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**... Shineth the
Everlasting Light ...**



Christmas at South Parade: Page 16

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When does Christmas start for you? With the snapping up of next year's presents in the January sales? With the sighting of the first supermarket mince pie in August? With the lighting of the first Advent candle? With the solo of *Once In Royal David's City* emerging out of the silence at the start of South Parade's Candlelit Carol Service (21 December)? Or with frantic last-minute shopping on Christmas Eve? A national advertising campaign by churches reminds everyone that Christmas Starts With Christ, with the Son of God's arrival on earth, and not with a penguin (page 20). Take the opportunity to celebrate the story at the heart of our celebrations at some of the many events across the church listed on pages 16 & 17. Happy Christmas!

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From the Ministry Team

Blazing a Trail

Written over 40 years ago, Leslie Earnshaw's lines begin to sum it up for me. Nothing compares with the Christmas story.

*What a love journey Yours was, Jesus,
From heaven to a filthy stable,
From the Peace of the Presence to the
chaos of our world,
From spirit to the confines of a body
From Godhead to manhood.*

The Christmas journey rings in harmony with so many of the elements of our theme for this year of being pioneers, travellers and settlers. The Bible describes Jesus as a pioneer (Hebrews 12.2 TNIV). Not only is he the one who is the start point for our faith (the author), but he also blazes the trail with all its attendant risks.

It is the coming of this helpless baby

that leads the Christmas story. Without him we would know nothing of the journey to Bethlehem. No rowdy descent from the grazing grounds on the town's hillsides, no epic camel rides from the East and no flight to Egypt... and no change in my heart from lost sinner to rescued believer. No one to travel towards and nowhere to settle to find rest for my soul.

When Alan Henning made his hazardous last journey to Syria our Health and Safety world knew it was fraught with danger and inevitable disaster. When Ebola nurse William Pooley returned to Sierra Leone we breathed a

collective gasp of concern.

These were stunning love journeys which far outshine anything most of us will ever do. But I dare to say that

even these, though Christlike in character, could not compare with the self-giving of the Creator on



*Stripping away all the
tinsel, myth and folklore,
we must let the story
of the deepest love of all
shine through and
grip our lives*

that journey that led to the cross
and on through death to
resurrection, releasing eternal life
for any and all who will come by
faith to him.

I hope we will never forget
stories like those of Alan
Henning or Will Pooley and
always be prepared to honour
others like them who travel and
settle in the most difficult of places

for the sake of human kind. Even
more so we must not take
Christmas lightly. Stripping away all
the tinsel, myth and folklore that
the years have laid on top we must
let the story of the deepest love of
all shine through and grip our lives.
For God loved the world so much
that he gave his One and Only Son.

Happy Christmas, and rich blessings
for 2015

Brian

PS On behalf of the Ministry Team,
thank you for all your cards, good
wishes and support that are
beginning to drop into our inboxes
and fill our trays. It's great to feel
encouraged.

*My heart remains in wonder
Before that lowly bed
Within the stable yonder
Where Christ, my Lord, was laid.
My faith finds there its treasure,
My soul its pure delight,
Its joy beyond all measure,
O blessed Christmas night.*

Hans Adolf Brorson
translated by
J C Aaberg



Around the Church

That New Sign!

You may have been wondering about that new sign on the wall above the Green House! The Arabic Fellowship is very grateful to be able to use the Green House every Sunday afternoon, and for the close links that we enjoy with South Parade.

We feel the Arabic needs a bit of explanation, so that South Parade members know what it says and can explain it to others. Of the 4 lines in Arabic:

- Line 1 just says “Leeds Arabic Christian Fellowship”
- Line 2 explains “We meet here at 3.30pm every Sunday”
- Line 3 says “Welcome” – (*ahlan wa sahan*) – try learning your first words in Arabic!
- Line 4 is from John 14.6 to give a Gospel challenge – “Jesus said: *I am the way, the truth and the life*”. If you want to extend your Arabic vocabulary, this is: “*qaala Yasuua: ana huwa attareek wa alhakk wa alhayaat*”. Try it out on one of us!

*We long that many will
decide to follow Jesus.
Pray every time you pass
“That New Sign” that it
will attract interest.*

We are getting from 15 to 20 people meeting each Sunday, from a variety of countries – Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Egypt, Kurdistan, southern Iran – along with a few Brits who know a bit of Arabic. Yagoub (from Sudan) usually gives the Bible teaching (in Arabic), but recently we enjoyed having Brian give the message by translation – despite his



many gifts, he hasn't mastered Arabic yet!

Every couple of months we have an outreach meeting, preceded by a lunch, and this attracts 40 to 50. Our next one will be on Sunday 7 December, when Dr Sameh Hanna, an Egyptian from Manchester, will be our speaker.

There are many Arabic-speaking students in the Leeds universities, as well as asylum seekers and long-term residents. We long that many, both from a nominal Christian and a Muslim background, will decide to follow Jesus, and we value your prayers. And pray too, every time you pass "That New Sign", that it will attract interest.

David Judson

Leeds Arabic Christian Fellowship

SENT Lounge Live

SENT Lounge is a monthly social which takes place on the second Friday of every month in the Green House. It has been up and running for over a year and activities have included dastardly quizzes from Tim Cook, a summer BBQ and a gently-competitive games night.

In November, SENT Lounge hit the road for SENT Lounge Live – an evening of live music at Costa in Headingley!

Novice ukulele playing was combined with stand up and jokes so bad that they wouldn't even make it in to Christmas crackers

As people entered the happening Headingley hotspot, they were given a Scrabble tile which entitled them to one free drink. Several people chose beverages from Costa's festive range and everyone was served with a smile by the baristas!

Huddled around the tables at the back of the store, some people chose to chat, while others set to the sudokus scattered around. After a quick sound check, the first act of the evening began. Andy Young played through a set of delightful acoustic music and was accompanied on one song by James Barnard on cajon.

Next up, Chris Collinson combined his novice ukulele playing with a touch of stand up. Chris tickled the audience in all the right places with his hilarious covers, ridiculous parodies ("I can be your Bisto gravy!") and jokes so bad that they wouldn't even make it in to Christmas crackers!



The assembled crowd of people from SENT, Mosaic and St George's had a great evening listening to good music, getting to know each other better and drinking hot beverages.

The next SENT Lounge will take place on Friday 12 December, where we will be tasting and making chocolate truffles under the guidance of Claire Ginn. Please join us - everyone is welcome!

Nathan Shipley

Associate Pastor

Romania: Smiles but no Vampires

The youth group from South Parade Baptist Church have visited Romania with the aid of the Smiles Foundation for the second time, this time with a few younger members but a couple who came last time who were back for round two. It has been a long journey from idea to actualisation but 13 members ventured out there to try and do some good. For the majority this was their first time to Romania and on a mission trip in general, so this was a whole new world to most.

As one of the few who had come two years ago and

returned, I felt honoured to be able to see the progression of the Smiles Foundation's work out there. Many of the project's works out there can be quite evocative and definitely an experience to be remembered but not necessarily enjoyed. So such progression in such a short amount of time is quite amazing to see.

For example one project out there is visiting the homeless and so we encountered a lot of people who could not dream of the luxuries we possess. One man in particular was sat on the pavement outside a public toilet, pulled out an inhaler and said "this is all I own". Romania shows that even in the EU, in the 21st century, countries are still unable to provide for their citizens and this is only a two and a half hour flight from our doorstep.

Though Romania may have provided some deeply emotional memories it has also provided for some incredible celebrations. We were very lucky to have been there for the grand opening of their Elderly Care centre in Oradea or ECO. This was an EU funded building with a €1,000,000 price tag, which Smiles were asked if they

could manage the running of. It was merely a husk of a building when Smiles received it

The Smiles
FOUNDATION

and so they decided to convert it into an elderly care centre.

On the opening day we all came to the centre with a few members of the press and even the Mayor of Oradea. The Mayor of Oradea was so impressed by this great group from the UK that later that week he invited us all for coffee and cake in the town hall in which he shared his appreciation for people from another country coming to his city to help his people. It was a very touching moment which showed the instrumental effect of the Smiles foundation on local politics and the power of caring for our fellow man.

As a second comer I believe that the Smiles Foundation is doing great work and even though SPBC has been a minor player in the work and successes of Smiles in the grand scheme of things, we can know as we come home that we have helped somebody, even if it was delivering food to families, giving blankets to the homeless, or even giving a child a hug and a smile.



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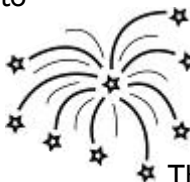
So if you are young or old I strongly recommend visiting Smiles to experience God's grace. Sorry if this shall deter younger hopefuls from visiting but in our entire stay in Transylvania, there were no vampire sightings.

Archie Vipan

Headingley Youth Group

Fanning the Flames

The bonfire party at Cragg was amazing! We'd catered for about 80, and at least 150 came; the people in the kitchen had to keep popping to the shops to get more supplies and washing up cups all through the evening so our guests had something to drink out of!



There was a lively buzz - during the day some of our stronger ones collected rubbish from local people (they'd read the flier, they had plenty of stuff handy!) and the fire was burning invitingly. Some folk had been to Hope events



The Team in Romania

Who knows what will happen at our Christmas events?

- carols and the summer fun day -
and this too might have given them
a warm feeling!

Who knows what will happen at
our Christmas events? We trust
that we will have some good
conversations, listening and
encouraging each other to journey
closer to God.

Cragg is a community of grace; it's a
great place, a great bunch of people.
We might not always get it right,
but we are trying, working
together, and supporting one
another in the joys and sorrows of
life. I've learned a lot here in the
five years I've been its elder and I
hope to continue learning as I hand
on to others.

It's a privilege to serve.
Judith Briggs

More from SENT

At SENT it seems that we are a
small, diverse group of people with
some big ideas. This year saw new
members of the leadership team
elected and settling into the roles.
As a mission community we have
taken on a programme of outreach

to the neighbours of South Parade,
sharing God's love in practical ways.
Glass recycling, light bulbs and
washing-up liquid were all offered as
gifts to the local residents along
with the opportunity for
conversation and prayer. It seemed
that a lot of the recipients really
appreciated these gestures.

Following on from this a group
from across the church family spent
a Saturday covering the Confident
Christianity course, which provided
an introduction to the challenges of
engaging in dialogue about
Christianity today.

SENT has enjoyed opportunities to
share in outreach with members of
other mission communities, such as
the Pentecost celebration with the
"Biggest Birthday Party Ever" as
well as the Big Welcome on the
weekend of Vision Sunday, where
we encouraged people passing by to
share their wishes and prayer
requests on a big blackboard
outside church and offered prayer
door-to-door around the
neighbourhood. This was received
with positive responses and a
feeling of openness to prayer by
those that were approached.

We have felt encouraged by God to
offer similar prayer opportunities in
the future and to follow up some of
the particular prayer requests we
received on that day.

In striving to build community within SENT a weekly newsletter has been set up. This has provided a place for reminders, such as the weekly prayer for a different street in Headingley, and invitations to SENT Lounge, which is a relaxed, monthly get-together that has been developed over the year (see above).

The “community slot” within the SENT service has become a valuable time to learn of the many different ways in which members of the congregation are serving God and the ways in which we can pray for them and the organisations they support. Our eyes are continuously being opened to God’s wonderful plan for this city and His kingdom. Please pray that we will seek to honour God in all we do.

Megan Chambers

SENT Leadership Team

Matt Rowe

Thank you to all who prayed for our son Matt Rowe as he sought whether a Baptist Church in Cambridge is where God wants him to serve as a Minister once he has completed his training at Spurgeons.

We are pleased to say that Matt accepted a unanimous call to Arbury Road Baptist Church and he, Rachel and Toby are looking forward to establishing a new home in Cambridge from next summer.

Tim and Hazel Rowe

Church Meeting

At the church meeting on 27 November we thanked outgoing Church Secretary Geoff Greer for his 39 years of service to the church as an elder. We elected Steve Burras and Charles Fletcher on to the Eldership, and appointed Charles as the new Church Secretary. We prayed for them and for Diane Hume, elected as deacon, and Sam Newby-Wright, as Mission Community leader.

Also at the meeting we discussed how the church together discovered the will of God, and the role and value of the church meeting in making decisions.

The next full church meeting is on 29 January.

Matthew Newman

...informed...

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BMS World News

The Church that El Puente Built

Thanks to BMS World Mission supporters, 9-10 August was a very special weekend for the church the Williamsons planted five years ago.

In August, El Puente, a church planted by BMS mission workers Anjanette and Scott Williamson in Cusco, Peru, celebrated both its fifth anniversary and the opening of a brand new church building.

The church opening was packed and among the 190 who attended was the church's next door neighbour, Santiago*. He was angry with the church when, during the construction of the building, they accidentally put a pneumatic drill through his wall. For months after, Scott spoke with Santiago, trying to improve relations between him and the church and offering him a front row seat for the opening of the building.

On the opening night, Santiago was there, and the next day he was there again for the fifth anniversary celebrations. With a his-

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the church was quite amazing. There are exciting days ahead.

tory of alcoholism and other personal struggles, Santiago was bowled over by the reception he received. "I think I have found a place where I feel accepted," he told Scott.

Before the new building, El Puente worshipped in a room with a maximum capacity of 60. Now they can seat up to 190. Before, they had a small room for Sunday school. Now they have four rooms for Sunday school and a kitchen for hospitality – giving them opportunities to serve their community in new ways, with



plans for a youth club and café for older people.

“To open the building on Saturday night and then on Sunday to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the

church was, for me as a church planter, quite amazing,” says Scott. “There are exciting days ahead for El Puente.”

*name changed

Disaster Recovery

Through your gifts, BMS can respond to disasters when they happen. There are no quick fixes when it comes to disasters. Recovery and rebuilding after a war, drought or tsunami can take decades. But, thanks to your gifts, we're able to work with local partners on the ground to give both emergency aid and grants for long-term recovery – letting devastated communities see that they are not forgotten. Between June and September 2014, BMS provided support in the following places facing huge challenges:



- **Gaza, £10,000**

Following the recent bombardment and subsequent humanitarian crisis in Gaza, BMS is providing food packages for 180 struggling Christian and Muslim families, through Gaza Baptist Church.

- **Lebanon, £19,600**

To help support a Director for Community Development and Relief to enable our partner the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development to continue to respond to the needs of desperate Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

- **Sri Lanka, £4,150**

To help conflict-affected families to create sustainable livelihoods by providing a rice milling service, in partnership with the Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Society.

- **Sri Lanka, £2,000**

Drought is affecting districts in the arid north east of Sri Lanka. BMS is helping to provide water for families in four districts, and dry food rations for 400 vulnerable families.

- **Syria, £21,480**

BMS is providing sustained food aid to 200 families affected by the Syria crisis in and around Aleppo. The parcels, containing foodstuffs such as rice, sugar, milk and lentils, will be distributed for six months.

Hot Topic

Pray About Climate Change

How much are you aware of the causes and potential impacts of climate change on the world? How can we pray about these issues? In the month of another UN conference on the issue John Lockwood encourages us to engage with the debate.

Coming up over the next weeks and months are a series of international meetings about trying to limit increasing climate changes over the coming years. This is important because as Christians we are charged to care for the Lord's creation. Also climate changes mostly impact the poor and disadvantaged, people who are also God's children. Please pray about this extremely difficult problem, which is very briefly explained below.

Something happened around 1800 AD which left an imprint in both atmospheric composition and temperature not seen for at least the last 800,000 years and probably the last 24-26 million years. The last

time atmospheric carbon dioxide was at current levels was probably about 24-26 million years ago. This something was the Industrial Revolution. Much of western prosperity is fossil fuel based, and is thus responsible for increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide and global warming.

While the 2009 UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Copenhagen failed to deliver any formal "climate deal", the non-binding Copenhagen Accord recognised the scientific view "that the increase in global temperature above preindustrial levels should be below 2 degrees celsius". The adoption of this target occurred despite increasing evidence that for at least some nations and ecosystems, the risk of severe impacts is already significant at 2°C. At the same time, the continued rise in greenhouse gas emissions in the past decade and the delays in a comprehensive global emissions reduction agreement have made achieving this target extremely difficult, arguably impossible, raising the likelihood of global temperature rises of 3°C or 4°C within this century.




Any temperature target implies a maximum amount of carbon that can be emitted into the atmosphere. The Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change recently identified the world's "carbon budget", the amount of carbon dioxide that can be emitted if there is to be a chance of averting the most dangerous of climate change impacts. The world is currently on track to spend the remainder of this budget in just three decades.

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arguments over who
should do what to
fix global warming*

Since they began more than two decades ago, the UN climate talks have been bogged down by arguments between developed and developing countries over who should do what to fix global warming. The Green Climate Fund was created four years ago as a way to help

poorer countries cut their own greenhouse gas emissions to stem future climate change, as well as adapt to changes that are already happening. President Barack Obama will pledge \$3 billion to the Green Climate Fund. Other countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Sweden, the Netherlands, Mexico and South Korea, have already announced pledges to the fund, bringing the total amount committed to \$6 billion.

ther developed nations, such as Canada, Japan and Australia, still have not offered pledges. The countries party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change had set an original target of getting \$10-15 billion pledged to the fund before the next negotiating meeting in Lima this month.

Please pray about these upcoming climate change negotiations.

John Lockwood

Cragg Mission Community

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble
themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from
their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven,
and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

2 Chronicles 7.14 (NIV)

Christmas at South Parade

Cragg

- Wednesday 10 December
Carol singing pub crawl, Horsforth - led by Lister Hill (tbc)
- Friday 19 December
Cragg Drop-In Christmas Lunch in the Green House, Headingley
- Saturday 20 December 4pm
Carol service followed by mince pies and hot drinks
- Sunday 21 December 10.30am
Nativity Service
- **Christmas morning** - no service at Cragg: we will join with Headingley or Lister Hill

Connect

- Sunday 14 December
Christmas Nativity
- Thursday 18 December 6.30pm,
Hollybush School
Carol Praise with West Yorkshire Brass, followed by refreshments
- Sunday 21 December 11-1
Carol Service

SENT

- Friday 12
December
7.30 - 9.30pm
SENT Lounge

Young People

- Wednesday 10 December
Outburst Christmas Special
- Tuesday 16 December 6.30-7.45pm
Youth Cell Christmas Party
- Sunday 21 December
Outburst Sunday Christmas Special



South Parade Together

- **Carols by Candlelight**
Sunday 21 December
6.30pm Headingley
- **Christmas Day**
Celebration for all ages
at Headingley 10.30am

Headingley

- Saturday 13 December 11-1pm
Headingley Churches Together **Carol Singing**, Arndale Centre
- Sunday 14 December 10.30am
Nativity Service, led by Junior Church
- Monday 22 December 2pm
Carol singing at Grove Court, Cardigan Road
- Wednesday 24 December 11.30pm
Christmas Eve Communion



Under 5s

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8-10 December 10.00 - 11.30am in the Sanctuary
Toddler Groups Christmas Parties
Please bring some party food along for the children's buffet. Feel free to bring your tots in fancy dress or borrow an outfit from our Christmas dressing up rail on arrival.
- Tuesday 16 December, 10am - 12 in the Sanctuary.
Christingle Fun
Come and make a Christingle Orange to take home and learn what it represents. Toys, crafts, snack, story, singing, parachute and a bouncy slide! Donations for Bliss at this event will be gratefully received, in memory of Millie Grace Hestbech French.

Northside

- Saturday 13 December 7.30pm
Christmas Dinner at Headingley Golf Club. Tickets from David Thomson
- Tuesday 16 December 6.30pm
Carol singing with Leeds 16 churches in the ASDA precinct
- Tuesday 23 December 2.30pm
Community Carol Service at the ABC Coffee Shop
- Wednesday 24 December 5pm
Christingle at Adel Primary School

For more details on these events contact the church office on 0113 275 4989 or see the latest noticesheet at www.spbc.org.uk

From Italy with Love

Update from the MacFarlanes

For many years South Parade has had a link to BMS World Mission partners Ann and David MacFarlane working in the south of Italy. Recently they posted their last newsletter of the year.

What a wonderful year we have had so far and we praise God for you all and the part all of you, our partners in mission, have played. We have been with the majority of you for just over 21 years now and we have loved every minute of those years. We have never ever felt let down by you all and I really mean it when I say we could never have arrived at this landmark without you **Ann & David** all.

I want to take this opportunity and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We are

coming to the end of this year with getting more and more involved with the problem Italy has with incoming immigrants from Africa. We have not been able to get to Rosarno yet as we have many of these young men arriving here in our port at Reggio and the city is full of them as they beg for money in order to get to Rosarno.

They make their way also to other places in the South and eventually the North and on to places as far as Sweden and Norway. Places where there is some possibility of work. They arrive without proper clothing and food and many do not even get here. Many are thrown overboard and recently there were photos on the internet of the many bodies washed up on our coasts.

The first boat that arrived was from Syria with 1,601 men, women and



Ann & David

children. Those people were taken by buses to various parts of Italy. Ann was there along with other agencies and churches to give out clothing. They were picked up by the Italian authorities and brought into the port at Reggio.

Ann and the team said it was heart rending listening to the refugees' tragic stories. They felt privileged to have been able to help them.

Within a few days another boat with 250 Syrians was picked up and also brought into our port at Reggio. They had been adrift on a small boat for 10 days.

Among those who were saved from drowning were pregnant women, young families, and some young men. Ann with two members of our Action team were able to help a group of them with clothing and shoes and hot drinks and food. They had only the

clothes they had on having lost everything in the sea. Some had no shoes or a jacket. Ann and the two members of the team were saying that it was heart rending listening to the many tragic stories and all felt very privileged to have been able to help them.

Our food bank continues to diminish and in fact, this month there was no food at all apart from some local fruit. We continue with the help we are receiving from donations to give the families at least something.

Our church continues to grow numerically and spiritually and we praise God for the wonderful unity and family spirit that draws people to us. Every time we have had visitors, they have been overwhelmed



Ann and a mother with her two children after being given some food and suitable clothing

with the closeness of the fellowship and how open they are to receiving new people.

Prayer points:

- Praise God for the continual spiritual and numerical growth in the church.
- Praise Him for the new people that are coming especially as we have five new Italians, a Brazilian family and three to four Nigerians as well.

- Pray for Rosarno, the African and Syrian refugees, Lucia.
- The Food Bank. Our Action team. Isabelle, Stephen and Sam.
- For our young people who are having an Evangelistic Christmas concert.

God bless you all.

**David & Ann
MacFarlane**

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You can find out more about Ann and David's work in Italy by visiting www.bmsworldmission.org/admacfarlane or by speaking to Pat Dalgleish at the Headingley Morning Mission Community.

If you would like to support Ann and David by prayer and committed regular giving, visit bmsworldmission.org/partners or call 01235 517617 for a 24:7 Partners leaflet.



Does Christmas start with a penguin?

christmasstarts.com



Prayer Diary



December 2014 - January 2015

*“Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.”*

Isaiah 9.7 (NIV)

DECEMBER

Sun	7	Those who are being baptized at services today
Mon	8	The work of Under 5s and the Christmas parties this week
Tue	9	Geoff Greer
Wed	10	SENT Mission Community
Thu	11	Brian Nicholls
Fri	12	The success of the SENT Lounge Live tonight
Sat	13	Headingley Churches Together singing carols in Headingley
Sun	14	Hannah Preston
Mon	15	Adrian Howe, Church Treasurer, and his Finance Team
Tue	16	David and Ann MacFarlane in Italy
Wed	17	Headingley Morning Mission Community
Thu	18	People attending the Connect Carol Service tonight
Fri	19	Andrew Bedingham and the work of the CAP Centre
Sat	20	Sam Matthews, working as a volunteer for SP

Pull out and use!

Sun	21	For the Outburst Sunday Christmas Special
Mon	22	Leeds Youth Cell Network
Tue	23	The Community Carol Service at the ABC Coffee Shop
Wed	24	Northside Mission Community
Thu	25	Celebrate the birth of our Saviour
Fri	26	St George's Crypt
Sat	27	Your neighbours
Sun	28	Geoff King
Mon	29	Steve and Ismay Green
Tue	30	Tim and Delphine Minard in France
Wed	31	Our friend working in palliative care in North Africa
JANUARY 2015		
Thu	1	Pray for yourself and your role in South Parade this year
Fri	2	TLG mentors working in local schools
Sat	3	Duncan Stow working in Horsforth
Sun	4	Nathan Shipley
Mon	5	Caring For Life
Tue	6	The work of Rooted
Wed	7	The Arabic Christian Fellowship
Thu	8	Home Group leaders
Fri	9	Leeds Faith in Schools
Sat	10	The Deacons
Sun	11	Lawrence Cockrill
Mon	12	Chris and Dorothy Gnanakan
Tue	13	For peace around the world
Wed	14	Jayne Godfrey in Slovakia

Thu	15	Christians Against Poverty
Fri	16	The volunteers in the Church Office
Sat	17	Caroline Brown at her Induction Service today
Sun	18	Kate Burkett
Mon	19	Other local churches in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tue	20	Levi Booth in Japan
Wed	21	Connect Mission Community
Thu	22	The Elders
Fri	23	Drop-in at Cragg
Sat	24	Becky North in Chad
Sun	25	Heather McLeen
Mon	26	Charles Fletcher, our new Church Secretary
Tue	27	Work with children and young people across the church
Wed	28	Cragg Mission Community
Thu	29	The Church Meeting tonight
Fri	30	Delessa Gugsá
Sat	31	Jill and Colin Jones and their work in Normandy
FEBRUARY		
Sun	1	Paul Rockley
Mon	2	The work of the ABC Coffee Shop in Holt Park
Tue	3	Jane Waites in Albania
Wed	4	Your own Mission Community
Thu	5	The Joanna Project
Fri	6	All that happens in the Green House
Sat	7	Church @ Little London

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight



Prayer for the New Year

As we enter this new year, we bring before you our hopes and dreams, our aims and objectives, the best of our intentions and the worthiest of our ambitions. We bring before you all that we hope to make out of this year, and submit it all to your life-changing grace.

When our priorities submerge us in pointless tasks, when our ambitions fail us or overtake us, when our hopes seek the fulfilment of none but ourselves, when our hearts deceive us to think that we are right when we are not, open our eyes to who you really are.

Open our eyes that we might see the future you have already planned for us. Grant us: the courage to seek your kingdom; the energy to labour where labour is needed; the wisdom to see when it is not; the grace to be quiet when we need to listen; the humility to receive from others; the compassion to hear and see and love those who nobody wants to hear and see and love. By your loving-kindness, make us the body of Christ, thriving by the indwelling of your Spirit, bringing glory to the Father.

Lord for the Years

From Adel to Northside and Beyond

As Margaret Greer's time as Mission Community Leader for Northside was drawing to a close, she felt it would be a good opportunity to reflect on the changes and developments that have taken place over the six years she's served in this role.

Not knowing quite how to start I decided to look back through the various reports and church meeting articles and select a thought from each year.

2009 - at our SPBC Vision Sunday service I recounted a story from the weekend we'd spent at Abbott Hall when Saturday had been misty but on Sunday morning the mist had lifted to reveal the beautiful landscape covered in hoar frost. We'd all felt that as a Mission Community we were on a journey where we didn't know the future but we did know that God was with us and that He would lead

us into the future. We sensed that God was beginning to open doors for us and give us opportunities to reach out into the community. Café Church had started, we had a renewed invitation to go into Wayland Croft (a local sheltered housing complex) and Outburst had started to meet monthly.



Margaret and Geoff Greer

During **2010** we could see that God was blessing the work at Café Church and we were delighted to welcome café church members to an Adel weekend at Willersley Castle. Our teaching sessions were based around The Beatitudes. A phrase which was

mentioned frequently was "keep walking".

And so we walked into **2011** and launched a series of prayer walks around the local area. This opened our eyes afresh to the challenges and opportunities we had to serve the community.



Richard Pollard

2012 saw us continue to “keep on walking” both in prayer and in service to the community and in mission in

other countries. One of our members

was able to visit Jane Waites in Albania in the autumn of 2012 and we were blessed to share in that mission visit. With sad hearts we said farewell to Richard Pollard and his family as they left us to start their new ministry in Bristol. A number of our members had been baptized during Richard’s time with us.

*We continue on a journey.
We don’t know what the
future will bring but we do
know that God is with us
and that He will lead us
into the future.*

In **2013** we were glad to welcome Paul Rockley as the ministry team member for Adel. We continued to be active in mission and noted that three of our members had been and still are actively involved in mission

in Albania, Guinea Bissau and Thailand. Sharing their experiences blesses us as a community as we see the ways in which God answers prayer. On the home front we continued some prayer walking and door knocking as we invited people to come along to services and events.

Towards the end of 2013 and into **2014** we began to sense that God was calling us to something new and we entered into some long discussions and times of prayer as we sought God’s will for us as a Mission Community.

At the beginning of September we launched Northside and have been privileged to see God use our efforts. We have been delighted and excited to see further integration and greater working together of Café Church and the Mission Community. We launched Outburst Sunday with some trepidation: would anyone come along? how would it work? and many, many more questions. We have been encouraged as we’ve welcomed the team from Headingley and several Outburst families. We are really grateful to Heather and Nathan for all the preparation that they have put into these services and it is so encouraging to see both children and young people at the Outburst services. It is a real



The ABC Coffee Shop

joy to see some of the young people involved in leading these sessions. We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the folk at Headingley morning for allowing these young people to come to Northside and help us on Outburst Sunday.

Around the time you read this article we will have a new leadership team in place for Northside.

Katharine Widdowson and Sam MacCunn have recently been elected to the leadership team and at the November Church meeting Rosemary Stirk, Jim Spearing and I will step down from our roles as elder, deacon and mission community leader. Please pray for the new leadership team as they take up the task of leading the new venture in Northside

2014 draws to a close and we believe that we continue on a journey. We don't know what the future will bring but we do know that God is with us and that He will lead us into the future.

We walk by faith not by sight (2 Corinthians 5.7).

Margaret Greer

...informed...

Northside Mission Community meets at the ABC Coffee Shop, Holt Park on the first Sunday of the month, and on other Sundays at Adel Primary School, Tile Lane School Adel (LS16 8DY). For more details about these services and other activities throughout the week, contact the church office, or visit the church website www.spbc.org.uk

Northside

*Come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born King*

James Montgomery

Ages of Rock

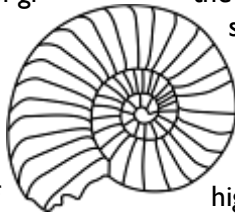
Is the Bible Reliable?

One Saturday in October, emeritus Professor of Thermodynamics Andy Mackintosh gave a talk at Tinshill Free church, to talk about the fossil record and to consider what the evidence from science tells us about events in our ancient history.

The talk was very accessible to non-scientists and included many “hands-on” samples of fossils to touch and to study. Evidence was presented for various fossilised remains of giraffes, butterflies, dragonflies, elephants and crocodiles. The received wisdom in our Western culture asserts that these fossils date back millions of years and are part of an unbroken chain of evolutionary processes. Andy demonstrated that such fossils are identical to the modern day skeletons. There have been no material changes in the fossil record compared to the modern equivalent.

“What about the dinosaurs?” you may ask. Evidence was presented of fossilised remains in which a dinosaur was buried together with a crocodile. Once again, the crocodile bones are identical to those of modern day crocodiles and concluded that the same position can be adopted for the dinosaur bones.

Andy showed us fossils displaying intricate patterns of butterfly wings and fern leaves. He argued that the only way such delicate structures and colours could be imprinted in the rocks, is if it happened instantly (rather than layered over millions of years as many assert).



A recent discovery was also highlighted, in which soft tissue and meat has been found in the marrow of dinosaur bones. This is perhaps the most compelling evidence so far, that the bones cannot be 500 million years old; but that they date to a more recent period in history.

The overwhelming evidence from the rocks shows that a catastrophic event took place in history, in which most living creatures were buried instantly. (This event is often described as the “Cambrian explosion” and many geologists believe this took place 542 million years ago). Geologists cannot offer a definitive explanation as to the cause of this catastrophic event.

Do we look at a fossil and think of divine judgement?

The evidence from science directed us to the biblical record, in which Genesis describes a global flood which caused the rapid death of almost all living creatures. This was a direct response by God, as a judgement upon the sin of the hu-

man race. The only place of safety could be found in the ark. The text suggests that this was a far more recent event than 500 million years ago.

Andy concluded by encouraging us to look at fossils in a new way: will we look at a fossil and consider its formation millions of years ago before humanity was on earth... or will we think of divine judgement?

The New Testament speaks of another future global judgement (by fire) to come. The only place of safety today can be found at The Cross. Will you be safe in Jesus when that day comes...?

Mike Burkett

Headingley Morning Mission Community

...inspired...

Andy Mackintosh is a director of a charity called Truth In Science; more information can be found at www.truthinscience.org.uk

Real Prayers

Dear God

*Thank you for the baby brother
but what I prayed for was a puppy.*

Joyce



www.boredpanda.com

Why Jesus is better than Santa

I once heard of a child who said she likes Santa Claus better than Jesus Christ because for Santa she can be good at Christmas time but for Jesus she is expected to be good all year round!

I believe it was James Spellman who, in an interesting way, reasoned why Jesus is better than Santa...

Santa lives at the North Pole... JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh... JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year... JESUS is an ever present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies... JESUS supplies all your needs.

You have to wait in line to see Santa... JESUS is close at the mention of his name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap... JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"... JESUS knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our head.



Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly... JESUS has a heart full of love.

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO... JESUS offers health, help and hope.

There is really no comparison!

Santa says "You better not cry"... JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys... JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but... JESUS gives you a joy that is your strength.

Santa puts gifts under your tree...
JESUS became our gift and died on
the tree.

It's obvious there is really no comparison! Jesus is still the reason for the season. Yes, Jesus is greater

than all, he is certainly better than Santa Claus.

Chris Gnanakan

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This article was posted on Chris's blog in December 2008

A Hymn on the Nativity of My Saviour

*I sing the birth was born tonight,
The Author both of life and light;
The angels so did sound it,
And like the ravished shepherds said,
Who saw the light, and were afraid,
Yet searched, and true they found it.*

*The Son of God, the eternal King,
That did us all salvation bring,
And freed the soul from danger;
He whom the whole world could not take,
The Word, which heaven and earth did make,
Was now laid in a manger.*

*The Father's wisdom willed it so,
The Son's obedience knew no "No,"
Both wills were in one stature;
And as that wisdom had decreed,
The Word was now made Flesh indeed,
And took on Him our nature.*

*What comfort by Him do we win?
Who made Himself the Prince of sin,
To make us heirs of glory?
To see this Babe, all innocence,
A Martyr born in our defence,
Can man forget this story?*

Ben Jonson

The Crypt at Christmas

Headingley member Arja Copperwheat works as a Community Fundraiser for St George's Crypt. She says that as she goes and speaks about the work of the charity to groups of people at schools, churches, Women's Institutes, Rotary Clubs, Corporates and many others the comment she hears most often after a talk is "I didn't know the Crypt did all that".

Most people think the Crypt is a soup kitchen providing food for homeless people, mainly for old men. When I tell them that the average age of the people staying with us in our bedrooms is 24, they are taken aback. St George's Crypt is – has to be – so much more than a soup kitchen. Beyond catering for their immediate physical needs, we have a commitment to helping the people

we serve out of their situation, and into employment and permanent accommodation.

Our first response to anyone coming through our doors is to provide food and drink. Then we offer showers, clean clothes and beds. We have 15 bedrooms and 12 extra beds in dormitory rooms. (This goes up to 37 beds in total during the cold weather - last year we provided bed spaces for 1,028 different people.) While people are with us, we try to ascertain how we can help them get out of the situation they are in.



St George's
Crypt

Most people who come to us from living on the streets feel

depressed and hopeless, so one of our main aims is to build up their self-confidence. This is done through our training and engagement programme. Throughout the week we have a lot of activities going on: drama and

singing with Opera North and Urban Sprawl Theatre Company; cooking and art classes; physiotherapy sessions and many more. We also offer opportunities for our clients to work throughout our organisation: working in our shops; working for our catering company Nurture in our kitchen and our four cafés; working in our gardens; going out with the van. This not only gives them the opportunity to learn new skills, but also enables them to take NVQ qualifications and builds up their self-esteem.

Many clients have found employment at the Crypt and many others have been helped into employment elsewhere. We also, with support from Leeds City Council, help to find suitable permanent accommodation for our clients, with an 85% success rate in “moving them on”. When the clients have got their own accommodation, they are able to join our floating support programme which supports them until they feel they can manage on their own.



Images of the modern facilities at St George's Crypt

*The generosity of
South Parade in the
Christmas Day collection
for St George's Crypt
is much appreciated*

As well as this important work, the Crypt also works together with the NHS to house people in our bedrooms who have been discharged from hospital and would otherwise be homeless. They often still need medical care, which is offered by nurses who come and see them regularly.

Every Sunday morning Roger Quick, our Chaplain, holds a church service in the Crypt called the Lighthouse, with an average attendance of about 45 people. This is a church which accepts, welcomes and supports the socially excluded.

For many years now, the collection on Christmas Day at South Parade has been held for St George's Crypt, and on behalf of the Crypt I want to thank everyone at South Parade for their generosity, support and prayers. It is much appreciated.

This Christmas Day, a live service is being broadcast on the BBC from St George's Church. During the morning, the cameras will be coming down to the Crypt, where the staff will be preparing Christmas Dinner for about 150 clients. We would appreciate your prayers for that service, as it is a wonderful opportunity to show people a glimpse of God's work amongst the homeless of Leeds, carried out faithfully at St George's Crypt for the last 84 years.

Arja Copperwheat

Headingley Morning Mission Community

...involved...

Speak to Arja to find out more about the work of the Crypt or visit www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk for more information.



Latest News

Don't forget that if you miss the weekly notice sheet you can download the latest one from the church website **www.spbc.org.uk** - click on the "resources" section

Come Prepared

Preaching at the Turn of the Year

As Advent breaks we are turning our attention to Luke's Gospel, with morning themes working through the early stories in the Gospel. From January onwards we will continue to work our way through the story of Jesus as Luke tells it. The headings look like this although there may be some interruptions for nativity services.

In December the evenings will focus on the final coming of Christ with themes of prophecy and judgment. The highlight of the season is of course our Carols by Candlelight service on 21 December at 6.30pm. In the first part of the year we will explore the early chapters of Genesis and then probably move on to explore the Letter to the Hebrews.

7 December	Luke 1.26-38	Ready for the impossible
14 December	Luke 1.39-56	A reason to praise (part 1)
21 December	Luke 1.57-80	A reason to praise (part 2)
Christmas Day	Luke 2.1-20	The old story that's always new
28 December	Luke 2.21-40	A light to the nations
4 Jan 2015	Luke 2.41-52	About Father's business
11 January	Luke 3.1-20	The axe is laid at the roots
18 January	Luke 3.21-38	Jesus was baptised too
25 January	Luke 4.1-13	If... Satan, the sower of doubt

Planning is under-way for the preaching rota beyond January and there is a short window of opportunity to suggest themes or Bible series for later in the spring and summer – suggestions to me as soon as possible.

Brian Nicholls
Senior Minister

Ford's Focus

Gilgal: What's in a Name?

Steve Ford continues his study of the word “Gilgal” in the Old Testament, and challenges us to remember God’s salvation in our lives, to see Gilgal not just as a physical place, but a marker of our security in God’s faithfulness. In the final part of the study Steve shows us that it is possible to abuse that memorial place and lose all that has been secured by the grace of God.

The Abuse of Gilgal (1 Samuel 11.14)

Samuel encourages the people of Israel in 1 Samuel 11.14 to return to Gilgal and to renew the kingdom there. The place of the

new beginning, the place of commitment, the place of security. We know when we read this passage that there was repentance in the form of sacrifices and there was great rejoicing, something that can only come at the place of security.

It wasn't long before this place of safety and security was abused. We can read the story in 1 Samuel 13.

Essentially power goes to Saul's head, whether it was of his own doing or out of fear or just because he thought he was doing the right thing is not really important. What is important though is that Saul rushed into something that he should not have done. He commands that a sacrifice be offered before the right time and he assumes that he, as king, has authority to offer it when in fact it was reserved for the “man of God”. He abused his position as king because he saw everything around him falling apart. How many times have we done that - rushed in to try to rescue a situation when really what we should do is reconvene, pray and wait for God's time?



It was in that reckless moment that all that Saul had been entrusted with was lost. God needs people who will seek him for who he is, seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness. When we do that, God's blessing will follow. In two short years as king of Israel Saul had managed to alienate his people. He went from 3,000 fighting men to just 600. His subjects were so scared and fearful of the enemy that they resorted to hiding in caves, in bushes, among rocks, in holes and in pits. From this moment on Saul was on his own mission and not on God's mission. Let us remember the security, the cost and the freedom of Gilgal and seek to walk in God's way and not our own so that we do not fall foul of the possible abuse of Gilgal.



The Separation of Gilgal (Hosea 9.15 and Hosea 12.11)

This shows the consequences of what happens if we abuse the freedom God has given us. We become worthless and our altars (memorials) become just a heap of rubble with no meaning.

Paul writes to the Galatian church (Galatians 5.13) and advises them not to use their new found liberty

in Christ as an excuse for self gain or selfish ends.

We read in Hosea that God was so abhorred at the Jews' behaviour, lack of trust and failure to seek Him that in Hosea 9.15 he says that "all their wickedness is in Gilgal" and "I will drive them from my house". This is a sorry state of affairs that a people who were rescued by God's grace and subsequently kept by his mercy were still able to reject and drive him to distraction. In Hosea 12:11 God says that the very memorials that have been placed in Gilgal will be heaps of rubble, just turned over and forgotten. Oh that we learn not to forsake the Lord our God but that we learn to continue in the freedom of Gilgal, not abusing that freedom which leads to the separation and destruction of the very memorial we first set up and talked about.

Is this the end or is there security to be found in Gilgal?

The Security of Gilgal (2 Kings 2.1)

We have seen that Gilgal is a place of rolling away, memorial, cost, freedom, abuse and separation.

What we also find is that Gilgal is a place of security. We all need places of security, places where we know God is, and where He has intervened in our lives.

In 2 Kings 2.1 Elisha had found the place of security with God and was prepared to go with Elijah and witness his grand departure into heaven.

*Like Elijah we will be able
to draw from the well
of salvation and go
out and accomplish
great things for God*

The security of Gilgal is something that we all must find but there is no easy way or short cut to finding it. We have to go through the process of laying down our memorial stones, our marker for all to see. We will experience the cost of Gilgal together with the freedom that can be found in Gilgal. I guess at times we will even abuse the freedom found and may also experience the wrath of God and the separation that comes because we do not fear the holiness of God as we should.

The great thing is that even in situations like this God can and will, if we are willing, bring us back to Gilgal to the place of memorial which becomes our place of security. We, like Elijah, will be able to draw from the well of salvation the freedom that is found in such a place and be able to know that we can go out again and accomplish great things for God. The security of Gilgal gives us knowledge and we, with Elisha, will be able to say “yes I know; keep silent” (2 Kings 2.3)

- Have we found our Gilgal?
- Have we established our memorial?
- Have we tasted of the bounty of God’s provision or are we still looking for manna in the wilderness?

I trust and pray that you will know God and His wonderful provisions for life. I also pray that we may guard against any abuse of freedom which leads to separation. If you are separated then I pray that you will be able to find the place of security and re-establish a relationship that will bless and encourage others.

Steve Ford

blog.steveford.me.uk

...inspired...

The first part of this study is still available in the October Intouch on the church website. There’s more on Steve’s blog as well.

Church Noticeboard

Hope Revolution Bradford



SEEING UNITY, PRAYERFUL WORSHIP AND MISSIONAL TRANSFORMATION BETWEEN
YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRADFORD AND LEEDS.

7TH APRIL – 11TH APRIL 2015

See Nathan Shipley for more details!

Christmas Choir

It's still not too late to join the South Parade Christmas Choir for the Candlelit Carol Service on 21 December.

Everyone is welcome from all parts of the church to come and join us whether you're an experienced singer or not. Rehearsals continue in the church parlour at Headingley on these dates:

- Sunday 7 December 4.30pm
- Wednesday 10 December 7.30pm
- Thursday 18 December 7.30pm
- Sunday 21 December afternoon

Hope to see you there

Colin Jones



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18 – 25 January

The theme this year, chosen by the people of Brazil, is “The Well is Deep”, based on John 4.



A united service will be held at Headingley St Columba on Sunday 25 January at 3.00pm, and a coffee morning the previous day, Saturday 24, at St Michael's Parish Hall.

Three “cameo” events will take place, looking at the theme (replacing the usual agape meals):

- Tuesday 20 January (evening) at St Chad's Parish Centre,
- Wednesday 21 January (morning) in the Green House at South Parade
- Thursday 22 in the afternoon, at Headingley St Columba URC.

There will be tea/coffee and cakes at each one. Times will be confirmed nearer the dates. More details about the week of prayer can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Pam Roe

Where South Parade Meets on Sundays

- **Connect:** Hollybush School, Broad Lane, Bramley, LS13 2JJ
- **Cragg:** Cragg Avenue, Horsforth, LS18 4LX
- **Headingley:** South Parade, Headingley, LS6 3LF
- **Northside** (first Sunday of each month): ABC Coffee Shop, Asda Complex, Holt Park.
- **Northside** (other Sundays): Adel Primary School, Tile Lane, Adel, LS16 8DY
- **SENT:** South Parade, Headingley, LS6 3LF

*Find out more about South Parade's
5 Mission Communities at www.spbc.org.uk*

Please Save Network Leeds

The vital Christian web portal of Network Leeds needs critical financial support in order for it to survive beyond 2014! Born over a decade ago out of a Leeds-wide prayer burden for working across denominations, cultures and communities, Network Leeds has become an essential part of the Christian presence in Leeds. Prophetic words spoken into the city at inception identified that Leeds would Lead from a strong place of unity. The role of NL has been as a key communication mechanism for mobilising collaborative mission, funded through generous donations from Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT).



Please can you help?

We need £5,000 to keep us afloat till Christmas, and then another £8,000 in 2015 to give us time to achieve the proposed changes - which will include a complete relaunch.

Karen Williams, Project Manager, networkleeds.com

Caroline Brown



After completing her ministerial training at Bristol Baptist College earlier in the year, Caroline will be returning to West Yorkshire in the New Year having accepted a call to be minister at Dewsbury Baptist Church. Her ordination will be in Bristol on 17 January and her induction at Dewsbury on 28 February.

Sermons Available

now on the church website:

- Paul Rockley on John 9
- Gareth Iball on John 15
- Gaynor Hammond on Acts 16
- Richard Pollard on John 14
- Brian Nicholls on Ephesians 2
- Jill Jones on Genesis 12

www.spbc.org.uk

Magazine *intouch* Deadline

The next edition of *Intouch* is out on 8 February 2015. Please send any contributions to magazine@spbc.org.uk by 23 January.

NINE LESSONS

LEARNED AT THE CAROL SERVICE

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YOU WILL NEED TO GET THERE EARLY IF YOU WANT A GOOD SEAT

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IT'S NOT PERFECT BUT IT WILL DO



PARKING SPACES WILL BE HARD TO COME BY

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THE WORLDWIDE CANDLE SHORTAGE HAS NOT KICKED IN YET

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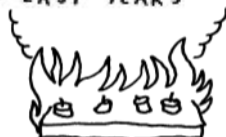
THE SERVICE SHEET LOOKS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S

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CAROLS WORK BEST WHEN EVERYONE HAS THE SAME WORDS

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OASIS IS FLAMMABLE SO IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO PUT CANDLES IN IT

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SMALL CHILDREN DO NOT ESPECIALLY ENJOY LISTENING TO NINE READINGS

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PARENTS DO NOT ESPECIALLY ENJOY RESTRAINING THEIR CHILDREN DURING NINE READINGS

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YOU ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO CATCH A COLD IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE ONE

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South Parade meets as five distinctive Mission Communities across Leeds: in **Headingley** and **Cragg** on a Sunday Morning, and as **SENT** at Headingley on Sunday evenings. **Connect** meets at different locations in the community in Bramley. **Northside** meets in Adel and at the ABC Coffee Shop in Holt Park. We're involved with Church@Little London, run a CAP Debt Centre and have a partnership with the Arabic Christian Fellowship. To find out more, visit the website or contact the church office.

Together, we have a shared vision to **build community in Christ**. We hope that all who meet us will be helped to **belong** to Christ and his people, will discover what it means to **believe** in him, and will **become** all that he invites them to be in character, lifestyle, witness and service.

Senior Minister
Minister

Brian Nicholls
Paul Rockley

Associate Pastor for
Youth and Young Adults
Children's Worker
Associate Pastor
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“

*The true light that gives light to
everyone was coming into the world.*

”

John 1.9 (NIV)

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