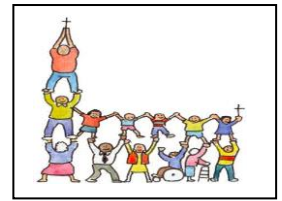


# Denholme Shared Church



A partnership between the Baptist Church,  
the Church of England and the  
United Reformed Church  
***Three traditions One Faith***

**Newsletter for 9th February 2025**  
**Morning worship at 10.30 am led by Helen Smithies**

## **Midweek Services on Wednesday**

10.00am BCP Eucharist at Cullingworth

2.30pm Prayer and cake at Harden



## **Messy Church in February**

**Today** 9<sup>th</sup> February 3.45pm at St John's, Cullingworth

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm, St Matthew's, Wilsden

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm, Denholme Shared Church

## **LENT 2025**

Ash Wednesday this year will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, beginning our journey towards Holy Week and Easter Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

During Lent we will be holding our Lent course on Thursday mornings, 10.30 to 12noon at Denholme Shared Church and Thursday evenings, 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St John's, Cullingworth.

Our Lent course will follow a resource called:

"Let me go there: The Spirit of Lent"

which is a course written by Paula Gooder.

Copies are available for £8.99

and over the 96 days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday Richard will be reading all four Gospels on our Benefice Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.



**Quote of the week:** "It is not my ability, but my response to God's ability that counts" – Corrie Ten Boom

**'England and the Church'**  
**Three Evenings with John Chuter**

We have been enjoying a series of three talks covering early Christianity in England, its growth before and after the Reformation and the role of the Church of England. We have heard two talks so far. The first covered the coming of Christianity to England, the second the time from The Norman Conquest to the Reformation.

The Final talk is on Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm in the St John's Room at Cullingworth Church. The Subject will be:

**The Church of England – from the Reformation to the Present Day**

The talk will be followed by a time for questions and discussion.

Everyone is welcome. Attendance at the previous talks is not essential.

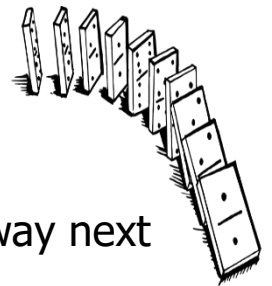


Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to support the church through easyfundraising when making purchases on line. This has raised several hundreds of pounds since we first started at zero cost to those donating. If you

haven't already done so please consider simply signing up and nominate Denholme Shared Church as your charity and that is all; there is absolutely no cost to you!

The Benefice Men's Group is next meeting on Wednesday 19th February at St Matthews in Wilsden.

There will be keen competition for the Men's Group Domino Trophy. Meet at 7.00pm, order food from the Indian take-away next door and get started with the dominos as soon as possible! It's always a good night. Who will be the next champion? Please contact Robert if you wish to take part.



As you probably know we achieved the Eco Church Silver award last year and are working towards Gold. You may have noticed the recycled products we have been using like kitchen rolls and toilet tissue but it's not just inside the church building, everyone can make a difference. We all need to think about our own personal use of resources and how they could be improved. Maybe the following may help:-

- reduce car use, walk more often or use public transport;
- turn lights off when not required;
- limit waste production, adhering to reduce, re-use, recycle;
- try not to waste water.

Small actions, but if we all take part, they make a big difference. Let's be serious in our commitment to being an Eco Church!

### **If you have any Bradford Council Issues ...**

Our Local Councillor is Paul Sullivan. Paul holds regular surgeries and can be contacted by email at: [paul.sullivan@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:paul.sullivan@bradford.gov.uk)

Please pray for all our area and village councillors in their work as they take responsibility for our communities. And pray for our MP, Anna Dixon as she represents us in Parliament and for The Bishop of Leeds in his role in the House of Lords.

### **DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS**

Donations for refreshments are forwarded to a chosen charity each month. This month we are supporting Jesus Shaped People. If you would like to propose a particular charity for consideration this year please enter the details on the sheet which is on the side table by the piano.



## PRAYER REQUESTS TO: [say14me@hotmail.com](mailto:say14me@hotmail.com)



As you pray for the people and situations that are on your heart this week please remember that prayer is powerful! Maybe use the following as a guide or addition to your prayers:

- church leaders everywhere, especially our own Ministry Team;
- as Racial Justice Sunday, now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, is remembered, pray for the diversity and inclusion of all people from all backgrounds;
- the earth and for the responsible use of its resources by countries and individuals;
- the fragile peace process in the Middle East;
- the ongoing conflict in Sudan;
- our work with the Peace Doves Project;
- those awaiting surgery and those recovering from surgical procedures;
- People of all faiths who face religious persecution;
- the bereaved and those facing painful anniversaries.



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