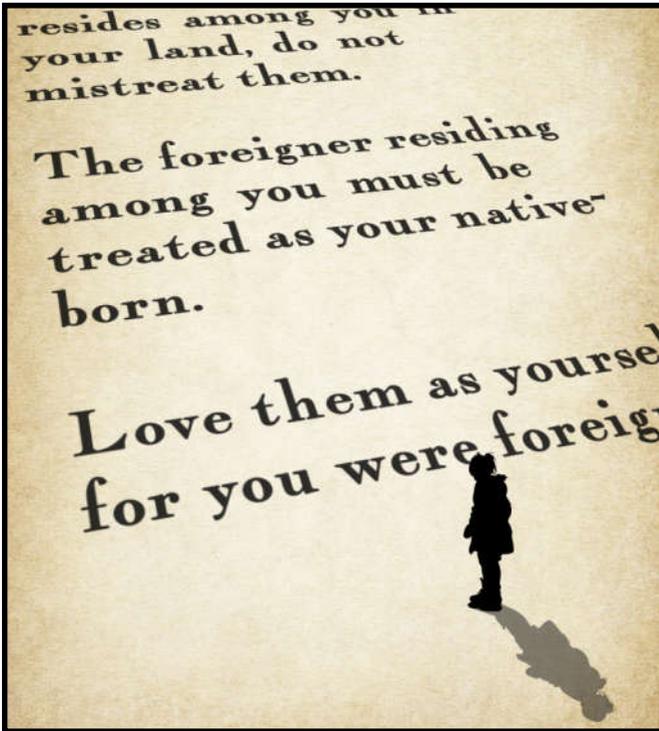


# WIDER HORIZONS



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ROBERTA'S  
WRITINGS

Dear friends,

Towards the end of July I had the joy of visiting one of the days-out for refugees that Sue Staton and Felicity Tomblin organise regularly here in Ilkley. The day was held at Nell Bank, the wonderful outdoor learning centre just up from the north bank of the River Wharfe. Sue and Felicity had worked again with Refugee Action Bradford and Wharfedale Refugee Response to put on a great day of activities for 75 refugees. These are men and women, boys and girls who

have had to flee their home country and are trying to rebuild their lives in the Bradford District. I was absolutely delighted to be part of the welcome team saying hello to families from a range of countries and at the same time to see so many members of Christchurch helping out by providing food or washing-up or doing the numerous other tasks to make the day so good for all the participants. I enjoyed joining in the pond-dipping and learning about newts and damsel fly nymphs and all sorts of other local insects!

The day at Nell Bank was designed to bring some relief into the lives of people who are in the very challenging and difficult position of being refugees or asylum seekers in this country. According to the UN Refugee Congress, a refugee is someone who, due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for who they are, is not able to receive protection in their own country and has fled to another country, and we could add, been accepted as a refugee. An asylum seeker by contrast, according to the Refugee Action Website, "is someone who has arrived in a country and asked for asylum". Only once their case for asylum has been considered and agreed do they become designated as a refugee and have the right to work or access benefits. If the asylum seeker is destitute then they can apply to receive asylum support which is set at around £5.28 a day. This is an impossibly small amount on which to live. Even once they are given refugee status life is still challenging, as refugees have been through traumatic experiences, left their homes and wider families and networks of support and have to find work in new circumstances, often needing to greatly improve their grasp of the English language.

In addition to all of that, when they come to the UK, refugees and asylum seekers often have to live with hostility to themselves from some British people. In the UK at various times a fear of people who move here has been strongly expressed and in recent years some sections of the media have, as research has shown, played upon these fears and written in inflammatory ways about immigration. Politicians often seem to feel they have to respond to people's fears, whether well-grounded or not and to be seen to be doing something that will be popular in response. This has sometimes meant legislation has been developed to make life even more difficult for those who wish to come and live here. With what is called the



'Windrush scandal' earlier this year we saw how people from the Caribbean, who have lived in the UK all of their lives, were being threatened with deportation simply because they did not have all the paperwork deemed necessary. This is all part of 'the hostile environment' created by policies and procedures designed to make migrants feel uncomfortable and unable to live here.

When it comes to thinking about migrants only a very small proportion are refugees and asylum seekers. The Refugee Action Website reports that according to the UNHCR, by mid-2015 in the UK there were 117,234 refugees, 37,829 pending asylum cases and 16 stateless persons. That's less than one quarter of a percent of the UK's total population. Numbers have gone up slightly in the last few years as the war in Syria has continued to mean many people have lost their homes there. The countries hosting the most refugees from Syria are Turkey with 2.5 million, next most are hosted by Lebanon, and Jordan. Within Europe, Germany has taken the greatest number in receiving several hundreds of thousands, whereas the UK has agreed to receive just 20,000 people, and not all of those have been accommodated yet.

Refugees and asylum seekers are just two kinds of migrating peoples. Many of us, and I include myself, are migrants from earlier times, having changed country because of marriage or for work reasons or we have relatives who have migrated to live abroad. Migration has been a significant issue in the past and currently today it is one of the biggest issues which the UK and the wider global popular must deal with. That is why for this Autumn's housegroups at Christchurch, we have decided to study a Bible Society course on migration called *Love the Stranger: migration, the Bible and our societies*. The housegroup booklets suggests the course "will look at what the Bible says about migration, how it depicts migrants, and how it suggests migrants should be treated". It will cover stories of migrants in the Old Testament, for example Abraham and Sara, as well as look at the rules devised in the Jewish law as to how migrants or strangers were to be treated by the people of Israel, and then what Jesus and the early Church writers had to say on the matter.

Housegroups begin again the week starting 16 September. This promises to be a really interesting and helpful course so if you are not already part of a housegroup and would like to join in, please just speak to me or Juliet Amos (01943 600111) and we will be glad to help.

In the meantime if you would like to do something practical to support or help refugees in this country or abroad note the next refugee day in Ilkley is being planned for October in Christchurch so more help will be needed. Also, as was mentioned in August's *Wider Horizons* Jo Wales-Smith is hoping there might be enough of us able to volunteer to help fill another set of boxes for Samara Aid appeal to go to destitute families in Syria and Iraq.

All of this might be how we apply the teaching of Jesus, which on this issue relates back to some lines from chapter 19 in the book of Leviticus in the Old Testament:

<sup>33</sup> When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.  
<sup>34</sup> The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

Wishing you God's richest blessings—*Roberta* — Minister at Christchurch

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### **Comings & Goings**

We are sad to record the death of Connie Sutcliffe at Abbeyfield. We remember her with love and send our thoughts and prayers to Bob and her family at this time.

Muriel Young is now living at the Nursing Home in Draughton. We hope she is settled and visits from her friends would be welcome.

Please continue to pray for people in special circumstances and let the Pastoral Team know of any new concerns.

Please keep your directory up to date by noting down the comings and goings.



COMINGS &  
GOINGS

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### **Christchurch Welcome Booklet**

A new edition of the Christchurch Welcome Book has been published. It will be freely available to visitors to the Café and Dan's Den and for Pastoral Visitors to share with new-comers.

If you would like to see one with a view to offering a copy to new neighbours or friends, copies are available from Margo Atkinson.

*Margo Atkinson*



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### **Our Giving At Christchurch**

During the past year we have focussed on the charity Action for Children, encouraged by Geoff Halsall. This culminated in the talks at the services in August and the retiring collection afterwards.

Our focus from September onwards will be on Bishop Ivan's Revival Centre in Matugga, Uganda. After Christmas we hope to contribute towards poverty and/or refugee projects in Bradford.

If you have comments or further suggestions please talk to one of us.

A reminder: there will be collections after all communion services to build up a special 'Emergency Fund' for cases of special need in the community.

*Christine Henney and Merle Collins*

## Higher Tour

As a church we have just decided to work alongside the Message Trust, an organisation that has been working in schools for 25 years. They are coming to Yorkshire in March 2019 with an initiative called the Higher Tour. We are really excited to partner with them as we hope to have them come to Ilkley Grammar School and run a school's day. This relies on a few factors, the first being the support of a local church. We have stepped into that position and are hoping some of the other CTI churches will come alongside us as we head towards March. The next step is getting Ilkley Grammar to accept the offer of hosting a Higher Tour school's day. It is free of charge to the school and it ticks a number of Ofsted boxes. Hopefully it will be fairly attractive.



This is where you come in to the mix. WE NEED YOU! We need you to start praying. We need you to pray for the teachers approached with the Higher Tour initiative, that they would be open to the idea and willing to use the resource. Prayer is needed for the leadership in IGS, for a softening of hearts to allow the gospel to be taught in the school.

This has great potential to be both exciting for Christchurch as we partner with an organisation that has the desire to be making lifelong disciples who will shape the church of tomorrow. But also for Ilkley, allowing all the young people locally to hear about Jesus and potentially give them the opportunity to make a commitment to follow him. Please partner alongside us in prayer as we start this new evangelism venture.

For more details about the Higher Tour and a few of the specifics visit their website: [highertour.com](http://highertour.com).

*Rebecca Anderson*



## Congratulations to Rebecca and Jack!

Rebecca Anderson, our Children's, Youth and Families Worker, is to marry Jack Baker at her home in Ireland on Friday 24 August. Our congratulations to them both, from all at Christchurch on this very special occasion. May they enjoy God's many blessings in their new life together.

*Juliet Amos*

## St George's Crypt Collection

St George's Crypt in Leeds opened in 1930 and members of the Congregational Church here on the Grove in Ilkley decided to give practical and financial support, which continues to this day. The Crypt provides care for vulnerable, disadvantaged and homeless people and has expanded its work considerably with hostel accommodation, three charity shops, and provision of training in catering and gardening.



Our annual collection of clothing, footwear and household linen will take place on Saturday 20 October from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Lower Hall. Please note that duvets and pillows cannot be accepted.

Items can be left in the Lower Hall Lobby, clearly labelled "St George's Crypt", during the week before the collection. Thank you in anticipation of your usual generous support for St George's Crypt.

*Avril Benson*

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## Jigsaw Club and Festival

Are you a keen dissectionist (someone who enjoys assembling jigsaws)?

We would be very grateful for any help that could be offered in constructing the many, many jigsaws we plan to display - complete and for sale - at our 5<sup>th</sup> Christchurch Jigsaw Festival (01 - 03 November 2018). Proceeds will go to Action for Children, Martin House children's hospice and Christchurch. We provide the jigsaws and boards, if you provide the time! Please call 01943 608652 or 07982 300233.

Alternatively come along on Friday evening (6:00 - 9:00pm) to the Jigsaw Club at Christchurch. Have a cuppa and chat and make up a jigsaw.

*John Sayers*

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## Christchurch Calendar 2019—Ilkley: Sights & Corners

Many thanks to those who have offered photographs for the 2019 Christchurch Calendar - it's the largest-ever selection and our independent adjudicator will have a tough job! The intention is to publish by the end of October to coincide with the Jigsaw Festival.



*Margo Atkinson*

## Wednesday Fellowship

After a full year of guest speakers, cups of tea and biscuits, the Wednesday Fellowship took their annual afternoon outing on 18 July, and twenty one members visited 'Caring for Life' at Cragg House Farm, Cookridge. After an hour walking around in the sensory gardens, nursery and shop we were greeted by Pam Parkinson in the coffee shop.



An interesting talk about the charity and activities followed. One of the members of the team, Fred, from the agricultural section, proudly showed us rosettes and a cup won in various shows for their sheep. We all enjoyed an individual platter of three scones (cheese, coffee and walnut), strawberries with cream, and plentiful cups of tea.

Wednesday Fellowship recommences on 19 Sept at 2:00pm when we will welcome Liz Sharpe as guest speaker. Entitled 'Laugh a Minute', we hope to be entertained with lots of humour.

We would also like to invite new members to come along to share our afternoons and that applies to any gentlemen interested. We have varied topics that are interesting to all.

Future speakers include

26 September - Susan Broadhead - Loss of the Titanic

03 October - Blanche Woollin - Desert Island Discs

10 October - Bea Kelly - From Classroom to Camera

*Val Appleton*



**Flower Team**—Whatever happened to just putting flowers in a vase? Well that is now back in fashion and here is your chance! No experience necessary- please help the flower arranging team in whatever way you can.

Find out more by getting in touch with Jenny Freeman or Rita Blowers or Annette Ackroyd.



## **Christian Aid Week – May 2018**

It seems a while ago that back in May we were collecting for Christian Aid Week. We've been waiting to report the outcome of our 'takings' until the accounts from all the churches were in. Churches Together in Ikley as a whole collected £6222 - a touch down on last year but a lovely sum nevertheless.



Christchurch's collection came in at £2000.48, marginally up from last year's £1,911 and around one third of this year's CTI total. That's super! We want to give a BIG CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS to all at Christchurch for a job well done. Our total includes both house-to-house collection as well as Christian Aid giving in church.

The gathering of money is not the only thing that happens in Christian Aid Week. It's also about the love expressed on door steps and in churches and in the field helping folk to rebuild their lives. If you remember, as part of the Christian Aid worship service, we wrote messages on paper house bricks to the people in Haiti. Little Hannah Smith summed it up when she wrote on her brick: "Dear Friend, We send you love."

*Chris and Gary Knamiller*

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## **Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation**

Christine Gibson wanted to share this meditation which she found particularly interesting.

### **Church as Living Organism - Monday, 07 May 2018**

The Apostle Paul's teaching is deeply incarnational, yet this has often not been recognised. Paul sees that the Gospel message must have concrete embodiment, which he calls "churches." Jesus' first vision of church is so simple we miss it: "*two or three gathered in my name*" (Matthew 18:20), "*and I am with you*" (which is just as strong a statement of presence as in the bread and wine of communion). This is surely why Jesus insists the message be communicated not by the lone evangelist but sends the disciples out "*two by two*" (Mark 6:7). The individual alone is not a fitting communicator of the core message, and I am not either. (I am blessed to be part of a supportive Franciscan community that gives me the structural and financial freedom to teach and write. Through editing and technology, the Center for Action and Contemplation fully brings my messages to readers and listeners. I certainly could not do it alone!)

During Paul's lifetime, the Christian church was not yet an institution or a centrally organized set of common practices and beliefs. It was a *living organism* that communicated the Gospel primarily through *relationships*. This fits with Paul's understanding of Christ as what we might call an energy field, a set of relationships inside of which we can live with integrity. Today's support or recovery groups are good examples of these relationships.

Paul's brilliant metaphor for this living, organic, concrete embodiment is "the Body of Christ": "*Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit, because all those parts make up a single body, so it is with Christ*" (1 Corinthians 12:12). At the heart of this body, providing the energy that enlivens the whole community, although each in different ways, is "*the love of God that has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 5:5).

This Spirit is itself the foundational energy of the universe, the Ground of All Being, described in the first lines of the Bible (Genesis 1:2). Union is not just spiritual poetry, but the very concrete work of God. It is how God makes love to what God created. Paul writes that it is precisely "*in your togetherness that you are Christ's Body*" (1 Corinthians 12:27). By remaining - against all trials and resistance - inside this luminous web of relationship, this vibrational state of love, we experience a very honest and healthy notion of salvation. If you are trying to do it alone and apart, it is not salvation at all, but very well disguised self-interest.

Paul's communities are his audiovisual aids that he can point to inside of a debauched empire (where human dignity was never upheld as inherent), to give credibility to his message. To people who asked, "Why should we believe there's a new or different life possible?" Paul could say, "Look at these people. They're different. This is a different social order." In Christ, "*there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ Jesus*" (Galatians 3:28). This is not just a religious idea, but a socioeconomic message that began to change the world - and still can.

For Jesus, such teachings as forgiveness, healing, and justice work are the only real evidence of a new and shared life. If we do not see this happening in churches and spiritual communities (but merely the conducting of worship services or meditation sits), religion is "all in the head" and largely an illusion. Peacemaking, forgiveness, and reconciliation are not some kind of ticket to heaven later. They are the price of peoplehood - the signature of heaven - now.

*Adapted from Richard Rohr: Essential Teachings on Love, ed. Joelle Chase and Judy Traeger (Orbis Books: 2018), 103-104.*

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*You can check out more meditations at the Center for Action and Contemplation website, where you can subscribe to receive them on a daily basis. Visit: [cac.org/sign-up/](http://cac.org/sign-up/).*

## Café Update

You may be wondering how the hot weather has affected trade in the Café. It is true to say that trade in the Café is affected by the weather and we are disadvantaged by not having any outdoor tables and seating. If you wander around Ilkley you will note many people seem to like to eat outside in the hot weather. However, we are still staying busy and had our busiest EVER single day total this month.



We made the decision again this year to stay open for the Ilkley Cycle Races and our bacon and sausage baps were extremely popular, as were our ice cream cornets (an absolute bargain at £1 each), and we sold 80 cans of pop! Thank you to all those volunteers who came along to help on the night.

We are pleased to announce that we have three new volunteers: Maggie, Emily and Abi (Emily and Abi are teenagers who wanted to help in their summer holidays). We have also had a student from Prince Henry's Grammar school, James, who decided to do his work experience placement with us. James enjoyed his week with us so

much that he has agreed to work with us on a Saturday! We are also pleased to announce that we are also hopeful that we have managed to recruit three other students to replace the current ones who are leaving in September – goodbye and thanks to Charlotte Simpson, Harry Forde, Joanna Henney and Tim Frankland.



I mentioned in the past that our 'Specials' Board was proving popular. Some of the items we have put on it have become so popular that we have decided to add them to our main menu as regular items (the vegetable casserole, bacon baps and fruit crumble) watch out for the new menus to be printed shortly.

If you have been in the Café recently you may have noticed it is a less noisy now. That is because we have set up a new food ordering system which means the staff no longer have to shout out food order numbers. The new system is working extremely well. If you haven't been in for a while, why don't you pop in and see!

*Liz Frankland*

## **Migration - A Very Topical Issue**

Our Housegroups this Autumn will be focussing on the very topical theme of migration. Although very much a part of our present world, migration has been taking place, often on a massive scale, throughout history. To help us tackle this frequently emotive topic we shall be using a study guide published by The Bible Society which uses both Old and New Testament scriptures to help us explore the many ways in which the Bible addresses the issue of migration, and to help guide our thinking.



In his foreword to the study guide, entitled 'Love the Stranger, Migration, the Bible and our societies', the Rt Rev Steven Frost, Bishop of Oxford, writes: "Understanding migration is an inseparable part of loving our neighbours as ourselves. To love means to imagine ourselves in other people's shoes, to listen to their experiences, to see the world and our towns and cities and churches through their eyes."

The Joint Public Issues Team of the Methodist Church, United Reformed Church, Baptist Church and Church of Scotland have just published a paper on the subject of migration and the 'Hostile Environment' encountered in so many ways by those caught up in migration today. This will be part of the discussion material available to Housegroups and will also form part of an evening which we hope to host at Christchurch for all who wish to attend in October (date to be announced).

Rev Roberta Topham will use the theme of migration in the Sunday morning services on 09 September as an introduction to the Housegroup material and as a taster for those of you who may not be involved in our Housegroups. It would be great if more people wished to join!

We currently have seven groups which meet fortnightly on weekday evenings in people's homes and on Tuesday afternoon at Christchurch. The fortnightly pattern will begin in the week commencing 16 September.

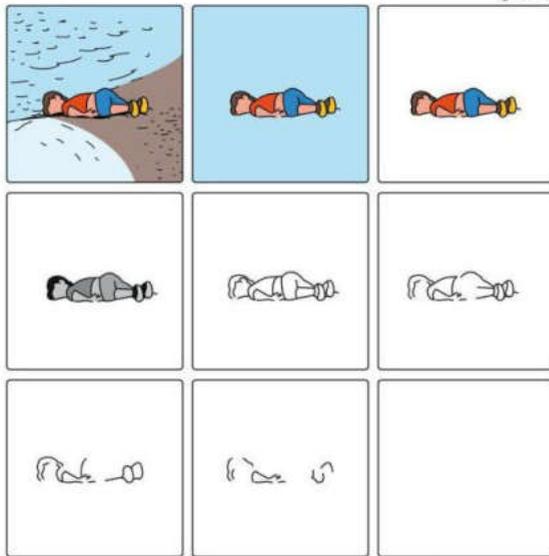
If you would like to know more or would like to join a group, please contact me ([juliet.j.amos@gmail.com](mailto:juliet.j.amos@gmail.com), 01943 600111, or via church pigeon holes) or speak to someone you may know who is already in a group. We're all a very friendly bunch and it's a great way to get to know people better and to share ideas, uncertainties and questions, to deepen fellowship and develop our faith. The group which meets in Burley on Thursday evenings would especially welcome more members, as would the Tuesday afternoon group as both are currently quite small in number.

*Juliet Amos*

## Mediterranean Hope Update

Fiona Kendall is working in Italy with Mediterranean Hope on behalf of the Church of Scotland and Methodist Church in Britain. Here she shares a little about the situation of asylum seekers in Italy.

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"LA MEMORIA COLECTIVA SIEMPRE ES DE CORTO PLAZO."

Rome, 18 July 2018

I recently saw this image on Twitter. There are few people, I think, who were not shocked by the original image of Alan Kurdi washed up on the shores of Turkey on 02 September 2015. Yet the point made so succinctly by the cartoonist is that our collective memory fades quickly.

Were that not so, urgent efforts to create a coherent European migration policy might now be in evidence. Instead, yesterday, an equally distressing photograph on Twitter showed the bodies of a woman and child, fuel burns on the shoulders of the woman, found drowned by crew of Proactiva's *Open Arms*. The remains of a boat floated alongside them, as did Josefa, the sole survivor of the wreck. How did the boat come to be

destroyed? Perhaps Josefa will be able to tell us, when she is finally permitted to set foot on dry land.

Everyone wants to stop deaths at sea. On the face of it, European countries recognise that the current approach to migration is not working, that Italy



cannot shoulder the migration burden on its own and that reform is urgently needed. However, whilst member states wrangle over what that means in practice, the current Italian policy of closing ports and making it all but impossible for NGOs to carry out search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea is not stopping migrants from setting off from the shores of Africa. And so people continue to drown.

Statistics published this week by UNHCR and the Italian Ministry of the Interior showed the migrant 'invasion' this year is five times smaller than in the same period (January – July) last year. The numbers coming have clearly reduced. However, the same data set shows the number of dead and missing has actually doubled. This increase has occurred in a period when NGO boats have been impounded, NGO light aircraft used to locate boats in distress have been prevented from flying and the Libyan coastguard has acquired primary responsibility for co-ordinating SAR operations.



Not all Italians are comfortable with the current policies of the newly-formed government. Yesterday, outside the Ministry of the Interior, a silent flash mob stood with their hands aloft, hands painted red to symbolise the blood of those who continue to die at sea, blood which, it is suggested, is now on the hands of the government.

The default policy is that the Italian ports are closed to rescue boats. Perhaps surprising then that an offer was made for the *Open Arms* to disembark Josefa in Catania. Instead, the *Open Arms* is heading for Palma de Mallorca, a decision which the Minister of the Interior has suggested points to the NGO having "something to hide". An alternative possibility is that Josefa has "something to tell" and that, in the current hostile climate, the NGO considers it safer all round for the *Open Arms* to head for a Spanish rather than an Italian port.

As matters stand, we do not have a functioning system for rescuing, disembarking and settling migrants across Europe. Instead, we appear to have a climate of hostility and mistrust, where collaboration has been replaced by accusation. What has happened to our collective memory of the little boy washed up on the shore who inspired so many to say this should never happen again?

## **Book Review: Black Sheep And Prodigals – an antidote to black and white religion**

**Dave Tomlinson**

2017 :: Hodder :: £9.99

ISBN 978-1-473-611047 :: 253 pages

*Dave Tomlinson was an influential leader in the house church movement before founding Holy Joes, a church in a pub for disaffected churchgoers. He is now the vicar of St Luke's Church, Holloway, a thriving parish church in North London, and a regular speaker at Greenbelt, on Radio 2 and elsewhere.*

"This book is not for the spiritually certain. It's for people fed up with the black and white religion, who long for something more humane and open-ended, who reject traditional interpretation of Christianity yet would like to believe."

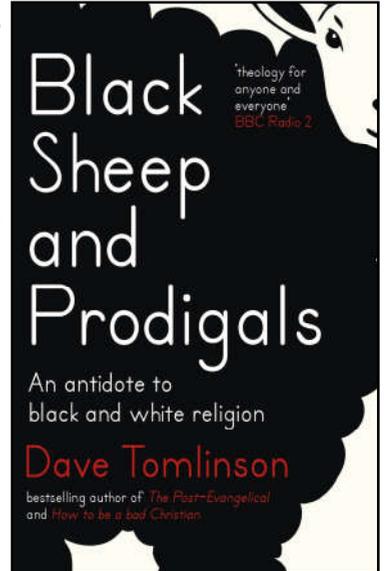
"Black and white religion generates an 'us and them' mentality. It interprets sacred texts and traditions in a way that locks us into the past instead of thrusting us into the future. It feeds our fear of difference instead of helping us to see beyond it. It prescribes beliefs and morals that inhibit us from thinking for ourselves and discovering what we really believe deep down. Basically, black and white religion stunts growth of spiritual intelligence."

These quotes from the book summarise well both its audience and purpose.

Earlier this year, a group of us from Christchurch went to hear Dave Tomlinson speak in Harrogate. He is warm-hearted, talks very personally, is full of anecdotes and stories, and this latest book is written in this style; easy to read 'theology for anyone and everyone'.

It's effectively his 'creed' broken down into fifteen chapters which includes:

- I believe beliefs are over-stated – they are only words after all
- I believe 'God' is just a word – what would happen if we dumped it?
- I believe in evolution and the Big Bang – and other creation myths
- I believe in original goodness – we enter the world in a state of grace
- I believe someone who punishes his son for other people's shortcomings needs counselling – even if he is God!
- I believe in life before death – the afterlife is above my pay grade
- I believe God is human – it's the rest of us I'm not sure about.



You will have picked up from the above that Dave Tomlinson takes a humorous, yet absolutely serious, approach to his theology. Much of his thinking would be described as 'liberal' or even 'progressive' yet he believes the church, with all its faults, still has something precious to offer people. He is strong on community, the worth of every individual, an open table, and still holds on to 'traditions' – in this way he is a bridge that spans much of the spectrum of theology found today.

An excellent read, possible to dip in and out, for those who prefer to stray from the beaten track recognising that 'not all who wander are lost'.

*Steve Amos*

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### **Autumn 2018 Programme**

Melting Pot generally meets on the second Sunday of the month, September to May, at 7:30pm in the Café.



For those who might be new(ish) to Christchurch, Melting Pot is an open interactive forum for discussing questions of faith and spirituality in a credible and inclusive way, valuing contemporary thought and modern biblical understanding. All are welcome.

Dates for Melting Pot this coming Autumn are:

**09 September, 14 October, 11 November and 09 December.**

Our first meeting will be an open discussion entitled '**The Open-ended Bible**'. Although many see the Bible as 'the word of God', it was a humanly written, edited, redacted and translated document, with different versions in varying traditions. At our last meeting, the idea was raised that there are many examples in all categories of literature, art, film and music that can have an impact as equally powerful and compelling, in effect a 'divine revelation'. If you can please bring along one example to share, this could be a really inspirational evening.

*Steve Amos*

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A man and wife were having argument about who should make the pot of tea in the morning. The wife told him that he should do it because he gets up first. The husband said that he was still sleepy and she should take her turn.

The wife said that even the bible says that the man should do it. The husband told her to show him and if it did he would make it. She fetched the bible and opened up the new testament, showing him at the top of several pages that said "Hebrews".

Q: Who was the best business woman in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter – she drew a profit from the rush at the bank.

## WORSHIP AT CHRISTCHURCH

Sunday	02	09	16	23	30
<b>Theme</b>	<b>God's Champions: Barnabas</b>	<b>God's Champions: Apollos</b>	<b>God's Champions: Timothy</b>	<b>God's Champions: Luke</b>	<b>Harvest Festival: 'Praise the Lord'</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Acts 11:20-26, 13:1-5, 15:36-41	Acts 18:24-28	Acts 16:1-5, 1 & 2 Timothy	Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-2	Psalm 150
<b>9:00am</b> Interactive Worship	Led by: Rebecca Anderson	Led by: Rev Dr Roberta Topham Inc. Holy Communion	Led by: Christine & Philip Gibson	Led by: Chris Mannall	Led by: Rev Dr Roberta Topham
<b>10:45</b> Preacher led Worship	Led by: Rebecca Anderson & Liz Huddleston	Led by: Rev Dr Roberta Topham Inc. Holy Communion	Led by: Christine & Philip Gibson	Led by: Rev Vicky Atkins	Led by: Lynda Duttine

### Wednesday Fellowship

Meeting most Wednesdays at 2:00pm—All welcome

**19th September — Liz Sharpe:** Laugh a Minute

**26 September — Susan Broadhead:** Loss of the Titanic

### Wider Horizons Email Address

To help streamline the process of collating incoming articles for Wider

**The deadline for the October 2018 edition of Wider Horizons is the first Sunday in September.**

Items (please try to keep to about 400 words which is about one page) preferably by email, please, as a Word attachment to **both:**

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