

ROUNDA BOUT



THE COTTERIDGE CHURCH

Witnessing at the Heart of the Community

March 2012

From the Vestry



Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but it feels to me like it was only yesterday that we were taking down the Christmas decorations and I look up to discover that Lent and Easter are on their way!

It reminds me of the Gospel of St. Mark which we are journeying through in the lectionary this year. The story of Jesus' life is punctuated with words such as "immediately" and "soon". It really is a Gospel at a gallop and it emphasises the urgency of the Kingdom of God.

For many, this is the experience of life at this time. The world is a fragile and ever-changing place. Nothing seems certain to last and many live with the

daily discomfort of such a reality. People made redundant, firms going into liquidation, the effects of cuts. I guess that all of us, in one way or another recognise the pressures of the economic crisis and the way in which life brings massive changes in this era.

The truth is that life does not remain the same for any of us. Even when we feel comfortable and settled, change is present and near, whether we imagine it or not.

The season of Lent invites us to accept the ever-changing scenery of our journey, but also to make space to focus upon that which is eternal and everlasting. The Psalmist reminds us that we so often put our trust and energy in that which is transient and passing. Lent is a gift to us which blesses us by inviting us to reflect upon the fragility of our life and world, and then prayerfully bringing our heart, soul and mind to the place from which we came, the place to which we shall return and the place where we discover true meaning and value in this life as well as the next.

Whatever your plans for Lent and Easter, I hope that you find space for your soul which draws you ever more deeply into the life-giving love and grace of God.

Love and peace,

Nick

From the Editors' Desk



Welcome to the Spring issue of Roundabout.

We spoke about changes in our New Year issue, and this year keeps bringing them on. How do we begin to thank Simon Roper for the fantastic work he has done with our audio-visual system? Our permanently mounted projector and electronic screen have now been in situ for a month. We know that not all of you like singing the hymns using the screen, but we hope that you'll agree that the clarity of the pictures which are used for illustration is superb.

The next issue is out on Sunday 6 May; so, please let us have your items by 29 April at the latest. News, views, events, the list goes on, but Roundabout is the place for them all. You can send your contributions by email to marfleetwright@tiscali.co.uk or pop them into the 'W' pigeonhole in the Pennine Way.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Steve & Caroline

Joycelyn's Licensing and Installation Service - 11th January

The Revd Colin Cork, Area Dean of Kings Norton, introduced the service. Praise My Soul the King of Heaven was sung as the processional hymn for my licensing and installation service at the Cotteridge Church.

I chose that hymn because my grandmother often sang it to me when I was a child. She had a profound effect on my Christian faith as she was a strong, faithful Christian woman who would always be praising God, no matter what circumstance she found herself in.

The bible passage I chose for my service, a reading from The Second Letter of John, was from a short but powerful book. The letter is addressed to a church to which it gives the title "Chosen Lady". The community is warned against the same errors that are fought against in 1 John, namely the denial of the reality of Jesus' humanity (v.7) and the failures in



fraternal love. Moreover, love and truth are the great themes of the letter.

We Christians must continue to encourage each other to make our faith visible in our daily lives in two ways; firstly, by truly clinging to the great commandment of love and secondly, by adhering to the truth which is the Christ and not about false teaching. As we are Christians, love and truth go hand in hand. We need the whole truth and not what pleases people.

That evening marked a new stage in the developing life of Cotteridge Church.

The patron, the Rev Canon Rob Morris, Archdeacon Brian Russell, along with representatives who interviewed me for the Advisors post, presented me to the Bishops; after being presented, I swore the relevant oaths and declarations to God, Church of England, Bishop, Queen and country.

I received 2 licences; one from Bishop Andrew, the Bishop of Aston, who licensed and anointed me as Priest in Charge of the Cotteridge Church, and one from Bishop David, the Bishop of Birmingham, who licensed and anointed me as his Advisor for Minority Ethnic Anglicans. In this role I will have a special concern for fostering the discipleship of minority ethnic young people and younger adults.

My fellow Minsters Rev Jacky Embrey (URC), the Rev Nick Jones(Methodist) and the Rev Roger Collins (Assistant Priest) welcomed me to Cotteridge, they proceeded to present me with emblem of the church. The whole service was symbolic of how we live out our faith, not only in The Cotteridge Church but also in the wider community. Members of the congregation offered me several items;



- Chris Pascal offered a toy ambulance which represented the work of the two day centres;
- Imogen Sprackling's Street Bible representing the young people in the church.
- Hilary Porter offered a cup of coffee and sandwich, representing the Coffee bar and the service to the local community.

The wardens Lin Brown and Gill Salkeld, along with a competent team of people at Cotteridge, worked behind the scenes, to make that evening a fine example of how we should share the love of Christ in our Church and. Community. Tea and cakes were well received after the service.

Oh yes, I did enjoy cutting my cake!

I join the ecumenical team to care for the community that gathers at Cotteridge, I pray that together we may share the true Word of God, and continue to make Cotteridge a



place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world.



Rev Joycelyn Lewis-Gregory

We've Gone Solar

The church recently agreed to install an array of solar photovoltaic panels (solar PV). These were installed on the Weatheroak roof on Monday 9th January. When the sun shines they will generate up to 4 KW of electricity. This feeds into our meter and stops it going round quite so fast. In addition there is a scheme where our electricity supplier pays a Feed in Tariff (FIT) for every KW we make. Any electricity we don't use gets exported to the national grid, and there is a smaller payment for doing that as well, so we get paid in three ways.

The FIT payments are guaranteed for 25 years. When we proposed the scheme the FIT's were 42p for every KWH generated. While we were applying for planning permission the government reduced that to 21p. However they lost a legal challenge, so we might still get the 42p rate. If not we will get the 21p rate. Either way, the income generated is better than interest generated on our savings and it reduces the church carbon footprint.

The amount of electricity generated is only a few percent of what we use, we are not a 'zero carbon' church yet by any means, so please don't stop switching lights and appliances off when not in use. We also lose a lot of our heat through the current design of the roof and windows, but it's still nice to think that when the sun shines we are getting a bit of it back.

Peter Childs

Feeding the five thousand



On January 11 we had the Licensing Service for Joycelyn. Lots of people were invited, although maybe not quite five thousand, including most of the clergy from South Birmingham and not forgetting the Bishops of Aston and Birmingham and their Archdeacons; it was all very exciting. A team from the 3C's were asked to provide drinks and cakes after the service. We were unsure how many people would stay, and whether they would drink tea and coffee at 9 o'clock at night, but we prepared what we thought. The atmosphere was great, and most people stayed on after the service filling and overflowing the Pennine Way; the coffee and tea pots were dizzy with refilling and the cakes, provided by the "ladies" of the church, went down well. I think we showed everyone what a good welcome we can give at Cotteridge. Our

fame went abroad and following the success of

this evening we were asked to provide refreshments at the funerals of two of our members. Although there were fewer people at these events they were nevertheless successful.

The earlier closing time in the 3C's does not appear to have caused anyone too much inconvenience and the numbers at lunch time seem to be increasing again after the cold days last month.

Hazel and I were hoping to do a deep clean of the café areas but unfortunately we only had 5 people turn up to help. Thank you to the people who came and helped us to clean the café area and the upstairs kitchen and cupboard. These areas look much better. We will now leave it to Church Council to arrange a working party to clean the Pennine Way and the Malvern Room. I hope you notice the difference in the café next time you come in.

Linda Mann

The Trinity Walk in Jerusalem

Some years ago a lady called Elizabeth walked round the outside of the old city of Jerusalem to raise money for children in the Holy Land. Back in England she told the McCabe Pilgrimage Company and soon an idea began to develop. Why not ask a

group of people from the UK to do something similar? - but why just ONCE around when they could walk THREE times and raise money for three Palestinian Christian projects, one in Bethany and two in Bethlehem? And so the Trinity Walk was born and booked for January 2012. Soon letters went out to lots of people who had previously gone on pilgrimages with the company.



Thinking about this walk at the start of 2011 seemed fine. It was so far in the future but as 2012 crept nearer I and my three friends, Eira, Lin and Friedl [who had been "persuaded" to join me] began to get worried. We trained - well I just strolled a few times round Cotteridge Park but the others took it more seriously. The date got closer and suddenly there we were in the Golden Walls Hotel in Jerusalem. It snowed a little that night - yes - SNOW!

On the morning of Saturday, 28 January, more than sixty people, divided into a fast group, setting off early and a slow group, starting at a more civilised time, left the comfort of the hotel. Would you believe it, it was POURING WITH RAIN. Not only were we going to get wet but underfoot was extremely slippery and we had to be really careful. There were times on that first lap, especially as it started with a hill, when we wondered what we had let ourselves in for. We passed the beautiful gates of the old city with names that conjure up all sorts of pictures, Damascus, Jaffa, Dung [yes!]. Our backs ached and our legs were tired but there in the distance we caught sight of our hotel. We had managed one round. Feeling pleased with ourselves and

after a few photos we plodded on. The rain had stopped and our spirits were high; but, just a minute, what was all that shouting? We looked round and there were the first members of the fast group completing their last round! This, we told them, was not a sprint but a marathon and we would get there in the end.

We had got a quarter of the way round on our second lap, when we were called in to lunch in the Armenian part of the city. Refreshed, replenished and ready for our challenge, we set off again. This time it was not just round the walls but zigzagging in and out so that people who had not been before could see more of the religious sites. We even went a little way along the ramparts with a spectacular view of the Dome of the Rock and had a stop at the Western [Wailing] Wall.

Eventually we reached our hotel- more photos and a powwow. Friedl and Lin opted to do the third lap straightaway. Eira and I were exhausted and still feeling damp and chilled so we went inside for a cup of tea, promising to complete the third lap on Sunday morning. We celebrated that night and did we sleep well!

Sunday dawned, bright, warm and sunny. So after an early breakfast Eira and I set off on our third lap. After that first hill we walked at a brisk pace and after an hour or so were back at the hotel for the final photo call.



There were times when I asked myself, "Why am I doing this?" My legs ached as never before and I knew I was going to get a cold. Then we visited the projects and I knew exactly why we had taken up this challenge. All the projects exist entirely on charitable donations and without them many children would have no future at all. The boys' home and the hospital do such amazing work but it was at the school for the blind that we were most moved. A young boy read to us from his Braille English book and showed



us how he could touch type on a computer, donated by McCabe, but he brought us all to tears when he sang "We shall overcome", especially in the final verse, "We shall live in peace" Let's pray that that young boy's wish will one day come true.

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported us; we have collected £1345 from the Church, with another £30 pledged. We think we have raised about £4000 and the grand total will be something over £40000.

Rita Sutton

The Cotteridge Coffee Shop

The coffee shop's really quite small,
A place that is not known by all,
Food and beverages, hot and cold,
And lunch time snacks here are sold.
Popular it's proved to be,
Where friends meet for a cup of tea,
By volunteers this place is run,
So by low prices items are done.
Sometimes people work hard they say,
And it's been quite busy today,
But afternoon customers are few,
So now we shut at half past two!

Lorraine Buffery



Bill Chambers 1917-2012

Bill lived most of his life in the Kings Norton area, having moved to Birmingham from Bradford at the age of four, when his father took up work as a physiotherapist. After junior school, he was accepted for King Edwards School, which at that time occupied a site in New Street where the Odeon cinema now stands. He stated that, in those days, the school week consisted of five and a half days.

On leaving school Bill found work in the insurance industry, a position he held until interrupted by the war years, when he was called up for military service. He enlisted in the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corps) and saw service in both Egypt and Palestine.

On returning to civilian life, Bill resumed his old job in insurance and also met and married Gwen, a much loved Local Preacher. His marriage was a happy one, but sadly, Gwen died in 1993.

Bill was a faithful Methodist for the greater part of his life and seldom missed a church service. He volunteered and immersed himself in Church work, notably serving as Church Treasurer (late seventies and early eighties), Coffee Bar accounts

and other voluntary work. All his work was of a high standard and he was a real asset to the church. He also found the time on two days a week to do voluntary work with BAYC (Birmingham Association of Youth Clubs).

Bill had a love of travel and theatre-going, together with amateur dramatics. He took part in several plays in the old Methodist Church with the local drama group, known as "The Dramateurs". Also, as an Old Edwardian, he kept in touch with his old school and its various functions. He had a love of life and a wry sense of humour.

Sadly, over the last eight years or so, Bill's health deteriorated. He suffered from loss of balance and had several falls, involving spells in hospital. Over the last fifteen months, it became necessary for full nursing care, with Bill finishing his ninety-four year span in The Green Nursing Home in Wharf Rd.

Bill will be remembered for all his gentlemanly qualities of integrity and compassion for all in need – a pillar of the Church and of the Community until illness overtook. He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Carol, his grand-daughters, Michelle and Nicola and his great-grandson, Louis.

Keith Kaye

"Studies in Christian Thought and Experience"

Bill Chambers' handwritten book is a remarkable piece of work for a 20 year old to have written whilst serving with the Royal Army Medical Corps:

Christianity and what it means to me:

Christianity is not a sort of garment to be worn and discarded at will. Sunday religion which has little or no influence upon everyday life cannot be called religion at all. It is mere hypocrisy. Christianity might be defined as the reflection of God's character in the lives of men made possible by Christ's indwelling spirit. Christianity means to me a religious experience and a journey beginning with an act of will and ending in a perfect oneness with God. It is necessary to be ever watchful Satan loves a sleepy Christian because they do not think for themselves. The sin which is really potent is not recognised for what it is because it is disguised as virtue. Christianity means an aim in life. I must test all my actions by the standards of love, honesty, purity, unselfishness and true humility.

Christianity means Fellowship - brotherhood in Christ. Finally it means vision. Seeing things as they are and also seeing them as they might become.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

This is not a request to be free of temptation. Without temptation there is no virtue in goodness. Rather a prayer for strength not to fall into sin but to be delivered from evil.

I have overcome the world.

What a bold assertion for one man to make. Christ can not be speaking of the physical world but rather the temptations of the world. So we may paraphrase I have overcome the power of the world to harm my spirit. What a wonderful encouragement for his disciples. Where did Jesus receive the strength to achieve this victory? From the source of all power the Holy Spirit of his heavenly father.

Seek and ye shall find.

There must be a motive and a reasonable hope of finding it where the search is to take place. It is a pity that so many people seek in quite the wrong place. They try to use his will to their own ends rather than use their wills to achieve his purpose.

The importance of being sincere.

Sincerity is the father of all virtue. Without sincerity all virtue is worthless. Remember the Pharisee and the Publican praying in the temple. Let us be sincere in our worship, in our relationships and with ourselves.

Love God and your fellow men.

The great danger is to love God to the exclusion of our fellow men. Perhaps it is better to first love our fellow men and this will surely lead us to God.

What is the church?

Just as the kingdom of God is an inward presence of God's Spirit so the church is the outward manifestation of that Spirit in the lives of its members.

Listening.

Few people realise what opportunities they miss by talking too much. The art of being a good listener therefore has a special value. We must care whether a person is suffering or whether they are faced with an insolvable problem. As in all things love is vital. Without love all else will be in vain.

Family & Friends

Alan Adams was 60 on the 2nd Feb. This was celebrated by a night at Aston Villa watching the QPR game from the luxury of a box, a Champagne Fish supper, lots of family time and favourite food.

Chris Brown celebrated a palindromic birthday when he turned 21 on 12 Feb. Chris was in church on his birthday and received a rousing round of applause.

The Labyrinth Walk



During my Trinity Walk experience in Jerusalem before we travelled to Tiberias we went to Nazareth where we visited the Basilica of the Annunciation. We came across a labyrinth there and a retired URC Minister, Bernard Moss and his wife Sheila, who were with us on our Trinity Walk and I discussed the spiritual dimensions of labyrinths and how a walk along one can be an amazing experience. Labyrinths have spanned the centuries and are found all across the world, and have been used in many different cultures, including religious and secular contexts. Understood properly, a labyrinth is there for you to use as you wish. Bernard has offered to bring his labyrinth to us at The Cotteridge Church and will lead us and anyone who wishes to come along. He gives the advice to walk gently – walk in stillness – walk in hope – walk gratefully – walk in peace, following his three 'R's:



Photo Bernard Moss

1. as you prepare to walk: Reflect on what you would like the walk to mean for you. You may wish to release some of the things that are crowding into your mind, so that you can enter the moment of the walk in an 'uncluttered' way. You may wish to remember someone special no longer here with you. You may wish to take a small pebble with you on your walk to represent the memory of a loved one, the pain you

may still be carrying as a result of this loss, or a burden you are carrying. You may wish to have a joyful, grateful, celebratory walk in memory of someone very special to you, or in gratitude for freedom gained at a great price.

2. as you reach the centre, it is a moment to Receive – perhaps a moment of stillness or peace; or just enjoying your presence in this special place. If you have brought a pebble with you, you may wish to let go of it and leave it at the centre. Stay for as long as you wish at the centre

3. and then Return – retrace your steps back to the beginning: they are the first few steps of the rest of your life.

If you think you would like to experience a Labyrinth Walk at The Cotteridge Church, on a day yet to be arranged, please ask me for more details. I am sure Bernard will lead us in a very special wonderful spiritual moment to be remembered and cherished.

Lin Brown

Growing in faith

About 18 months ago a few of us talked about how we felt the need for a small group where we could share our experiences as Christians. We wanted to explore our faith and grow deeper in our relationship with God. We met for some months, praying and talking, but it is difficult to sustain a group without some sort of framework. So when Brian found a book from the Bible Society which offered a structured programme we thought we would try it and we have now been using it for over a year.

The book [details below] is called Life Streams and it is designed to draw people closer to God and to each other. The programme describes six dimensions which together make up a balanced Christian life, for example prayer, compassion, proclamation. In each session we look at how one strand is shown in Jesus' life. Exercises are suggested which challenge us to move forward and we each commit to putting one into practice. When we meet again we share our experiences and what we have learned about God and ourselves.

We have found that we have all learned about aspects of the Christian life we were not so at home in, and that where one of us is weak another may be stronger. We have tried all sorts of exercises, for example: practising the art of speaking positively, or blessing the rooms in your house, or an hour's 'holy leisure'!

And most of all we have enjoyed sharing our spiritual journey with each other. We feel both encouraged and held to account by the members of the group.

Here are some of our comments:

“I value the discipline of the programme and the support of the group to keep at it when I am discouraged.” Rachel

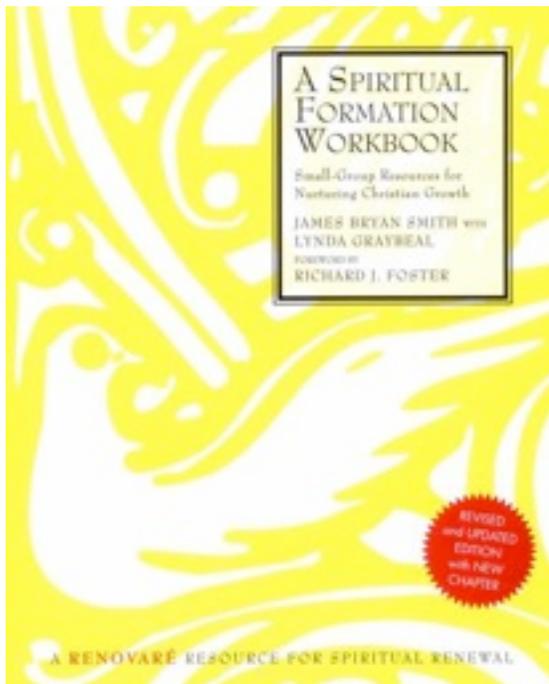
“I always found the Holy Spirit hard to understand and found this group helped me to

understand about this aspect of the Trinity.” Liz

“I find being able to share my spiritual journey liberating and amusing as we seek from each other to discern the abundant life God offers us.” Brian

“It's refreshing to meet up and share our experiences and challenges within the Christian life.” Paula

So now we feel we want to share something of this experience and encourage anyone else who is feeling the lack of a place where they can share their Christian journey.



If anyone would like to know more do speak to one of us. We want to remain as a small group but now have room for a few more members. Or we could help you set up a new group – it really isn't difficult!

Resource: Life Streams A lyfe resource for spiritual growth, adapted from Renovare's

A Spiritual Formation Workbook. James Bryan Smith with Lynda L. Graybeal

Bible Society Resources

Brian & Rachel Hayhow, Liz Larkin,
and Paula Pitcher [from Riverside Church]

What would you do if you bumped into the Archbishop of Canterbury?



Well if, like Eira Hoadley and Archbishop Rowan, your first language is Welsh you'd address him in Welsh; which is what Eira did:

Mae'n bleser mawr i gwrdd â chi - It's a great pleasure to meet you.

Archbishop Rowan: O ble ydi chi yn dod - Where do you come from?

Eira: Gais fy ngheni mewn pentre bach Caerbryn, ac fe es i ysgol yn Llandilio – I come from a small village, Caerbryn, and I went to school in Llandilio.

They continued conversing in Welsh for a short time; Eira told Archbishop Rowan where she now lived and he said that his aunt had lived in Kings Norton.



Boys' Brigade

Our Anchor Boys Section has restarted with Leaders Paul Cliff and Luke Bates in charge. At the moment there are 7 boys in this age group [5yrs to 8yrs]. New members in all the different sections are welcome.



It was good to see Chris Butt back at BB after breaking his leg just before Christmas in a car accident outside his house.

The Annual General Knowledge Quiz has been arranged for Friday 13th

April at 7.45pm. No more than 6 to a team and the cost is £2 per person. All money raised on the night will be shared between The Cotteridge Church, St. Mary's Hospice and The Acorns Children's Hospice. Just turn up on the night and have a great time. Mike Meadows has again agreed to be the Quiz master.

Bob Hotchkiss

Living in Nazareth in the 1st Century: Part 2

All village Jews were governed by the same stringent system of moral, religious and social codes. Every event of their lives had its proper time and its immutable rules and rituals, many involving prayer.

Galilean Jews were fairly small in stature, relatively light skinned but deeply tanned as a result of a lifetime spent out of doors. Their strong faces were almost always framed with dark brown or black hair, which was worn long by both men and women. Most men had beards.

Men would wear a tunic over which they wore a loose fitting outer garment with fringes bound by blue ribbon. They may have tied a white cloth over the head, letting it hang to the shoulders, and would have worn sandals.

Most families ate two meals a day. Breakfast, likely to be light and carried to the fields or other place of work, was eaten around midday. Suppers were substantial – vegetables, eggs, cheese, bread, butter, wine and fruit might be served with perhaps chicken and fish. This was a time of relaxation after a long day's work. Everyone was required to wash their hands as food was normally served in a common bowl and eaten by dipping in with the fingers.

Apart from supper time, relaxation may have been rare. However, there must have been moments, or occasionally whole days, when the family could relax. Children played ball games, hopscotch and jacks. Evidence of whistles, rattles, wheeled animals, hoops and spinning tops have been found by archaeologists. Older children and adults played various board games.

We know that Jesus was a Galilean village Jew, so it is logical to assume that he looked and behaved like one. Therefore these details of village life must be of great interest to us.

Geoff Hulme

Pennine Way Activities

The trips programme for 2012 is almost complete. So far, the dates for your diary are:-

Wednesday March 21st Shrewsbury

Tuesday April 24th Upton boat trip and tea

Wednesday May 23rd National Memoriam Arboretum

Prices and times will be on leaflets in the Pennine Way and the rest of the programme will be available soon

Rita Sutton

On this page you'll find details of services up to the next issue; thanks to Margaret Edwards for this suggestion.

Services March - May

Revd R.C. = Rev Roger Collins

Revd J.E. = Rev Jacky Embrey

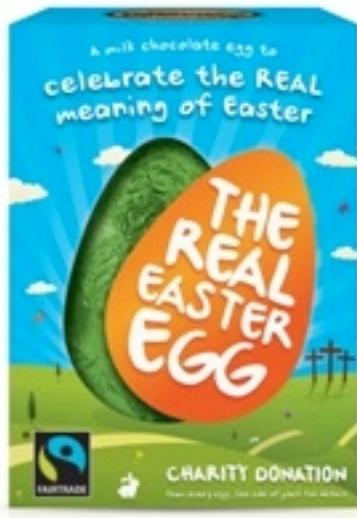
Revd J.L-G. = Rev Joycelyn Lewis-Gregory

Revd N.J. = Rev Nick Jones

March	11th	18th	25th		
9.00 a.m. H.C	Revd J.L- G.	Revd R.C.	Revd J.E.		
10.30 a.m.	Revd J.L- G. H.C.	Revd R.C.	Revd J.E. H.C		
18.30 p.m.	Café Church	Revd J.E.	Mrs G. Salkeld		
April	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
9.00 a.m. H.C	Revd J.L- G.	Revd J.E.	Revd R.C.	Revd N.J.	Revd J. L- G.
10.30 a.m.	Revd J.L- G.	Revd J.E. H.C	Miss P. Taylor	Revd N.J. H.C	Creative
18.30 p.m.	Revd N.J. H.C	Café Church	Revd R.C. H.C	Miss H. Nash	Revd J. L- G. H.C
May	6th	13th	20th	27th	
9.00 a.m. H.C	Revd J.L- G.	Revd R.C.	Revd N.J.	Revd J. L- G.	
10.30 a.m.	Revd J.L- G.	Revd R.C. H.C	E. Hutchinson	Revd J. L- G. H.C	
18.30 p.m.	Revd N.J. H.C	Café Church	Revd J.L- G. H.C	Mr Andy Vail	

Book Centre

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We arrange craft sessions as well as musical sing alongs, card games etc, as well as trips out

‘Thank you to each one of the staff for their help, they are brilliant ! ‘

one of our members said recently



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Further details:

This is an exciting and friendly event which we attend every year. We will be presenting one of the workshops on Christian health services in Africa based on our research. Please contact us if you would like to know more.
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