

# DENHOLME SHARED CHURCH

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Dear Friends

I was reading an article recently about "sharing the Peace"; usually, but dependent on tradition, not always, carried out during communion services.

The greeting of "Peace" has its roots in the ancient Hebrew greeting of "Shalom". The Hebrew word encompasses a wide variety of meanings; peace between people of nations, peace between God and human beings, human welfare or well being, safety, or a quiet restful state of mind. *Shalom* is "wholeness, a life where things are as they should be. The church took over the greeting of "peace" from its Jewish forebears and Islam carried it into Arabic as *salaam alaikum*. At its most basic, when people greet one another with the word "peace" it means "you don't have to be afraid of me and I wish for your well being".

For Christians we offer our peace to each other in response to God's Word. Our peace is not the natural state of affairs; it exists only because it has been created by the Word of God and by what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. When we offer peace to each other it is an act of faith, believing that God has called and empowered us to do this.

So much for peace you may be thinking. What about the New Zealand shootings, the Sri Lankan bombings or the young journalist, Lyra McKee, so cruelly gunned down in Londonderry? It seems that we live in a very fragile world.

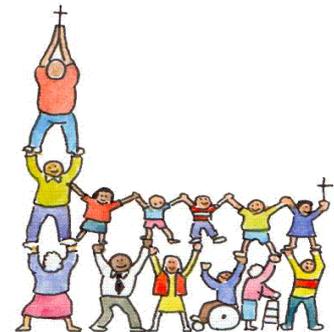
Well, I can only reiterate what has been said in special memorial events held in tribute to the Sri Lankan victims. Leaders of different faiths and traditions came together in solidarity adamant that terror would never win, that we should look out for one another and stand up to hate crimes, bigotry and racism.

Jesus spoke about loving our neighbour and showing respect for all. Let us remember that in our own dealings with all people, because until we exercise the Peace of Jesus within ourselves we can't expect others thousands of miles away to be any different.

Janice x

## Weekly Services:

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



Sundays 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 5th May** 9.30 - Jesus for ALL followed by bacon butties

11.15 — Morning worship led by Chris Wilcock

**Sunday 12th May** 9.30 — Jesus for ALL

11.15 — Communion service led by Janice Le Blancq

**Sunday 19th May** 9.30 — Jesus for ALL

11.15 — Morning worship led by Revd Keith Jones

**Sunday 26th May** 9.30- Jesus for ALL

11.15 Communion service led by Revd Tony Mills



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

## **PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 18TH MAY 10.00-12.00 MIDDAY**

Come along and get your summer bedding plants at bargain prices and relax with a good cuppa and home made cake. All profits for Christian Aid



## **RACE NIGHT - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 7.00 for 7.30 pm**

An evening of fun and entertainment with pie and pea supper. Horses "for sale" prior to the event and race sponsors needed £2.50 per horse and £10 per race. Please see Rosemary for further details (mob: 07792 440290)

## **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

6.30—8pm Yoga

**Thursdays** 7.15- 9.00 pm Denholme Voices

**Fridays** 9.15 Babes & Tots  
1.30-3pm Yoga for All

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