

# DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

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"Every new year brings a Janus opportunity" according to a book I'm currently reading. Janus is said to have been the Roman god of beginnings, with two faces which enabled him to look forward and backward at the same time. There is a traditional belief that the month of January was named after him.

For us, the beginning of January is often a time to reflect on the year that's passed and on the one that lies ahead, to look forward, trust, hope and commit to trying again.

However, looking backwards and forwards is all very well, but, I wonder, how often do we really stop and reflect on the present moment in time? I'm reminded of a poem I came across some years ago by Helen Mallicoat "I AM" ...

*I was regretting the past and fearing the future.  
Suddenly my Lord was speaking:*

*"My name is I Am." He paused. I waited. He continued,  
When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets,  
it is hard. I am not there, my name is not I WAS".*

*When you live in the future with its problems and fears,  
It is hard. I am not there. My name is not I WILL BE.*

*When you live in this moment, It is not hard. I am here. My  
name is I AM.*

We have just celebrated the birth of Jesus and, in a relatively short period of time we'll be celebrating his victory over death at Easter time. Jesus no longer exists in human form but we are all members of the Body of Christ, made in God's image, indwelled by the Holy Spirit, whether or not we're aware of this gift.

If you don't already have a relationship with God I would urge you to make some time to connect with that indwelling Holy Spirit which is Jesus Christ. If you do have a relationship with God, I would urge you to reflect and connect more with Jesus Christ. He is always with us, in this and every moment. There is no greater gift!

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful New Year

Janice x

## Weekly Services:

Sundays 9.30 a.m.  
Jesus for ALL—an  
informal pattern of  
worship with  
refreshments  
available throughout



11.15 a.m. Morning  
worship followed by  
refreshments

Denholme Shared Church  
is a partnership of the  
Baptist, Church of England  
and the United Reformed  
Churches.

In our worship and life,  
together we seek to stay  
faithful to the traditions  
of all three denominations

"One faith, three  
traditions"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

**Sunday 7th January 9.30** - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties  
11.15—Morning worship led by Revd Liz Moy

**Sunday 14th January 9.30** - Jesus for ALL  
11.15 — Revd Ian Slater

**Sunday 21 January 9.30** — Jesus for ALL  
11.15 — Morning worship led by Revd Paul Severs

**Sunday 28 January 9.30**—Jesus for ALL  
11.15 — communion service led by Revd Liz Moy



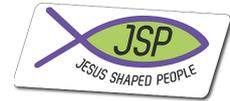
**Sunday 21st January** - Sunday lunch at The Tyke

**Sunday 28th January 12.15 pm** - Congregational meeting with light lunch

## FUTURE EVENTS...

**13th February at 6.30 pm** - Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Beetle Drive.  
No charge but donations towards cost of the evening would be welcome

### JESUS SHAPED PEOPLE LENT COURSE



We're delighted to confirm that the Lent Course this year will be a Jesus Shaped People (JSP) course entitled "Praying like Jesus". It will start on the morning of Thursday 15th February in the church building.

This exciting resource explores the prayer life of Jesus and is focussed around the Lord's Prayer with a particular application for Lent.

If there's sufficient take up, the course may also be held on an evening. Please let us know if you would prefer to come to an evening session.

Each month donations received for refreshments are sent to a chosen charity. This month we're supporting Samaritan's Purse, a Christian charity which is meeting the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster and disease with the aim of demonstrating God's love and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ



## WHAT ELSE HAPPENS?

**Mondays 1.30-3pm**—Yoga

**Tuesdays 10.30-midday** — Creative Writing Group

**6.30—8pm**—Yoga

**Thursdays 7.15-9pm**—Denholme Voices

**Fridays 9.15-11.15am**—Babes & Tots

For any queries or information about hiring a room please contact Anne Jay, Church Secretary

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