



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

*This Church is working and praying to become a Whole Life Disciple making Community*

## This Morning



**Theme** The Prayers of Jesus  
**Readings** Luke 11:1-4  
Luke 11:5-13

Welcome! If you are worshipping with us for the first time we hope that you enjoy our service this morning led by **Revd Andrew and Sally Willett.**

## This Week



**THURSDAY 8.45AM** The TReats team would like you to join us during Fairtrade Fortnight for a **Fairtrade Breakfast** at the coffee shop. We'll be offering our usual menu, homemade where possible with Fairtrade ingredients, plus some "specials" We are registering our event as part of the National campaign and would like to get as many attenders as possible so we can put the number of Thomas Risley breakfasters on their map. We really hope to see you there. Felicity and Maggie would also like to thank everyone very much for their continued support for Fairtrade. We are pleased to let you know that last year we sold £1499.63 worth of Fairtrade goods at church thereby helping to ensure that the farmers and artisans who produced those goods received a fair price for them. Thanks to this they are able to sustain their businesses, improve the facilities in their environment and educate their children.

**NEXT SUNDAY 10.40AM** our service will be led by **Revd Andrew and Sally Willett.**

## LATER DATES



The next **Messy Church** will be after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March here at the church.

**Easter Events** from 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March -

Sunday	10.40am	Palm Sunday all age worship
Thursday	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday	10.30am	Good Friday service
	12 Noon	Service at the Birchwood Mall
Sunday	10.40am	Easter Day Celebration

As most of you will know, our ministers **Andrew and Sally** have been called to a new pastorate. Their last service here will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and following that there will be an **Open House** at the Manse (750 Warrington Road) from 2pm - 8pm. Anyone is welcome to come for some refreshments. There will then be a **Sending Service** on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm - all are welcome. They then plan to leave on 11<sup>th</sup> April.



## Info & Requests



Save energy



Switch off

Would **all leaders** of user groups please ensure that after your group activity and before leaving the building that floors are vacuumed, rubbish put in the bins outside, all lights are switched off, heating turned down to one and all fire doors (including serving hatches) are closed. On numerous occasions lights and heating have been found to have been left on which is a **waste of energy** and a **drain on the church finances.** Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The **Easter Cards** are available to distribute. Please pick up a pack or two from the foyer and write your name against the



street(s) on the list. Thank you!

We will be collecting **Easter Eggs** for the **Foodbank** and **Young Carers** over Easter. It's possible to get a boxed Egg for £1 - £2 and we would be glad to accept eggs on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



During Lent we will be holding **Prayer Groups.** There will be two meetings each week -

- Sunday 8am - 8.30am with a focus on our Church and community.
- Tuesday 7pm - 7.30pm with a focus on the wider world.

Both meetings will be held in the downstairs Quiet Room at Church.

The Tuesday evening topics will be ...

- 8<sup>th</sup> March Africa
- 15<sup>th</sup> March Europe
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March Asia

During March **Active Hope** are doing a **clothing collection** to raise money. If you have any old clothes that you would like to get rid of after the Christmas clear out, we will be happy to take them off your hands! We can take good quality, dry, clean clothing, soft toys, pairs of shoes, handbags, net curtains and bed linen. Please put them all in a bag and, if you bring them to church, Watto will be happy to take them to the office for you. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

We are collecting donations this year during Lent for Water Aid. If you would like a **"Jars of Change"** sleeve to place in your jar please see Rhona. All donations will be collected on Easter Sunday.

As you may have heard Warrington Borough Council have withdrawn funding to the YMCA, this will cause a major crisis and potentially could lead to closure. The YMCA is a major life line for the Warrington homeless people, without this support they will be even more vulnerable. Could you please support the YMCA by e-mailing or writing to Mr S Broomhead at Warrington

Borough Council requesting them to reconsider their decision. E-mail [sbroomhead@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:sbroomhead@warrington.gov.uk)

## Monthly Accounts – February

Income	£3,850.83
Expenditure	£(3,945.03)
Net	<b>£(94.20)</b>

Would you like to produce this weekly **Link newsletter?** It takes around an hour of your time a week so nothing too onerous. Please see Tim if you are interested.



## PRAYER DIARY



<b>Mon</b>	Leadership
<b>Tue</b>	Overseas Issues
<b>Wed</b>	The Community
<b>Thu</b>	Pastoral Care
<b>Fri</b>	Youth and Children
<b>Sat</b>	Worship
<b>Sun</b>	Listen to God

## DUTIES NEXT WEEK



<b>Readings</b>	R Searle & L Rogers
<b>Coffee</b>	A Bennett & L Rogers
<b>Chairs</b>	B Kennedy & K McDermott
<b>Door</b>	M Paton & L Deason
<b>Elder</b>	B Evans
<b>Prayers</b>	R Green
<b>Junior Church</b>	Pam, Angela & Josh

*If you would like to know more about these or any of our activities and beliefs, please contact our Ministers Andrew and Sally Willett (48785 1) or our Church Secretary, Steve Erhardt (85 1866) or see [www.thomasrisley.org](http://www.thomasrisley.org)*

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