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An Anglican Methodist Partnership

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## Comment

### Change and Decay? - What does a new year bring?

John Bell of Iona, at a seminar I went to recently, commented that churches tend not to be very good at dealing with change. We are perhaps, he thought, too influenced by the words of hymns such as 'change and decay in all around I see', 'everything changes, but God changes not'. Such phrases, entering deep within us, predispose us to see change as a bad thing. How

many Anglicans does it take to change a light bulb? One, and fifty to say that they preferred the old one.\*

It is probably true that most Christians are predisposed to be conservative – with a small ‘c’. This is because we are part of, and very conscious of, our traditions. We know, when we recite the Lord’s Prayer, or other parts of our liturgy, that we are saying the same words as millions of Christians have said for some 2000 years. And when we use words from the Old Testament – the Psalms, for instance, people have used these words for far longer. We are using hymns that Jesus himself knew and used in his worship. This is a powerful idea. It can give us stability and courage, as we are inspired by the example of those who have gone before us in faith, to whom we are connected in an unbroken line.

Places are also important to us, especially when they have been holy places for centuries. The church in the village where we stay in Wales has been in that place since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Nearby there is an ancient holy well. It’s impossible not to be moved by the thought of the generations who have worshipped there. Their faith has hallowed the ground. ‘You are here to kneel’ says T S Eliot, of Little Gidding, the place where Nicholas Ferrar founded his religious community, ‘You are here to kneel/Where prayer has been valid.’

All this tradition can make it difficult for us to face change. We can forget that though the essential nature of God is changeless, he is the God of creation, and that does not stand still. ‘Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?’ (*Isaiah 43:19*) So God is present in creative change, which should be a comforting thought when we feel wobbly about new things happening.

At St Andrew’s Psalter Lane Church we have learned a great deal about change over the last few years, as we merged our two churches and traditions. We learned to find out about each other’s differences and how much more we had in common than we had perhaps imagined. We learned to take pleasure in each other’s traditions. Many Anglicans were pleased to have gained a new hymn book with all the riches of *Hymns and Psalms*, many Methodists enjoyed the liturgical tradition of the Anglicans. And we found that we were making a new thing, and could make choices about how it was going to be.

Now we find ourselves again facing change as Nick Jowett, our Vicar who was at old St Andrew’s since 1998 and has been our Vicar ever since the Ecumenical Partnership was formed, retires, and in September

Gareth Jones, our new Methodist Minister, takes up his post. There is

likely to be a period over the summer when we have what is called an interregnum, when we have no vicar or minister in post, For many churches an interregnum can be a period of growth and exploration, partly because people may be asked to take on unfamiliar tasks or responsibilities. They can be a good shake up, a time to take stock and think about the future.

If we remember the lessons we learned when we merged: how we listened to each other and spent a good deal of time being honest about our feelings without claiming that one person's view-point had more validity than another's; how we tried things out until we found ways of doing them that seemed suitable, and have been prepared since then to alter ways of doing things as we have gone along, I'm sure we shall manage this change well and creatively too,

*Imogen Clout*

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### \*How many Methodists does it take to change a light bulb?

This statement was issued: "We choose not to make a statement either in favour of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey you have found that a light bulb works for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your light bulb (or light source, or non-dark resource), and present it next month at our annual light bulb Sunday service, in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, three-way, long-life, and tinted-all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence. "



## Food for the journey

### Five Minutes Peace

If you've only got a short while, but you need a moment of prayer, make the most of it. Don't forgo it simply because you think you haven't got long enough. Effective prayer is less about coming out with the right words and more about putting yourself where you can feel God reaching for you.

So sit down. Sit straight, with your feet flat on the floor and your spine comfortably aligned.

Make your hands loose. Relax your shoulders. Make your mouth soft – which sounds odd, but it helps the rest of you to relax too.

Let your breathing slow and listen to it going in and out of you. Breathe out the tensions and troubles of the day and breathe in God's complete love for you.

It may be enough just to bask in and with God. If you feel that you need to structure the time, start with thanks. Think about something you feel thankful for and tell God about your feelings. Then there may be something that you need to 'get off your chest' - a concern, a sorrow, something you feel guilty about. Name it to God and feel his love holding you. If you are worried for someone else, tell God his or her name.

By this time you may nearly have used up your five minutes. Don't jump suddenly out of it though. Ask God to be with you and keep you mindful of his presence during the day, and get up gently, as though he were holding your hand. In a way, he is.



## Prayer

Thanks to Thee, God,  
who brought'st me from  
yesterday  
to the beginning of today,  
everlasting joy  
to earn for my soul  
with good intent.  
And for every gift of peace  
Thou bestowest on me,  
my thoughts, my words,  
my deeds, my desires  
I dedicate to Thee,  
I supplicate Thee,  
I beseech Thee,  
to keep me from offence,  
and to shield me tonight,  
for the sake of Thy wounds  
with Thine offering of Grace.

*From Carmina Gadelica*

1. Who are Saints Anna and Joachim?
2. Which eponymous heroine was called Giovanna d'Aragona?
3. Who's the king in Tennyson's 'Idylls of the King'?
4. Who invented the light bulb?
5. What links: Turkish Delight; prison reform; The Lady's Not for Burning?
6. What links: Missouri; Quebec; Senegal; Reunion; Seychelles.

## Quiz

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## Outreach

### Our new Minister – preview

Nick Jowett, our Anglican Vicar, has made no secret over the last couple of years of his intention to retire this year. And all too soon that time has finally come. So in the early summer we will be saying goodbye to him as he retires and moves with his wife Hilary, who is also a vicar, to her new post at Dinnington and Laughton.

Nick's successor will be a Methodist Minister: Gareth Jones, who has been appointed to St Andrew's Psalter Lane and Endcliffe. He has supplied this brief biographical note:



Following a first appointment in North Nottinghamshire, much of my ministry has focused on university chaplaincy, in Newcastle upon Tyne and Birmingham. I have also been very committed to inter-faith relations for many years, and from 2007 until earlier this year worked full-time as Inter-Faith Development Officer for the West Midlands Faiths Forum, until WMFF's funding came to an end. I'm currently back for a year covering a vacancy in my former role as Methodist Chaplain to the University of Birmingham. I still have several inter-faith-related roles, including being Co-chair of the connexional Methodist/URC Inter Faith Relations Reference Group.

I'm married to Jean (Allen), who is a school librarian; both of us lived in

Bristol for most of our younger lives. I enjoy listening to a wide range of music, from Bach to jazz to Indian *raags*, and have similarly varied tastes in art and poetry. I read regularly in the devotional writings of all faiths. Despite my Welsh name, I only feel really Welsh when Wales are playing rugby, and when time permits I try and fit in a few frames of snooker.

We're looking forward very much to meeting everyone in September!

*Gareth Jones*

## Andrew and Kate Kennedy: Our New CMS Mission Partners



Andrew and Kate with their two little boys, Munro and Wilbur, will

be going to south-east Pakistan in April. Andrew will be working with a Christian NGO using his skills in project management and community development, while Kate will be involved both with their family and the local church, in women's ministry, and perhaps eventually using her nursing skills.

We will welcome them on a visit on the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March. There will be a party for them on the Saturday evening, and they will be at Sandcastles and the 10.30 am service on the Sunday. Please look out for more details of the visit; and please pray for them as they prepare for what will be an arduous time of uprooting, travel and adjustment

## Shirley House



We are planning on going out to tender on Shirley House in the Spring, so that we can start the work in the summer of this year.

However, we still need to raise £40,000 in order to complete the scheme. If we can raise another £40,000, there is a further

£39,000 matched funding available from the Circuit, so we should be able to go ahead. Sadly, we have been turned down by three major funding bodies, so we now need to find this money from elsewhere. We are trying some others for smaller amounts.

Therefore we are again looking to our own members. If you have not

yet given a donation to the appeal, please think and pray about what you can afford to give – this can be a one-off donation or a pledge of monthly giving over a period of up to 3 years. If you have already given a donation, thank you. Please leave donations or pledges in a marked envelope in the giving plate, or send to the Church Office. And remember, if you are a tax-payer you can Gift Aid any donation, so that we can reclaim a further 25%. Remember also that because the Circuit have offered to match anything we get up to £100,000, your donation will count double and this includes the gift aid we can reclaim. Therefore, if you make a donation of £100 under gift aid, we can claim £25 gift aid, and the Circuit money will double this, making a total of £250 for your gift of £100!.

Let's make a big push and see if we can get this money in order to improve Shirley House and leave a legacy for the future as we have with the church.

## Traidcraft

The Traidcraft shop in Devonshire Green closed on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011 so we now have no local source of Traidcraft goods. The closure of the shop is due to a combination of circumstances and our thanks are due to Sulein Alleyne, Ruth Vere and their staff of volunteers for keeping the shop going on very narrow margins.

In some respects, the shop has served its purpose: it has brought fairly traded goods to prominence and many of the food items are now available in supermarkets and charity outlets. However, this closure means that there will be no more Traidcraft stalls in church for the foreseeable future. Lorraine and I have been very grateful for the way in which many of you have supported the stall in the past but there are still several ways to buy the full range of goods. Orders can be made at: Traidcraft, Kingsway, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 0NE, Tel. 0845 330 8900 or online at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) (NB Traidcraft wines can only be bought from Gateshead). A current catalogue will be left in the narthex.

In the longer term, there is a prospect that an organisation called Third World First, based in the University of Sheffield, may be able to stock these goods locally. Also there is the idea of establishing a local Traidcraft depot in Endcliffe Methodist Church but this is a more distant project.

*Sandy Kennedy*

## House groups

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, an assorted group of 9 people met Marcus and Katharine Crabbe's house for a new course of study groups called 'Handing on the Torch; sacred words for a secular world'. We were a mixture of old friends and people who had not met before, couples and singles.

After coffee, biscuits and introductions, Nick Jowett led the first session. We had been given the booklet in advance. There is a CD with relevant comments and discussion points by a distinguished range of theologians including Archbishop John Sentamu (Archbishop of York), Rachel Lampard (a Methodist involved in political issues, especially regulation of gambling) and Clifford Longley (a Roman Catholic broadcaster).

The first session was called 'A Christian Country?' and considered the effects of topics such as war, natural disasters, media and modern technology, sexuality and birth control on levels of religion and faith in this country over the last century or so. We started with our own response to the booklet, then listened to the CD, then continued our discussion.

We didn't all agree but everyone had a chance to speak and learn from each other. We felt some of the written material approached sexual issues from a more conservative angle than we do, but we were shocked by some of the information. In general we felt the positive steps towards inclusion of people from different cultures and with disabilities have improved British society, although there are also aspects that have deteriorated in our lifetimes.



Nick made sure we ended the discussion promptly, before we finished the biscuits and went home. A different person will lead each future session, and not everybody will be able to make every meeting, so if you are interested in joining us you will be most welcome. One group will meet on Wednesday evenings and another on Tuesday afternoons (See church notice sheets). Each groups plans to meet twice per month, not every week, so check the dates.

*Caroline Cripps*

# Young SAPLC

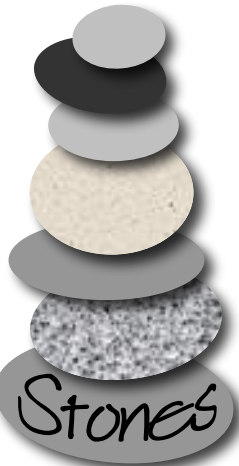
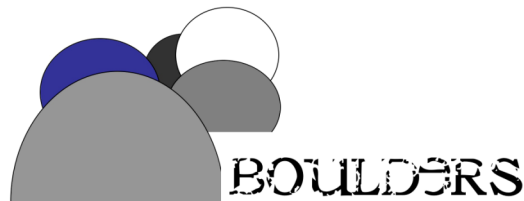


Sandcastles is on the second Sunday of each month at 9.15.

Junior Church: (Pebbles 3-5, Stones 6-10, Rocks 11→) is during the main service at 10.30 – apart from Worship All Together Sundays. Children between 2 and 3 can join in the youngest group (Pebbles) with a parent/carer.



Boulders for teenagers, is a discussion group with breakfast at 9.00 am, normally on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in the month.



Q: How do you turn soup into gold?

A: Add 24 carrots (carats)!

## Jokes

Q: What did the timid pebble wish for?

A: That he could be a little bo(u)lder.

Q: What do you do with a blue monster?

A: Try to cheer him up

Q: Why did the jelly baby go to school?

A: Because he really wanted to be a smartie.

*If you've got a good joke, please send it in to Nexus*

## Craft activities

### Edible Valentines

It's fun to make someone a Valentine that they can eat. Use the recipe below to make a biscuit dough. Roll it out about ½ cm thin. Cut out a large heart freehand, or first draw a heart template on a piece of A4, and then cut round it. You can make some smaller hearts to go with it, if you have extra dough.

Bake the biscuit for about 10 minutes, until it is just browning a little at the edges. Leave it to cool on the tray as it is likely to break if you move it when it is warm. Then ice it as beautifully as you can with pretty decorations and colours. Don't forget to write a message on it. If you can't pipe letters, you can use rolling icing. Roll the icing into thin 'worms' with the flat of your fingers and shape it into the letters you need.

### **Biscuit recipe:**

6 oz butter

6 oz caster sugar

8 oz flour

A pinch of bicarbonate of soda

¼ teaspoon of salt

Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the eggs and flour, salt and bicarb, the grated lemon rind and a tablespoon of juice. If it feels too soft, chill in the fridge a little before rolling it out.

## **Parent & Baby Group**

This is a fairly small group which meets in the church each Friday in term time 10am -11.30. We try to restrict it to Sharrow and Nether Edge areas to encourage on-going friendships to develop.

We provide separate areas for little babies and crawlers and they can stay longer until the babes

are 18 months if they are already members. There is a charge of £1.50 a session with the suggestion of an extra 20p for "Friends of the Earth" if you travel by car. Free drinks and home made cakes are provided and we end with a singing session. New members – mothers and fathers - are very welcome.

Please contact Muriel Roberts on 255 1473 if you would like to join or for more information.



## **Baby Basics**

Please remember and continue to support our collection for some of the poorest mothers in Sheffield. There's a blue box in the Narthex for donations for new babies and their mothers.

# Colouring page

Here's a picture  
of things you  
might see in the  
Spring. Try to  
colour it so that  
it looks like a  
stained glass  
window



# Times and seasons

## The Church's Year

Lent (which starts this year on 22<sup>nd</sup> February) gets its name from the same word as 'lengthen': it is the time of the year when the days are getting longer. In the past the Lenten fast (which was not imposed on Sundays) may have been almost a necessity as people came to the end of the foodstuffs that they had stored up in the previous year to last them through the winter months. The Church made a virtue of such necessity.

Fasting has gone out of fashion in the western Christian world, though most of the major religions observe periods of fasting, recognising that a physical hunger can produce a spiritual experience, and can help us use the feelings that it produces to reflect on our other hungers: for love, for peace, for oneness with God. Giving up chocolate is only likely to work if you are truly an addict.

Nowadays you may be encouraged to *do* something, rather than abstain from something in Lent: read an improving text, practice an act of kindness or different behaviour each day. Such practices are commendable, but perhaps they miss the point of the discipline that says you must *wait* to indulge yourself, and reflect on what that waiting does to you. Easter then comes as a fulfilment, and a confirmation that the good things will come again.

## Recipe for the season

All purpose winter afternoon stew

This is a description of method, rather than a recipe that you strictly adhere to, but it makes a good winter meal. And the preparation is quick, especially if you use a pack of frozen vegetables. I make it using **duck legs**, which are often discounted and cheaper, or packs of frozen **chopped mixed game pieces**, or a pack of **stewing venison**.

In a good sized stewpot, start, like all good recipes, by frying a **chopped onion** in a little oil. When it is starting to brown, add the meat that you have chosen and stir it until it is browning too. Add a **little white wine**, about half a glass, or somewhat less of **brandy or sherry**, and allow it to bubble fiercely.

Then add the **chopped vegetables**. I use a winter stew pack which has carrots, swede, leek and, I think, parsnip. If you aren't using the

frozen veg choice, add a selection of chunky fresh root vegetables. Stir the vegetables round and add **stock** or water and a chicken stock cube – about a pint to a pint and a half.

Also, and this makes a real difference, take the **peel off an orange** in a long strip using a peeler or canelle knife. Add this, a **bay leaf** or two, and a bashed **clove of garlic**.

To make the stew a little more substantial, add **half a mug of puy or brown lentils, or pearl barley**.

Let it all bubble gently over a low heat until the lentils/barley are soft. You might need to add a little more stock if the lentils/barley absorb it. It will sit comfortably on the stove until you need it, and tastes even better the second day, though the vegetables may feel a little soggy.

## Wednesday Saints

Each Wednesday at the 10.00 service, which is generally a Communion service, we celebrate the life of a ‘saint’ – not always a canonised one, but someone whose life has been suffused with their relationship with God. We encounter all sorts of people in this way: mystics and hermits, scientists, musicians and artists, humble and great.

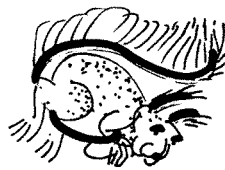
Normally the person leading the service will give a short talk about the person’s life and this will then lead into an informal discussion about our response to their life.

These are the people/events we will be celebrating in the next two months. Come and enjoy an oasis of reflective calm in the middle of a busy week.

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Brigid	c. 451–525 Abbess of Kildare and one of the patron saints of Ireland
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Thecla of Iconium	1st century radical and subversive virgin and follower of Paul
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Nicholas Wiseman	1802–1865 First Archbishop of Westminster upon the reestablishment of the Roman Catholic Church in England in 1850
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	The start of Lent
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz	12 November 1651 – 17 April 1695 Mexican nun, poet and scholar

7 <sup>th</sup> March	Edward King	29 December 1829 - 8 March 1910 Bishop of Lincoln and high church man. Professor and founder
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Fannie Lou Hamer	October 6, 1917 – March 14, 1977, American voting rights activist and civil rights leader
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Esther	Queen and saviour of her people
28 <sup>th</sup> March	John Climacus	7 <sup>th</sup> century monk on Mount Sinai, writer and ascetic

## Eco-Congregation Gardening



Clear up fallen vegetation and add it to the compost heap. If you are going to grow any tall bean varieties dig a trench of at least a spade depth, preferably two. Tip kitchen waste, newly fallen leaves and the weeds that have been enjoying the mild weather into the bottom. Sprinkle some fertiliser over it to speed up the rotting process. If you grew tomatoes in grow bags you can sprinkle one of them in there too. You can use old growbags as a top dressing on the rhubarb, asparagus and most plants that want to be kept damp and insulated from the hardest frost. Do NOT put them on land you will be using to grow potatoes later this year. They are the same botanical family and suffer the same diseases.

Cleaning up the old leaves gives whitefly, spring-tails, slugs, snails and other competitors for your produce fewer places to hide. Whilst there does need to be a hiding place for these creatures, they have as much right to be here as we have, we can choose to host them in the corners of our gardens: at the foot of hedges rather than in the prime sites of best fertility. They provide a food source for robins, hedge sparrows and the like.

On the days it is too wet to walk on the land wash the inside of the greenhouse. You will be glad to have got this chore done early when time is shorter as the days lengthen. There is so much to do!

*Bill Atherton*



## Church family

We congratulate

Hilary Jowett (Nick's wife) on her appointment to be Rector of Dinnington and Vicar of Laughton en le Morthen

We welcome

- twins Adileh and Jensen Nolten-Peckett, and Matthew Smith on their baptisms
- Alexandra Joyce on her Thanksgiving

In our prayers

- Jean Cammack, who is in hospital at the moment, as her memory is failing
- We remember with love Irene Howlett and Joan Dowsett who died recently

*If you know of anyone who needs our prayers please let Nick Jowett know*

### Rene Howlett – In Memoriam

Rene Howlett was one of those people who could be guaranteed to say what you weren't expecting. She thought deeply about human affairs and had gained many insights from her wide reading. I suspect that some of her wisdom and literary gifts came from her father, Harold Bunting, who was a journalist and at one time literary editor of the Sheffield Telegraph. But we shouldn't forget the influence of her mother, Annie, who came from Darnall; that must also have been strong on an only child.

Rene was born in Mexborough on 14th May 1920, but grew up and went to school in Barnsley. After Rene left school, she took the Civil Service exam and went to work as a clerk at Barnsley County Court.

When her father moved to Stockton to run the Food Office, Rene went to work in the County Court there. Her father returned to Sheffield to work on the Sheffield Telegraph.

In both Barnsley and Stockton Rene took part in amateur dramatic productions (and got some good notices!). It was through these, at Barnsley, that she met William Howlett. Her parents were now living on Millhouses Lane, and so she and William married at Holy Trinity Millhouses in April 1947, living with her parents after marriage. Their son, Stephen, was born at the beginning of 1950, but in April of that year William died of heart failure. And so, at a tragically early age, widowhood came upon Rene. Around 1966 the family moved to Glentilt Road and moved from Holy Trinity to St Oswald's Church. Some twenty years later, about 1985, Rene moved to her Edgebrook Road flat and also joined St Andrew Sharrow.

Rene worked from home as an Elocution Teacher. She was also a secretary at Flint & Co Solicitors. And she wrote stories for 'The People's Friend' under the pseudonym of Rose Carter. As many will know, Rene was an active member of the Sheffield Dickens Fellowship over many years and took a leading part in many readings and performances (including appearances on TV in the Roy Castle Show and on local radio).

Rene's faith was one that did not try to bypass the evils of the world in unreal sentimentality; she knew, as a novelist knows, that you have to go through the trials and tribulations before you can emerge into the light. As Stephen said at her funeral, Rene often felt that the world was not becoming a better place, but that she tried, just by being herself and seeing hope in others, to make it better. For those who knew her, she certainly succeeded.

*Nick Jowett*

## A French Baptism

I think it's wonderful to be part of another culture's family occasion. So, when my French friend (who lives in Sheffield) asked me to be godmother to her 3½ year old son, I was quite excited. I did know she planned to have him baptised before Christmas, but I'd overlooked the location (near Cambrai, northern France); and the date (23rd December)!

Still, assuming Eurostar would keep running, and ignoring my memory of

the weather in Dec 2010, I booked my ticket to Lille and three nights in a hotel I already knew (close to the Christmas market, which runs until 30<sup>th</sup> December).

The baptism was a Roman Catholic one and in French. I knew I would be reading a sentence, in English (my friend's wish, as Louis was born and is growing up in England); and the French godfather would be



reading another sentence. These came from a list in the church's service booklet. They were good moral sentences, about believing the world and people are good: not controversial, and not specifically Christian.

According to a good friend of mine, strictly speaking I could not be godmother because, although I'm baptised (which was all the French curé required), I am not Roman Catholic – so I could only be a sponsor. But I was treated as *marraine* (French for godmother)

throughout. The curé was lovely and explained everything throughout the service, something he obviously enjoyed doing. Louis was anointed with oil of chrisam, given a candle, and baptised with water in the way we would all recognise.

Two things puzzled me:

- Although Louis's parents made the expected promises, the godparents did not. There was no reference to ones for godparents in the service booklet. Such promises do appear usually in English Roman Catholic services, according to my good friend.
- Both godparents were given a lighted candle (thinner than the one for Louis). The godfather said sometimes the curé expects you to hand this to the child, but he'd given these to us for ourselves – and I still have mine.

Being in France, we then had a memorable meal in a smart French restaurant. A real treat! I had a lovely day – and Eurostar delivered me back to Sheffield by 1.15pm on Christmas Eve!

*Chris Lowry*


## **House Groups - Three Groups to Join**

Currently there are three house groups meeting:

On Wednesday evenings (8.00 @10 Kenwood Road) and Tuesday afternoons (2.00@15 Clifford Road), the groups are following the York Course 'Handing on the Torch' (about how the church responds to the rapid changes in our society) and hope to move on to discuss 'The Shack' by William Paul Young.

On Monday evenings, a Basic Christianity/Confirmation Course led by Nick Jowett at 8.00.

If you would like to join one of these groups, please speak to Nick Jowett or check in the Notices for the dates on which these are held.



## **NETHER EDGE COMMUNITY SONG NIGHT SHROVE TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Come and join us for a great evening of singing songs  
(traditional /modern) led by vocalist, Richard Parry

PANCAKES from 7.15

SINGING from 7.30

Admission: FREE

Small charge for refreshments

Donations welcome for the

Shirley House Redevelopment Appeal



# Beauchief Abbey Lent Lectures 2012



## Law and Justice in the Old Testament

will be given by the renowned Old Testament scholar Revd Professor John Rogerson

The five weekly lectures begin at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29th February at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church.

Admission is free

The laws of a society reflect to some extent its values and ideals. The laws in the Old Testament also do this, but there is an additional, prophetic factor, which means that Old Testament laws do not just have a regulative purpose, but also a transforming purpose. Thus, to study Old Testament laws means to study the prophetic impulse that sought to shape a society that reflected the divine image.

Wednesday 29 February, 7.00 pm

**‘What is the point of studying these things today?’**

Wednesday 7 March, 7.00 pm

**‘How should we approach the law “codes” in the Old Testament?’**

Wednesday 14 March, 7.00 pm

**‘The Covenant “Code”, Exodus 21.1-23.19’**

Wednesday 21 March, 7.00 pm

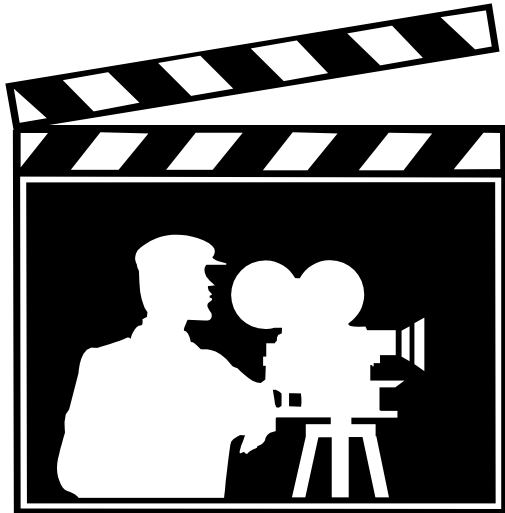
**‘The Deuteronomistic “Code”, Deuteronomy 12.1-26.19’**

Wednesday 28 March, 7.00 pm

**‘The Holiness Laws, Leviticus 19-26’**

More details from R Parry 07974 39 7771 or SAPLC Office

In aid of  
the Shirley House Inter Faith Project



# THE GOLDEN AGE OF COMEDY

In Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00 pm

## FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

A black and white movie show featuring stars of the 20s and 30s including:

Charlie Chaplin

3 Stooges

Keystone Cops

Laurel & Hardy and others

**Come dressed in the style of the 20s/30s**

**- if you wish**

**Tickets:** £7 (£6 senior citizens and children)

From John Booter 0114 258 7697 or Jan Birch 0114 3486473,  
or on the door

# SINGING THE FAITH

**Celebration Big Sing** To explore the new Methodist hymnbook 'Singing the Faith'. At 6.00 pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Banner Cross Methodist Church. Tea and cakes from 5.00 pm.

## Church Diary

			FEBRUARY
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.00	Housegroup	See p 20
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30	Leadership Team	Narthex
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 =>	Working Party	Church
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	Outreach Committee	Narthex
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 =>	Working Party	
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	ECC	Narthex
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00	Housegroup	See p 20
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.00	'Singing the Faith'	See above
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.15	Community Song Night –see p21	Church
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00	Beauchief Lent Lecture - see p 21	Church
			MARCH
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 =>	Working Party	Church
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00	'The Golden Age of Comedy – p22	Church
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00	Beauchief Lent Lecture - see p 21	Church
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 =>	Working Party	Church
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	Property and Finance Committee	Narthex
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00	Beauchief Lent Lecture - see p 21	Church
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	Church Links Group	Narthex
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00	Beauchief Lent Lecture - see p 21	Church
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00	Beauchief Lent Lecture - see p 21	Church

## Quiz Answers

1. They are the parents of the Virgin Mary
2. The Duchess of Malfi
3. Arthur
4. Humphry Davy in 1809 – but he didn't invent the filament, that was Edison
5. Fry: the chocolate manufacturer; Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer, who was from the same Quaker family;
Christopher Fry, who wrote the play
6. They all have places called Saint Louis

# February – March

# Services

5 <sup>th</sup> February	3 Before Lent
10.30	Holy Communion– <i>Nick Jowett</i>
12 <sup>th</sup> February	2 Before Lent
9.15	Sandcastles Toddlers’ Service – <i>Serafina Body</i>
10.30	Worship All Together – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
6.30 in Southcroft	Methodist Holy Communion – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday Before Lent
9.00	Boulders Breakfast Group
10.30	Holy Communion – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
6.30	<i>Preacher: Mary Kenward</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ash Wednesday
10.30 am & 7.30 pm	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent 1
9.15	Holy Communion (CW) – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
10.30	Morning Worship - <i>Imogen Clout</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent 2
10.30	Holy Communion – <i>Nick Jowett</i> <i>Preacher: Judith Roberts</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent 3
09.15	Sandcastles Toddlers’ Service – <i>Imogen Clout</i>
10.30	Holy Communion – <i>Nick Jowett with Andrew &amp; Kate Kennedy (CMS Mission Partners)</i>
6.30 in Southcroft	Methodist Holy Communion – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday
10.30	Worship All Together – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent 5
9.15	Holy Communion (BCP) – <i>Nick Jowett</i>
10.30	Morning Worship – <i>John Harding</i>

REGULAR SERVICES			
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month	09.15	Sandcastles
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in month	09.15	Holy Communion
	Every Sunday	10.30	Main service
<i>in Southcroft</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month	18.30	Holy Communion
Wednesday		10.00	Holy Communion or Meditation
Mon – Sat	<i>(except Friday)</i>	09.00	Morning Prayer