

DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

Website: www.denholmechurch.org.uk



Dear Friends,

If I am giving directions to people for places locally, I often use pubs as a landmark, but as I was driving around the other day, I noticed how many of our local pubs have closed. Some have been demolished, others turned into houses. I suppose it is a sign of the times, and if we don't support these establishments then it is no longer viable to keep them open.

Local churches also suffer from lack of support and it always sad to see churches close, but again, it is a sign of the times. Two centuries ago the village of Denholme had seven pubs and seven places of worship, now we have two pubs and one church, and it is good to see the redundant building of St. Paul's being restored and turned into a place of residence.

Do churches still have a place in our current society? Why bother with Church at all? Does being a Christian have any relevance in today's world? I think the answer is YES. Church is still relevant today, because the Christian faith is a journey of discovery about ourselves, our world, and about discovering the love of God. It is a journey of hope worth following and if you seek others to accompany you on that journey, the path becomes easier.

The Church is also about coming together with other believers and following the example of Jesus who came to serve and to freely give of Himself. It was Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944) who famously said "The Church is the only cooperative society in the world that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members".

I have given up worrying about whether churches will remain for the future, for I feel like the seasons we are in God's hands. Even in these cold days of winter, I know that Spring will be arriving soon. I feel the Church is also in God's hands, and if we are prepared to adapt to the changing circumstances around us then God will support us in whatever we do, for this is the message of Christian hope.
Judith

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 3 February 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties

11.15 — Morning worship led by the Ven Dr Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford

Sunday 10 February 9.30 — Jesus for ALL

11.15 — Communion service led by Liz Maitland

Sunday 17 February 9.30—Jesus for ALL

11.15 — Morning worship led by Rev Dr Paul Severs

Sunday 24th February 9.30 - Jesus for All 11.15 Communion service led by Rev Suzy McCarter



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 23rd February 10 - 12 midday Coffee morning and Fair Trade stall in support of Fair Trade fortnight



World Day of Prayer - Friday 1st March at 2.00 pm - this year the service will be held at Trinity Church, Wilsden and the service has been produced by the women of Slovenia

Each month donations received for refreshments are sent to a chosen charity. This month we're supporting Manorlands Hospice



OTHER EVENTS IN THE LOCAL AREA



Friday 8th February at 7.30 pm - Scottish celebration at St John's, Cullingworth. £15 per head inc 3 course meal and entertainment

Friday 15th February at 7.00 pm Quiz night at St Matthew's, Wilsden £6 inc pie and pea supper



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.

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
1.30pm Yoga for All

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

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