



NEWSLETTER

26th 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 Gemmell**. 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: "Saved"
Readings: John 3 v 16 - 17
Romans 8 v 28 - 39



There will be a short (30 minute) **church meeting** after the service this morning.

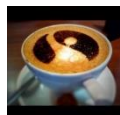
The plan will be to allow 15 minutes at the end of the service to grab a coffee 30 minutes for the meeting and then everyone quickly put the chairs away.

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

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



Fairtrade Fortnight is fast approaching **27th Feb until 12th March**. As we support Fairtrade in our church we would appreciate a **small donation for your coffee, tea and biscuits on Sunday morning 26th Feb**. This will remind us to consider purchasing Fairtrade goods. We will be joining supporters around the country hosting a Fairtrade Break. The donations will be given to the Fairtrade Foundation.

THE COMING WEEK

Sunday March 5th 10.40am.
Our Service will be led by the **Mr C Burrows**



Lent starts this week on Wednesday March 1st. We are studying Mark's Gospel. Please take home a guide for your use in the week

Info & REQUESTS



Many farmers and workers who grow our food aren't getting paid fairly. Fairtrade exists to change this, but we need more people to know why choosing Fairtrade really matters. Choosing Fairtrade means farmers get a better deal for what they grow. This leads to a better and more stable income and can help them break the cycle of poverty that they are trapped in. Please buy Fairtrade. THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN!!

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



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 today**. Thanks

DUTIES NEXT SUNDAY

Door	J Musgrove S Grimshaw
Prayers	F Wakefield
Readers	J Green
Coffee	F Wakefield C Bromley
Chairs	The Watts Family
Junior Church	Marina, Ann S, and Parent

If you would like to know more about these items or any of our activities and beliefs, please contact our Church Secretary, Steve Erhardt (01925 851866) or see www.thomasrisley.org

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