



NEWSLETTER

19th February
2017

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

Welcome to our Family Service this morning which will be led by **Mrs R Cameron** If you are worshipping with us for the first time we hope that you enjoy it. Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the service

Theme: Who is God to you?
Readings: Psalm 22 v 1 - 5
John 1 v 9 - 14



There is a Fairtrade Stall after morning service. Do come and have a look at the wide range of goodies on offer.

THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday February 26th
10.40am.**

Our Service will be led by the **Mr R Gemmell**



Please note that **Treats Coffee Shop** will be **closed** on

February 23rd. We apologise for any inconvenience

INFO & REQUESTS



There will be a short (30 minute) **church meeting** on **26th of Feb after church.** The plan will be to allow 15 minutes at the end of the service to grab a coffee 30 minutes for the meeting and then everyone quickly put the chairs away.

Obviously those who can't stay will be welcome to leave after the service but we'd encourage as many as possible to stay (especially members)

The **agenda** will be really short
(i) Where we are with respect to a minister / application for a special category minister (10 min)
(ii) A proposal to the URC (15 min)
(iii) Church building hire

Steve will provide some background before the meeting by email/ paper copies will be available before church on the 26th.

Also a reminder that the **AGM** will be on the **21st of March** (save the date !!!!)



Lent begins on March

LENT 1st

This year we are encouraging everyone to **read Mark's Gospel** during lent. Next week there will be a leaflet available to help guide you through the weekly readings. We also hope to run a Thursday evening interactive prayer time in the Quiet Room, 7-8pm. Everyone welcome



Helen Bennett is hoping to set up a **TRC badminton group** to play at 7.00pm on Wednesday evenings at Culcheth High School. If you are interested please get in touch with her. Thanks 😊

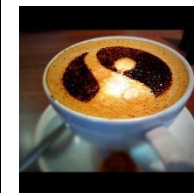


We are running a **survey** to find out the links our congregation has in the Birchwood Community. You will have been given a form on your way in (or ask if you didn't get one). Please let us know how well connected YOU are in our area. This information will help us in our application for a **Special Category Minister.** Completed surveys need to be back with Wanda by 26th February. Thanks



To all who have recently provided biscuits for the church cupboard, your generosity is much appreciated. We now have enough biscuits to last for a few weeks and will let you know when

we need further donations. Thank you



Treats Coffee Shop supports Fairtrade and on March 9th there will be a Fairtrade Stall to mark **Fairtrade Fortnight**



January Accounts

Income £4610.05
Expenditure (£6278.33)
Net (£1668.28)

DUTIES NEXT SUNDAY

Door	F Wakefield C Bromley
Prayers	M Ross
Readers	F Wakefield C Bromley
Coffee	H Bennett A Bennett
Chairs	Out - C Burrows Away - B Kennedy
Junior Church	Maxine, Annie, Angela, Marina