

DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

Website: www.denholmechurch.org.uk



Dear Friends

At the time of writing the main thrust of the Festivities are over and the New Year is imminent. With it, for many, will be the usual resolutions "to do better" in 2019.

Old habits die hard so they say and, for me, being better organised would be less stressful both for myself and others (as those of you who know me well will vouch for!).

Early January is a time when some churches celebrate "Plough Sunday". This is a time when rural life is celebrated, especially the work of farmers and all who care for the land. Behind it there is a much older observance, associated with the first working day after the twelve days of Christmas, hence "Plough Monday" in some places. In mediaeval times ploughs were kept in the parish church and some churches kept a "plough-light". It was a time when work was scarce in winter and people looked forward to a time of sowing with the promise of a harvest to come.

Maybe this New Year we can take a fresh look at old familiar realities. Occasionally I read a passage from "The Message" a translation of the Bible in contemporary American language, at times really off the wall but, at others, it's like viewing an old image through new spectacles.

Staleness can steal away the spark from any relationship and rekindling that spark takes determination and dedication. Our relationship with God is no different and we need to take time to re-acquaint ourselves with the Holy and awesome God whose creation is all around us.

Recently I noticed a poem on social media talking about the birth of Jesus " ... Yet we seek him still and what do we find? We find ourselves, the place where God dwells, the place we least expected". Something to think about!

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 6th January 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties
11.15—Morning worship led by Revd Suzy McCarter

Sunday 13th January 9.30 - Jesus for ALL
11.15 — communion service led by Janice Le Blancq

Sunday 20th January 9.30 — Jesus for ALL
11.15 — Morning worship led by Revd Ian Slater

Sunday 27th January 9.30—Jesus for ALL
11.15 — communion service led by Revd Liz Moy



Sunday 20th January at 10.15 am
Congregational meeting

Sunday 27th January - Sunday lunch at The Tyke

EPIPHANY PARTY WITH BRING AND SHARE TEA

Saturday 5th January 4pm - 6pm

Come and celebrate Twelfth Night with fun and games for all the family. Friends and neighbours welcome



We're open every Wednesday between 10.00 am and mid-day. Please call in - there'll be a brew and biscuits waiting.



ITEMS FOR FOOD BANK AND WOMEN'S REFUGE



Your continued support and donations of non perishable food and toiletries are very much appreciated; these are forwarded to the relevant organisations on a regular basis.

Each month donations received for refreshments are sent to a chosen charity. This month we're supporting the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)



RABI is a welfare charity focused on supporting farming families and farm workers of all ages.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Mondays 1.30-3pm—Yoga

Tuesdays 10.30-midday — Creative Writing Group

6.30—8pm—Yoga

Thursdays - 7.30 - 9.00 pm Denholme Voices

Fridays 9.30 Babes & Tots

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

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