



NEWSLETTER

13th March 2016

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

This Morning



Theme The hard sayings of Jesus
Readings John 6:28-36
John 6:60-71

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**. Today we welcome **Hannah Wheeldon** for baptism and **Heather Wheeldon** for blessing.

We will be collecting your donations of **Easter Eggs** for the **Foodbank** and **Young Carers** today.



This Week



THURSDAY 7.45PM The **Church Annual General Meeting** will be here in the church. All members should attend.

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

LATER DATES



On Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm there is a special meeting for anyone interested in being part of the **holiday club team**. We are unsure whether it can happen this year with key people not being available, so please come along and ensure that it does happen. If you want to be part of it but can't be there, then



please mention this to Andrew/Sally or Angela.

Easter Events from 20th - 27th 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 3rd 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 9th April at 3pm - all are welcome. They then plan to leave on 11th 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!

As part of our Fairtrade fortnight celebrations, after the service today there will be **Fairtrade food sampling** as well as the usual food and gifts on sale.

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 ...

- 15th March Europe
- 22nd 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

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



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

DUTIES NEXT WEEK



Readings	Junior Church / Organisations
Coffee	Brigade
Chairs	A Watts & T Wigglesworth
Door	Guides
Elder	W Gemmell
Prayers	Junior Church / Organisations
Junior Church	Family service

If you would like to know more about these or any of our activities and beliefs, please contact our Ministers Andrew and Sally Willett (487851) or our Church Secretary, Steve Erhardt (851866) or see www.thomasrisley.org

Newsletter items to Tim by Thursday evening please. Tel. (01925) 851460 Email link@thomasrisley.org