 360 food parcels for vulnerable people and families.

They are in need of more non-perishable foods including tinned meats and vegetables such as: peas, beans, carrots, tinned potatoes & green beans (although not sweetcorn, as they have loads of this!). The Crypt also uses a huge amount of toiletries but has run out of disposable razors & toothbrushes. If you are able to help please add your contribution to the St George's box in the Christchurch Café.

Thank you for caring.

Avril Benson.

## **The Green Spot**

We have just bought a new kettle. Our last kettle lasted just over two years but was out of guarantee! The new kettle was recommended to us by one of our sons. The kettle was a WHICH Best Buy and is described as an aid to reducing your energy consumption. I am impressed and would like to share the advice with you all.



### **Save energy, only boil what you need**

- Filling your kettle completely to make just one or two cups of tea wastes energy.
- This kettle has a unique 1 cup indicator so you can easily see exactly how much water you need.
- By boiling the cup of water you need you could save 66% energy - that is enough to earn your kettle back in one year!

### **Did you know?**

- Boiling the kettle to wash a few dishes is more energy efficient than filling the sink with water from the hot tap.
- Using cold water when you are filling the kettle uses less energy than taking hot water from your hot water system.
- Boiling water in a kettle is more efficient than on the stove.

I hope this is of some use to you. I am enjoying the feeling that I am now using less electrical energy than I used to do. Hope the bill goes down!

*Elisabeth Halsall*

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## **Prayer Ministry in LA**

We are exploring the possibility of opening a 'store front prayer room' in our neighbourhood where neighbours could come for prayer and healing. SO many of our neighbours suffer from severe physical ailments and there are multiple places in the area that include occult practices where they can turn, for a fee of course. Currently there aren't any Christian alternatives. (Most neighbourhood churches are small and locked up mid-week.) There is a reputable Christian healing room ministry that will be training some of us next month, so that's our next step. In the meantime we are finding God is granting more opportunities to pray for people as we carry on in our daily routine.

Sometimes these are people we know and sometimes they are strangers we encounter on the bus or at the corner. We are grateful God is growing us and our understanding of ministry!

*Catherine and Alastair Rundle – Los Angeles Innerchange*



## WORSHIP AT CHRISTCHURCH August 2011



	7th	14th	21st	28th
<b>09:00am</b>	On-line@9	On-line@9	On-line@9	On-line@9
<b>10:30am</b>	Rev Rob Hilton Inc. HC	Roland Henney	Margaret Cook	Stan Loach
<b>06:30pm</b>	Rev Arnold Clay Inc. HC	Rev Arnold Clay	3rd Sunday @ IBC	Rev Arnold Clay
<b>SHOPPERS' SERVICE EACH FRIDAY at 10:30am</b> A 20 minute time of reflection 5th Rev Arnold Clay, 12th Rev Dick Watson, 19th Margaret Cook, 26th Father Phillip Gray				

**The deadline for the September 2011 edition of Wider Horizons is 1st August .**

Items (maximum 300 words please) preferably by email, please, as a Word attachment to both:

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### **Christchurch Guild Summer Meetings**

August 3rd, Michelle Horton - "All Buttoned Up."

### **Guild re-opens September 7th.**

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**King James Version Bible Readathon** – 7pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August to 7pm Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August in the Lower Hall at Christchurch. We need 16 readers please! Speak to Margaret Cook or Ruth Jones. This is part of the Ilkley Summer Festival.

**Churches Together Family Walk** – Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August. A 7-8 mile walk around Ilkley, pausing to pray, picnic and play. You can walk all or part of it. If you can't walk you can ask for the name of a few streets to pray for. Organised by Rev Lee Townend at All Saints. Contact their church office for more details (816035).

*Ruth Jones and Margaret Cook*