

## CHURCH DIARY AND SUGGESTED GOSPEL READINGS.

Services begin at 10.45am.

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion led by Reverend Anne Lewitt.

Server Glyn Pearce. Matthew 11:16-30.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary Service led by Reverend Anne Lewitt.

Note service is at 3pm. Matthew 13:1-9

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - worship led by Reverend Anne Lewitt. Matthew 13:24-30.

July 30<sup>th</sup> - worship led by Janet Howse. Matthew 13:31-46.

August 6<sup>th</sup> - worship led by Jessica Isherwood - including Baptism of

Ava May Daley led by Anne Parker. Matthew 14:13-21.

August 13<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion led by Reverend Anne Lewitt.

Server Terry Maher. Matthew 14:22-33.

## DIARY OF EVENTS.

Tuesdays & Thursdays - Charity Shop at Dewsbury Road 9.30-3.30.

July 8<sup>th</sup> - Reflections Café - 10.30 to 12.30.

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Church Lunch followed by the Church Meeting.

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Conversation with Friends 7.30pm.

July 15<sup>th</sup> - Community Café and Table Top Sale - 10.30-2pm.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - afternoon tea following Anne's Anniversary Service.

July 18<sup>th</sup> - Mission and Care Meeting at St. Andrew's 7 for 7.30pm.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Garden Party at 1pm.

July 24<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion in the lounge at Dewsbury Road 1.30.

July 28<sup>th</sup> - Games Evening - whist drive - 7pm.

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - church cleaning.

August 12<sup>th</sup> - Reflections Café 10.30 to 12.30.

August 12<sup>th</sup> - Strawberry Cream Tea 3pm.

## CATCH-UP.

- Rooms are available to hire for single events or for longer periods. See the noticeboard for contact details.
- The church website address is [urcinsouthleeds.org.uk](http://urcinsouthleeds.org.uk)

## THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH IN SOUTH LEEDS

# THE NEWSLETTER

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### The Next Chapter.

My favourite books tend to be 'page-turners'. I promise myself that I'll stop reading at the end of this chapter....and then, to my surprise, find myself a page and a half deep in the next one! I'm deeply involved in the story - and enjoying it. In the past novels were often published first in magazines, a chapter at a time, and writers created exciting suspense at the end of each chapter, to ensure that readers would buy the next instalment.

Looking back, our lives can seem like stories with numerous chapters - set in different places and times. We may see a pattern, but it's a shifting pattern. We are still the same people, but our circumstances are different as we get older, as our relationships, families, work and responsibilities all gradually change.

Churches also have stories. The URC in South Leeds has had a long, fascinating and sometimes exciting story, with chapters from the hive of activity which was Salem; from Dewsbury Road; and from Belle Isle, the church on the estate, smallest and youngest of the three. Trinity St. David's formed part of the story, as did the projects of the church's charity - the day centres, training workshops and hostel.

God is present in all our stories, walking beside us in every chapter, but also calling us onward to new things. So as I move on, a new chapter opens in my story, and also in the story of this church. I give thanks for all that is past, and trust God, who alone knows the beginning and end of every story, for all that is to come. To quote Paul, ending his second letter to the church in Corinth, may the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Anne L.*



### ANNE'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

At Belle Isle on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July at 3pm we have a shared service with our West Park friends to celebrate Anne's fourth anniversary of Ministry amongst us. A happy occasion but this year one tinged with sadness too. We shall also be saying our joint farewell to Anne as in August she moves to her new churches in West Sussex.

There will be an afternoon tea following the service and plenty of time to chat with Anne.

Please note - there will be NO morning service on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### GARDEN PARTY.

Our annual Garden Party will take place on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm. You are invited to a buffet lunch followed by indoor and outdoor games (yes, we can have giant water pistols. Look-out Terry!)

The afternoon can be as fast or as slow as you wish but there will be plenty of laughter and hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Do try to come because as a church we are going to take this opportunity to say our thanks and farewells to Anne on a relaxed and happy, fun-filled afternoon.

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### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTH LEEDS.

We have decided to share news of one another's 'events' more widely and perhaps get to know each other a little better.

JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> - Summer Fair at St. Peter's Church.

JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> - Table Top Sale at URC in South Leeds.

JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> - Gala at Hunslet Methodist Church.

Also worth mentioning here -

JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> - Summer Fair at Nesfield Lodge.

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The next Churches Together meeting is on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm at Middleton Baptist Church and all are welcome.

### MISSION AND CARE.

The next meeting is on July 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew's URC, Roundhay. 7 for 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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### CHURCH MEETING.

This will be on July the 9<sup>th</sup> following a light lunch. Continuing on from our previous Church meeting there will be an item on the agenda regarding a small amendment to the number of serving Elders we have. JI.

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### CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS.

We will meet on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 and our topic is 'Discernment and Calling'. All are welcome.

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### SUMMER 'SPRING' CLEAN.

On the noticeboard there is a list of dates and times when the 'spring' clean will take place. If you can spare some time and energy to help with this please will you sign up. Most of the jobs will take place at ground level - no higher than anyone of us can comfortably reach. Only one step-ladder job and that may well be for me! JI.

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### TABLE TOP SALE.

This will take place at our Community Café on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 2.00. If you would like to book a table please see Janet Howse.

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### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

The Garden Party on July the 23<sup>rd</sup> has already had a mention and the next social event is a Strawberry Cream Tea. This will be on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August from 3pm. Tickets are £3.50.

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The next Games Evening is on Friday July the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and will be a whist drive.