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SILENT NIGHT

While Shepherds
Watched

Once in Royal
David's City

We
Three
Kings



Away in a
Manger

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Love came Down
at Christmas

O LITTLE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM

IN THE BLEAK
MIDWINTER
The First Nowell

What's Your Favourite Christmas Carol?

For this edition, *Intouch* asked some people in the church about their favourite Christmas carol. Their answers are scattered through the magazine, and tell us about the memories and meanings that traditional carols hold for all of us. If you have a favourite, email the magazine and tell us why and we'll try to include it in the December 2013 edition. As you sing carols this Christmas, take time to think again about the messages contained in familiar words, and pray that Jesus will speak to you afresh. Happy Christmas!

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From the Ministry Team

Walking in Darkness?

“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has told us about” (Luke 2.15)

That Christmas I lost a contact lens. As usual the dog was blamed but such false accusations didn’t help much. The village Christmas Day service was scheduled for the Parish Church, and my friend the Vicar had decided that we would act out Leo Tolstoy’s fable of Papa Panov. He was to be the narrator and I would mime the events of the story as he told them.

We had no rehearsal time, so instead I posted stage directions at various points around the front of the church. In the dim light of the Victorian building I missed most of them – my eyes weren’t focussing and my Papa Panov turned into Popeye the Purbblind. I don’t know

whether anyone else noticed, but it certainly spoilt my morning.

This made me think recently about the shepherds and what they expected to see, and whether they saw it clearly. Would any of them catch the clues of Messiahship woven into this thing which had come to pass?

Would they turn up 30 years later among the crowds, eager to hear the preacher from Galilee? Would any of them be around on Palm Sunday, or at the crucifixion, or among the 120 faithful believers gathered on the Day of Pentecost when the Church was born?

I invite you to go and see this thing which the Lord has told us about, not in some half-sighted way, but with the eyes of faith

I've already met many people this year whose only vision of Christmas is a commercial one. Then there are those who have half a tale of peace and goodwill, to be acted out among their closest families and friends, but having no transforming outcomes for the world around them. Others are already battering down the hatches to avoid what for them is a lonely and disappointing season full of sad memories. And there are still a few who imagine the Christian message to be a damaging, offensive one which will upset sensible people and frighten the camels.

Re-reading the narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ I've noticed many references to people who saw the clues God had set before them – Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Shepherds, Wise Men, Simeon and Anna – each had to take a risk, a step of faith in

seeing the Mystery of the Ages unfolding before them. Each had decisions to make – a sense of urgency woven through their encounters with God, each in their own way hurrying to find what God had promised.

I'd like to invite you to do the same – to go and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has told us about, not in some half-sighted way, but with the eyes of faith.

Alternatively you could continue to stumble through life and blame it on the dog. But that gets you nowhere.

Happy Christmas and a great New Year

Brian

On behalf of the whole Ministry Team



My Favourite Christmas Carol...

... is ***O Little Town of Bethlehem*** as it reminds me how both “the hopes and fears of all the years” were met in the Christ child, there that night!

Chris Gnanakan

Around the Church

News from Adel

After the baptisms of Madge and Audrey in the summer we were thrilled again in November to watch Dulcie Bullock and Vivienne Kelly go through the waters of baptism. Dulcie started worshipping with us at Adel about 17 years ago and both her children, Rochelle and Jonathan were dedicated at Adel. She has recently transferred to Headingley but we still consider Dulcie to be one of us. Vivienne moved to Holt Park just over a year ago and has been worshipping with us at Adel ever since. So their baptism was another exciting event and a great encouragement to us all at Adel.

Cassie has recently returned from a very successful week's visit to our link missionary, Jane Waites in Albania. Jane is headmistress of the lower school at GDQ school in Tirana and she worshipped with us at Adel prior to going out to

Albania with BMS over 12 years ago.

Madge Davey is currently in Burma, visiting the refugee camp at Nupo, which is a refugee camp for 16,000 displaced Karen Christians on the Thai/Burmese border, so we are currently praying for her and for her safety and a successful trip.

We continue to serve our community in the ABC Coffee Shop at Holt Park and we recently held a "Beetle Drive" on the Saturday evening which was very enjoyable. The Café Church continues to attract new members and we are looking forward to our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Café Church on 2 December.



Meanwhile at the Adel School we are busy preparing for Christmas with a Christmas leaflet distribution and our Annual Christingle Service on 24 December at 5pm

which is one of the highlights every year.

Andrew Bedingham

Adel Leadership Team

Open the Book Assemblies in Horsforth

Horsforth Churches Together have started offering assemblies to primary schools. We have eight primary schools in Horsforth and so asking how we can serve, enrich and share God's message in schools has been a focus of much prayer over this last year.

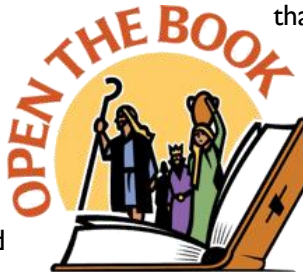
We are helping children enjoy Bible stories by presenting them in dramatic form using a wonderful array of costumes and props

Using the "Open the Book" assembly scheme we are now helping children enjoy Bible stories, and their messages, by presenting them in dramatic form using the wonderful array of costumes and props.

We started doing four assemblies in the summer term in St Margaret's

and this autumn term Westbrook Lane primary invited us to come to lead assemblies there. We have now been asked by Newlaithes if we can do a Christmas assembly.

We are looking for more volunteers to join us with the hope that we can develop as a team for each school.



The assemblies are very easy to do, a lot of fun and take an hour and a half of your time approximately every four weeks. St Margaret's assemblies take place on Fridays and we meet at 1.30-3pm to plan and then deliver. Westbrook Lane's are on a Tuesday when we meet at 9 - 10.30am.

Duncan Stow

Contact Duncan if you would be interested in knowing more

Green House Grant Update

Dateline 17 November 2012.

Breaking News - John Pelham reports:

Yesterday I had an email and today I have received written confirmation that we have been granted £20,000 towards the cost of the Green House project. Hallelujah!

Thanks to the efforts of our "Grant Application Team" (Adrian Howe,

Brian Nicholls, David Faraday, Gemma Eastwood, Geoff Greer, Mike Burkett, Sharon Thresher, and our Architect Tony Pringle) and much prayer, the National Churches Trust made the allocation under their Community Grant scheme which recognises projects such as ours in non-Anglican churches.

We committed to the main scheme in faith and God has been pleased to reward that faith. With this great news to embolden us, we may be confident that the Lord will lead us in the right direction to enable us to raise the remaining funds needed to cover our costs on the project, be the means corporate or personal.

John Pelham
Elder

From Birmingham and almost Beyond!

Thank you for all of your prayers, emails and letters supporting me in my training here with BMS World Mission in preparation for going to North Africa



next year to train people in palliative care in the home. I have been bowled over by your response, thank you so much.

Irene West

Headingley: Increased Visibility Ahead

Over the past few months we have been exploring some new activities to improve the visibility of the things that go on outside the Sunday morning meetings and to encourage people to become more involved in what happens within the mission community:

- Different readers doing the Bible reading during the service
- “Inspire a Congregation” – a series of short interviews with people involved in a wide range of activities from coffee rota to Men Behaving Godly. The series of interviews will conclude with a Commitment Fayre where people will have an opportunity to volunteer to get more involved in one or more of the inspiring activities.
- New people being invited to do the all age talks
- Welcome badges for the welcome team
- Prayer breakfast meetings (all Mission Communities welcome)

Outreach

Following last year's successful ceilidh we have another one planned for March. We're keen to host other musical events to provide opportunities for members to bring guests into Church and for fellowship.

With the start of the new term we have restarted student lunches. While we have not attracted as many students as we would like we do have a small contingent of students who attend regularly.

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Music

The youth band is severely depleted as members have moved on to University. Planning is underway to have an open music event to identify musicians who might want to join the group and help support worship on a Sunday morning. The music group will always welcome new instrumentalists and singers but really need a new drummer and a regular guitarist.

Romania

Some of the youth spent a week in Romania at the end of October to help on a community building project. They took responsibility for raising funds for the trip. The youth had a great time but found the experience challenging both physically and emotionally (see pictures page 10-11).

Harvest

At our Harvest Festival we had a collection for Water Aid which raised around £200 for the charity.

Adam Clayton

Elder, Headingley Morning
Mission Community

Mattress Appeal

Liz Crathern is raising funds to replace the mattresses of boys at the Rukungiri modern primary school, Uganda who have a bed wetting problem. Each mattress, with a mackintosh, will cost appropriately £10-15 and will be life changing for those boys who need it.

If you feel you can support this, then please donate whatever you can - with donations already received I have just put an order in for the first 20 - and these will be purchased by the team going out there at Christmas.

You can also email me if you would like further information.

Liz Crathern

Christians in Science **Leeds Local Branch**



CHRISTIANS · IN · SCIENCE

A recently formed group, CiS Leeds aims to provide a forum for discussion of science and faith issues in the Leeds region. We meet together regularly at South Parade, Headingley. For information about future events please email me at jglockwood@mac.com.

On Tuesday 15 January we have an event entitled “***If Evolution is True, What Hope for Christianity?***” with Professor Simon Conway Morris FRS. Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm, with the talk beginning at 8pm.

Simon is a deeply original thinker, and a first rate lecturer. He is Professor of Evolutionary Palaeobiology at Cambridge

University. He presented the Royal Institution Christmas lectures in 1996. He has worked and published widely on the Burgess Shale and the rise of animals. He is now thinking about the question “are humans alone in the universe?”

Having spent four centuries taking the world to bits and trying to find out what makes it tick, in

the twenty-first century scientists are now trying to fit the pieces together and understand why the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Simon is one of the leading workers in this field. Many people consider that his book *Life's Solution: Inevitable Humans in a Lonely Universe* is essential reading for everyone who has wondered about why we are here in a universe that seems tailor-made for life. Simon argues that the general features of our bodies and minds are indeed written into the laws of the Universe. Humans do not exist by accident. To find out more come to his talk in January.

John Lockwood

Cragg Mission Community

Mission in Romania

In the October half-term Dave Bartram and Heather McLeen went with a group of young people from the church to Romania to work on practical projects with the Smiles Foundation.



Taking out our first food parcels

This is the “home” this family have in the bushes



Here’s the tent we put up for them

The charity had a great idea and built a container village where some of the homeless now live. They’re warm and dry.



A homeless woman we visited, who was very friendly. Not sure how she will manage in the winter, though when temperatures drop to minus 28 degrees.



Visiting the homeless

Church on our last day. It's gone so quickly...



Heather McLeen

A Big Thankyou...

...to all my friends at SPBC for all your prayer support, cards, visits and flowers received over recent weeks and months. The surgery was successful and I have just been informed no further treatment is necessary, praise God.

Pat Dalgleish

Headingley Morning
Mission Community

The Narnia Experience

*Step through the wardrobe,
follow the wintery trail and meet
Mr Tumnus, Mrs Beaver and the
White Witch!*

Do you want to get involved in an exciting production of the Narnia story here in Leeds in November 2013?

We're looking for performers and volunteers for the event and anyone who can help with: acting, set

dressings, props, production, casting, costume, stage management, front of house, lighting design, sound design or construction!

Please come to our open meeting to find out more: **Monday 21 January 2013, 7.30–9pm** at the Cardigan Centre, Cardigan Road, LS6 1LJ, or email info@thenarniaexperience.com.

Lynsey Jones

www.thenarniaexperience.com

November Church Meeting

The church meeting on 22 November was preceded by a time rededicating the newly refurbished Green House, and consuming food prepared in the enhanced kitchen! It was also thrilling to hear that our grant application to the National Churches Trust had been successful (see John Pelham's item on page 6).

The meeting:

- re-elected Barbara Crosse as a mission community leader.
- accepted a joint proposal from the leaders of New City of David and the elders that NCD cease to be a mission community of South Parade but that our relationship continue on a more informal basis of mutual support.
- heard that Trinity Café had now closed ahead of refurbishment



work.

- heard that Gaynor Hammond would be retiring next Easter.
- heard that a minister would be preaching with a view at both services at Headingley on 9 December and meeting members informally the previous evening. There would be a special church meeting to consider whether to call him on 13 December.
- agreed a revised specification for a second appointment which would include a focus on youth and young adults.
- agreed to support Geoff King's exploration of his sense of call to ministry.
- heard an update on church finances and the work undertaken by the deacons.

Geoff Greer
Church Secretary

News from Fance

Following our last newsletter (see the October *Intouch*) we received some gifts or pledges for our mission trip to Madagascar on February 2013. We are really thankful for that! There is only around 500 euros left to find in order to buy our flight tickets, which is quite encouraging.

Other news: Tim has been admitted as a PhD student in Strasbourg. That is good news but also a challenge because Tim will be away from home a week each month.

Thank you for your support! Thank you for your prayers!

Greetings from the 4 of us

*Tim and Eve Minard
(and Eve & Ethan)*

...informed...

Share news from *Around the Church*, from your Mission Community, homegroup, cell group, project or meeting by emailing magazine@sdbc.org.uk.



My Favourite Christmas Carol...

... is *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendour* because I love the opening line - "*Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour all for love's sake becomest poor*"!

Irene West

News from Italy

Ann and David MacFarlane are our link missionaries with BMS World Mission in Italy. They recently sent this prayer letter:

We had a great mission with our July team from Britain and we had many contacts during the two week period. The church was greatly encouraged by the visit of the team and we saw a lot of people coming to support us when we went out into the streets. Many people from our church gave their testimony for the first time in the open air and there were many conversations with passers-by in the street and also in the church. We thank all who came out here and for all of you at home who prayed and gave

financial support towards putting the team up in the centre.

We also had a lot of preparation work for the visit of the Kedron Singers from the most beautiful city in Europe (Glasgow, if you did not know it before) who were coming to Reggio for ten days and were booked to sing at our church on the Sunday morning and the

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Waldesian church the same evening. Both concerts went well and at the Waldesian concert the church was full and there were people standing outside the front doors. With rehearsals and day trips we all were kept very busy.

Our Action Team arrived the day after the choir and it was great getting them here at last. They have already settled in as if they have been here for months. What a brilliant Action Team they are...we are so encouraged by them and we thank God that these four young people have decided to serve God here alongside us in Reggio. Pray for them that they will have a good time and that God will use them.

The Italian church has been blessed by the arrival of two young Italian families. The Reggio football team who play in Seria B has appointed a new manager and he and his assistant are evangelicals and so are their wives. They were advised by their pastor in Puglia (where we

were) to come to our church. This is an answer to prayer and we praise the Lord for this. They each have two children and so our ever-growing Sunday school continues to grow.

Prayer points:

- Rosarno and Lucia.
- Food Bank.
- Harvey. No change from the last newsletter. He is still waiting for surgery.
- Biancamaria who has cancer. She had a little setback but is making progress again.
- Please pray for Antonetta who is in hospital just now with some viral problem in her heart.
- Eva has been to the church twice only but we continue to pray and hope that she will come back for good.

Ann and David MacFarlane

To read the whole letter go to
www.bmsworldmission.org.uk/admacfarlane



My Favourite Christmas Carol...

... is ***Joy to the World*** - a great tune by Handel and a call to everyone to worship the Saviour, from the shepherds, the angels, people down the ages to us today and including the created world. Great!

Val Dooks

Baptists In Transition for Mission

News from the Baptist Union

Baptist Union Council, the governing body of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, has agreed major reforms of the denomination's structures to strengthen the support it gives to local churches.

The reforms arise out of a year-long review which was initiated by financial concerns but which has been undertaken with a much broader remit to establish structures more fitting for mission in the 21st century. At the heart of the changes is a new way of working together between the national office in Didcot, the regional associations and the Baptist colleges to support churches. The changes are designed to enhance the inter-dependence between churches, associations and members of specialist teams.

As a result there will be downsizing of the national office in Didcot, with some work taken on by associations

whilst removing duplication of activity carried out both in Didcot and the associations.

During the Council meeting presentations on the urgency behind the reforms was highlighted by the Younger Leaders' Forum, who spoke on New Models of Mission and a report given by Ian Bunce, Head of the Mission Department, entitled Mission and stopping the decline of the church.

“Are we prepared to lose what we've got in order to gain what God wants us to have?” Ian said. “As God sent Jesus into our neighbourhoods, so he sends us. The challenge for us is about releasing people into our communities.

“**C**hurch in the future will look far more messy. We don't need uniformity, we desire a culture where diversity is celebrated.”



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Jonathan Edwards commented,
“This is a very painful time but it is
clearly right for the Baptist Union
to make serious financial cuts. My
colleagues and I at Baptist House
have all done our work out of a
profound sense of God’s call, and
we appreciate the sensitivity and
support of the denomination as we
seek to discover his will for our

future. My visits around the country
constantly remind me of the energy,
initiative and deep commitment of
churches, colleges and associations
to share in the mission of Christ.
Amidst the challenges there is a
great deal to encourage us and I
look forward to seeing the way in
which God leads the Baptist family
in the coming years.”

For more details see
www.baptist.org.uk

Baptist Union Council took place from 12
to 14 November 2012 at the Hayes
Christian Conference Centre, Swanwick in
Derbyshire. The Baptist Times
(www.baptisttimes.co.uk) will be reporting
more about what happened at Baptist
Union Council.



My Favourite Christmas Carol...

... is *As With Gladness Men of Old*. It’s more an
Epiphany carol than a Christmas one, and we don’t sing
it very often. It includes the line, “*So, most gracious Lord,
may we evermore be led to Thee*”.

We used to have a retired congregational minister and his wife in
the church in which I grew up. His last church was in Headingley,
but earlier he had been a missionary in Africa, and he remained
involved with foreign students in Leeds. He was such a wonderful
Christian. He died between Christmas and New Year about 17
years ago and this was sung at his funeral.

Katherine Widdowson

From the Diary of...

...two BMS Workers

A day in the life of Guinebor II Hospital, Chad, by Andrea and Mark Hotchkin.

6.00am

Sunrise. A knock on the window bars wakes Mark – he needs to see the test results from one of our diabetes patients. The day has begun.

Patients are arriving at the hospital and waiting for the triage nurse. Time for a shower and a quick breakfast, then morning prayers with the staff in the entrance lobby.

8.00am

Staff meeting when the day's



activities are discussed. As it's Tuesday, all the rubbish is collected from around the hospital and surrounding area. Several bags and boxes later, work begins.

Andrea checks the maternity unit and Mark heads off to the admin office. It's pharmacy orders today – the pharmacist will need to place an order at the central pharmacy and see what is in stock.

The patients come in and pass by the cash desk to pay half price for children and maternity care. The nurses begin consulting and the laboratory opens its doors for blood tests to be taken and analysed.

9.30am

Ward rounds are taking place and post-operative patients are being checked along with others suffering from typhoid and other infections, and the children with malnutrition. There's just one operation today, left over from the

list the day before. Then time for a quick coffee and some water before consultations begin for Mark and Andrea. Unfortunately the patients have been waiting a while.



In the emergency room one of the nurses calls Mark as he passes by.

He spends a while stabilising a child with fits caused by malaria. The child is admitted to the ward where BMS nurse Rebecca North is putting up mosquito nets and caring for the malnourished babies.

The baby's parents are shown the area outside the hospital where they can stay, cook, wash and sleep while their child is in hospital. They install their mats and other things needed.

The child is admitted to the ward where Rebecca North is caring for the malnourished babies

7.00pm
The hospital is quieter now. Mark sees his final few consultations, checks the wards and heads off

home for a meal of boule (round bread) and stew.

9.00pm
Babies never come at convenient hours and a lady is admitted in labour with twins. Fortunately she is in her eighth pregnancy and, with Andrea's help, it's not long before two healthy boys are born and she settles down for the night.

10.00pm
A final check to see if all is well and not too many relatives have chosen to stay as well. It's time for bed. Let's hope the night is peaceful.

**Andrea and
Mark Hotchkin**

A fuller version with colour images can be found on the BMS website at www.bmsworldmission.org under News & Blogs.



Christmas Spectacular

Imagine a former aircraft hanger on a Norfolk farm seating 1,400, and a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers and musicians, performing a three hour show twice a day from 9 November to 24 December with a £3m budget contributing £10m to the Norfolk economy.

This was the **Thursford Christmas Spectacular** in a tiny Norfolk village near Fakenham, invaded by 50 coaches from all over the country twice a day. I had never heard of it until we moved a year ago. It was recommended to me as a possible outing by a Methodist couple, and a few weeks later the Leeds National Trust was offered 50 tickets by a local coach firm.

Throughout the second part of the performance, a 30-strong orchestra occupied the centre of the stage, surrounded at different

times by singers and dancers, and supported by bagpipers and Phil Kelsall MBE on the Wurlitzer Organ for the 31st consecutive season. He has spent the summer season for the past 38 years as Blackpool Tower's principal resident organist. The musicians moved seemingly effortlessly from an organ symphony to *Jingle Bells* and *When the Saints Come Marching In*, accompanying the Can Can and selections from Swan Lake, before playing a medley of 12 traditional Christmas carols, starting with the Sussex carol *On Christmas Night* and finishing with *O Come All Ye Faithful*.

We found it an exciting introduction to the Christmas season of 2012. If you get the opportunity next year, go to see it.

*John and Pamela
Nicholson*



My Favourite Christmas Carol...

... is *In the Bleak Midwinter*. I recited the last verse in church when I was 5 and didn't really understand the significance of giving Him my heart, but I do now.

Elsie Nicholls

Weekly Prayer Diary



December 2012 - January 2013

*“He will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9.6 (NIV)

2 December

Brian Nicholls
Heather McLeen
Children’s and Youth work
Adrian Howe, Church Treasurer
and the Finance Team
Rosemary Stirk
David Morris (Cambridge)
Cafe Church meeting today

9 December

SENT Mission Community
Claire Ginn
Steve and Ismay in Tunisia
Work among students
UCCF & Leeds CUs
The persecuted church
throughout the world
Carol Services this week
The minister preaching with a
view on Sunday
The Special Church Meeting
on 13 December (*see page 13*)

Pull out and use!

16 December

Headingley Morning
Mission Community
The search for new members
for the Ministry Team
The Retired Persons' Fellowship
Your neighbours
Those who can't get to
church on a Sunday any more
Caroline Brown (Bristol)
Visitors to the
Candlelit Carol Service

23 December

Christmas Day Services
Cragg Mission Community
People baptized recently
Gaynor Hammond
The Under 5s work
Kate Burkett
Irene West
Your small group and its leader
St George's Crypt
Karl Martin (Edinburgh)

Prayer for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
on this Day we thank you for coming to earth, to live as one of us.

We thank you for all the presents we have unwrapped.
We thank you for the gifts we have been able to send.
We thank you for the happiness this day brings,
and for all the good food we are ready to tuck into.



But we pray for those who are less happy about today,
for those who are hungry or lonely, away from home or sad,
ill or unhappy.

Be near to them, and show us how to be as loving and caring
as the Jesus whose birth we celebrate today.

30 December

For the work of the
whole church during 2013
Adel Mission Community
Geoff Greer, Church Secretary
Roy Starling
Someone you know
who doesn't know Jesus
The Arabic Christian Fellowship
Richard Pollard (Bristol)

13 January

Gemma Eastwood
Church Office
The deacons
Other local churches
Chris and Dorothy Gnanakan
and the work of OTAN
The Baptist Union, and Jonathan
Edwards (General Secretary)
The Green House (*see next page*)
Those in hospital

6 January 2013

New City of David
as they begin a new phase of
their fellowship
Nicholas Mutonji
The Monday meeting
Joanna Project
Diane Horsley
The work of TLG and the Early
Intervention Centres in a new
term
ABC Coffee Shop
John Gleghorn (Bingley)
Nick Cook (Market Harborough)

20 January

Cafe Church at Holt Park
Lawrence Cockrill
Judith Briggs
Rooted
Leeds City Mission
Jane Waites in Albania
Jayne Godfrey in Bratislava
Dan Mcleod (Surrey)

27 January

Connect Mission Community
Dave Bartram
Geoff King
Church@LittleLondon
David and Ann Macfarlane, (see page 14)
Street Angels in Headingley
Andrew Goldsmith (Ruislip)

Prayer for the Refurbished Green House

Our Father, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, and your Fatherly care; and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate.



Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to little children, to the weak or the wandering, or to those whose steps are faltering. Make it rugged enough and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

May this place be a place of generous hospitality, both a refuge from the storms of life, and a place of renewal from which to face the world.

Father God, may the doors of this place be powerful symbols of the gateway to your eternal Kingdom.

May many find salvation in Christ because of the work of your people in and from this space. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer said at the Green House Dedication and Thanksgiving Service
22 November 2012

The Golden Carol

We saw a light shine out afar,
On Christmas in the morning,
And straight we knew it was Christ's star,
Bright beaming in the morning.

Then did we fall on bended knee,
On Christmas in the morning,
And praised the Lord, who'd let us see
His glory at its dawning.

Praise to Christ our King!

Oh! ever thought be of His Name,
On Christmas in the morning,
Who bore for us both grief and shame,
Affliction's sharpest scorning.

And may we die (when death shall come),
On Christmas in the morning,
And see the heaven, our glorious home,
That Star of Christmas morning.



*Praise to Christ
our King!*

English Traditional
Carol

Gems from the Archives

Working on the church archives is a fascinating job and usually takes much longer than planned because there is so much of interest.

I recently came across details of the final building programme at Headingley when the present church or sanctuary was added to the hall area in 1927. A letter from the treasurer dated 1928 included the following.

In 1899 the church abolished pew rents and “inaugurated the Envelope System of Voluntary Contributions to ensure a regular income.” Apparently this system worked so well that every year since 1908 the annual accounts had been closed without a deficit. However the deaths of several “generous friends” meant that there was not now enough to cover costs and so members were all asked to become regular givers (much like Adrian trying to persuade everyone to gift aid their giving today). Along

with this was the request that if all members gave or added to their present offering sixpence a week then the church would “be assured of its income”. That is something like two and a half pence today!

The letter to the members finished with:

“It is our earnest hope that none shall ever be debarred from the House of God for lack of earthly means. It is equally our hope that each one, as far as God has given him means, shall of those means use a just and rightful portion to maintain His Church and its work in the world”.

I’m not sure whether people would be debarred because they couldn’t

It is good at this time of the year to appreciate the work of the treasurer and the deacons planning next year’s budget

afford to give enough or whether it was because there wouldn't be a church in which to worship if they didn't give sufficient to keep it going. However...

It is good today to be a part of a church which has faithfully witnessed since 1779 and reached out to many areas of Leeds and across the world. It is also good at this time of the year to

appreciate the work of Adrian and the deacons who will be planning the budget for next year and what joy it would give them if we could reach the end of the year "without a deficit" – there is still time.

Above all, what joy it would give God to be blessed by our generous giving in response to his love for us.

Val Dooks

Our task as part of God's church is to worship Him in Christ and to overflow with the good news of his love to us, of the transformation that he alone can bring, which enables human flourishing and joy. The tasks before us are worship and generous sharing of the good news of Christ in word and deed. How we do these things of course is rather more complicated...

Bishop Justin Welby, soon to be the new archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace 9 November 2012



Our Favourite Christmas Carol...

... is **Silent Night** (or better still **Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht**). We love the carol anyway but it particularly reminds us of the only time we've been away from Britain at Christmas. We were at a carol service in a mountain village in the Swiss Alps and we could see the snow gently falling outside. When we sang this song, we knew that it really was Christmas.

Geoff and Margaret Greer

Gnanakan News

Research: Finding the Babe of Bethlehem

Chris writes “I’ve just completed training one batch for the underground Church in China in this network of 600,000 Christians planting churches. I’m presently in Nepal on my way to another restricted access nation. I value your prayers for this trip and long to see you all early next year. We all send our warmest greeting to our SPBC mission partners, family and sending church!”

Remember when you were looking desperately for something and eventually found it? Then what did you do? All of us are on a quest – a search for truth, meaning and purpose in life. Where and how we look for truth is important yet what we do when we discover it is vital! The three “researchers” mentioned in Matthew 2.1-23: the magi, Herod and religious priests were keen to investigate Jesus’ birth. However each of them analysed their finding and responded to results in a radically different way. Our outlook determines outcome!

The magi or “wise men” were

Eastern philosophers, astronomers and kingmakers. Theirs were brilliant minds but knew little about God’s promised Jewish Messiah. Providentially guided by a star that appeared in the East, they brought appropriate gifts assured that they would find the child and prepared to worship. They travelled with yearning hearts all the way to Jerusalem enquiring: “Where is he who is born King of the Jews?” Directed by scripture and the star again, they found the child in a modest house, presented their gifts and worshipped Jesus. They received the truth God revealed to them, responded with grateful adoration and returned home “another way” (verse 12), their mission accomplished!



Herod knew God was at work, believed His word and didn't doubt the magi would find the child. Notice he says "when [not if] you find him" (verse 2). But his immediate reaction was anxiety. He became "troubled", suspicious and insecure at the news of Jesus' birth. Herod was an Idumean serving Rome whose primary interest was himself: his position, power and prestige. In spite of efforts to please the Jews, many considered him a usurper and expected a political Messiah to deliver them from Rome. All this threatened Herod since Christ's coming revealed the throne was not his! So, what did he do? Infuriated by the magi not returning, he sought to crush God's plan. Soon his evil pretensions and hostility became clear as he ruthlessly slaughtered every boy under two in Bethlehem (verse 16).

*Those who seek God with
all their heart will find him*

The priests and scribes were the third researchers. These theological experts and leaders when consulted knew precisely where to find the prophecy of Jesus' birth. They were busy with ceremonial laws and full of themselves that they didn't feel the need to check who Jesus really was.

So casual and careless about Christ's coming, they didn't even go downtown Bethlehem for their fieldwork. No, they didn't oppose the child, albeit later they plotted his murder. But for now they didn't feel their need for him. They failed to apply God's truth to themselves and missed the whole point of the Law – to lead them to Christ. With sheer indifference within their comfort zone, they simply ignored him.

Research is exciting because of the joy of discovery. Those who seek God with all their heart will find him. God guides in many ways. At times by special means he makes his ways known. But he has clearly revealed his saving purposes in his written Word, which abides forever. Like the wise men, we must come personally to Christ to find that in him are all the treasures of God's wisdom and fullness of life! God's truth can be disturbing so some instead of *accepting* Christ, like Herod, end up *rejecting* him. Yet, I still feel the greatest danger lies with religious folk who are *neglecting* Jesus Christ; who He truly is – God's Son, and what He came to do – save us from our sins. Let's find and follow Jesus!

Chris Gnanakan

Questions

Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori?

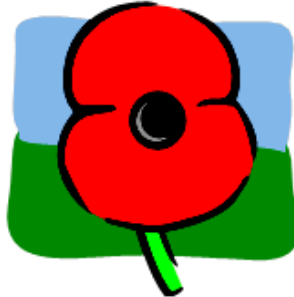
Cyril Snell reflects on a moving Remembrance Day service at Headingley.

With a Saturday concert of “Music for Remembrance” and Faure’s Requiem still in my head, the morning service became very vivid.

Margaret’s flowers spoke so eloquently of self-sacrifice and the Cross. Matthew’s variation on The Last Post evoked images of the battlefield after the battle with great sensitivity and Bonhoeffer’s poem from the prison cell sung to a theme from Finlandia could surely

touch a heart of stone. My mind returned to a school blackboard. Carefully written was the Latin tag *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori* and above it the words “a lie” were scrawled. I wondered then and now again

“What are fourteen year olds taught?” The quotation is from Book III of the Odes of Horace, written perhaps 23 years before the birth of Christ. He had fought for a republic against the cult of the Caesars who on occasions called themselves God. He was no narrow nationalist.



Dulce would surely for him have meant acceptance without bitterness and not what we understand by sweet. *Decorum* could more probably mean appropriate or fit, certainly not glorious. I am encouraged by the dictionary comments. Again, *pro patria* has resonance with



patrimony, that which is given. In Horace's mind the ethos of governance under threat is more likely than visions of world power. In two World Wars people often with mixed motives did believe there were causes for which they should risk their lives. It seems natural to honour them for that belief.

*Is there something that
is worth one's life and
even one's death?*

Is it fanciful to connect *Patria* with Pater, for almost sixty years on,

*If once again, in this mixed world, you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall recall what we have learned through sorrow,
and dedicate our lives to you alone.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



My Favourite Christmas Carol...

If the Nativity as an expression of God's love can be summarized in music, then for me it happens in the first four bars of the German carol *Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen*.

John Copperwheat

Jesus in obedience to the will of the Father gave his life and died in agony without bitterness. The texts are so well known that we take for granted the forgiveness, atonement and redemption that flowed from God's purpose.

In this materialist world is there something that is worth one's life and even one's death?

Christians in large numbers in many parts of the world know the answer to that.

Cyril Snell

Headingley Morning
Mission Community

Second Chance

A Study on Jonah: Part 1

Steve Ford introduces a two-part study on the Old Testament book of Jonah with an overview of the story.

- **Jonah** was a prophet, an Israelite who knew His God, knew Him to be merciful, slow to anger, abundant in loving kindness.
- **Nineveh** was a powerful, influential city on the banks of a river, opposite the modern city of Mosul in Iraq. It was a centre for the cult and worship of the false god Istar, a cult that used temple prostitution and other sexually immoral practices. This was a place where greed and self indulgence reigned supreme. Nineveh was in Assyria: enemy territory for Israel.
- Jonah was **asked** by God to go to Nineveh. Jonah decided to go the other way.
- God gave Jonah a **second chance** and rescued him through a storm and a fish and gave him the opportunity to repent.
- Jonah **resented** what God did and was more concerned for

himself than those that God wanted to save.

“Go to Nineveh, their wickedness has come before me” (1.2)

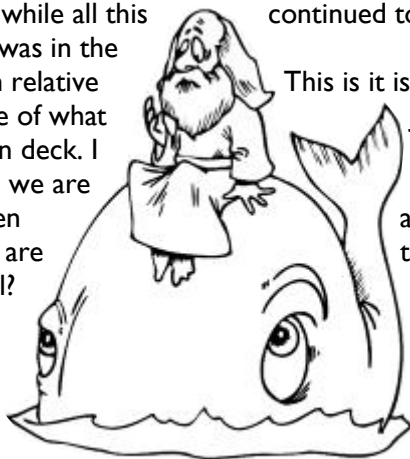
God was looking for a messenger to take His word and message of salvation to a people that had been so taken up with themselves that they did not even know their right hand from their left. A people that God had recognised were ready to receive the good news of salvation.

Jonah decided that the job was not for him and went in the opposite direction. He turned 180 degrees and walked away from God and the city of Nineveh and chartered a ship going to Tarshish (on the west coast of Spain). Jonah was on the run from God and the task he had been entrusted with. What is interesting in the next few verses is that God sent a storm. Often we find ourselves in a storm and we think that the storm will engulf us and drag us down, yet in many cases God allows the storm, the very thing that could destroy us, to save us.

God is not restricted by our weakness or disobedience. But it is so much better if we walk with Him rather than head in the wrong direction.

The sailors were so scared they cried out to their gods to save them, gods who never answered. In a crisis we always cry out for help, even if it is to the wrong god. They threw the cargo overboard: the things that had value no longer had value in this situation. Our lives are like this, we suddenly find ourselves in a storm and in a position where we have to re-evaluate our lives and throw the things that are of value overboard, the things that obstruct us from worshipping God, or hinder our walk with Him.

Where was Jonah while all this was going on? He was in the hold of the ship, in relative safety and unaware of what was going on up on deck. I hope as Christians we are not like that, hidden away while others are fighting for survival? Eventually Jonah was found by the captain and instructed to call



on his God. It is only then that Jonah came clean and told the crew that he was a Hebrew who feared the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.

It was at this point that the crew became even more afraid than before. They obviously had some understanding of the God of the Hebrews and asked “Why have you done this?” and “what shall we do?” (much the same as when the people who heard Peter preach cried out Acts 2.37). When a man or woman is convicted of their sin in the light of almighty God there is only one cry that can be uttered. I hope, like Jonah we have an answer. Jonah knew he was the cause of all the trouble and that the answer was to throw him overboard. The crewmen could not do this and they rowed even harder. They were full of compassion for Jonah and did not want to see him perish so continued to put their lives at risk.

This is it is not how it should be! Jonah should be the one calling on his God, reaching out for the lost and hurting. The crew, the godless ones, are the ones busy trying to save lives and call on their gods for salvation, really expecting some answers.

Jonah appeared to be complacent when he should have been calling on God for release for himself and the crew. Sometimes as Christians we become so wrapped up in our own little world that we become complacent when we are expected to intercede on behalf of others.

What happened next is quite amazing. The sailors, who had now succumbed to Jonah's advice and were about to throw him overboard, start to cry out to the living God, Jonah's God, for salvation and redemption and even acknowledge that God, has orchestrated all this for His own reason and purpose.

Jonah was thrown overboard by a crew of fearful men who had been reduced to quivering wrecks because of Jonah's disobedience. The moment of release comes when we obey God and throw the offensive thing overboard: the storm is immediately stilled. The crew then praise God and vow to serve Him. God brings about revival and repentance despite Jonah's disobedience.

God is not restricted by our weakness or disobedience. He will work out His salvation with us or without us but it is so much better if we walk with Him rather than head in the wrong direction.

We read that God is the God of the second chance. I am so thankful He is, what about you? He provides a rescue plan, a plan involving a fish. God is quite resourceful, he has used donkeys, doves and ravens to provide help in the past.

Inside a fish was probably not the most pleasant place to be but as God was involved then it was probably the safest place to be. What would you do? Blame God or blame yourself? Jonah did something amazing: he recited some Psalms. When I first realised this I wondered if I knew enough Psalms to recite for three days! We all need to read and remember the scriptures so that we can rise to the occasion when required. Jonah was repentant and God had compassion and ordered the fish to unceremoniously spit him out.

What a relief. Jonah could now get on with his life, lesson learnt, repentant and redeemed, or was he?

Steve Ford

Steve continues this study in the February edition of *Intouch*. The full article can be downloaded from Steve's blog at www.stevelford.org.uk/blog

Come Prepared

Preaching Themes and Readings

Date	Morning Services	Evening Service
2 December ADVENT SUNDAY	Galatians 4.4 Jesus: the Son of Mary – the humanity of Jesus	Luke 1.1-25 Your prayer has been heard
9 December	John 7.25-43 Jesus: the Christ – the anointed one of God	Luke 1.26-38 Let it be to me according to your word
16 December	Matthew 1.21 Jesus: the Saviour	Luke 1.57-80 The Lord's hand was with him
23 December	Matthew 1.23 Jesus: God with us – the eternal Presence	Luke 2.1-20 News for all the people
30 December	Luke: 1.32-33 Jesus: Son of the Most High God –the divinity of Jesus	Luke 2.21-40 Can I go now? (v29)

...inspired...

*Worship at Headingley on Sunday mornings? You've heard the stories. You've seen the faces. You heard the appeals. Inspire-a-congregation invites you to make your response on **Sunday 20 January**. It's time to be inspired.*

...informed...

*For details of service times, locations, Mission Communities, small groups, children's work, student events, our vision and structure, the weekly notice sheet and much more, go to the church website: **www.spbc.org.uk***



Church Actually

Do you know who provides half of the parent and toddler support groups in the UK? Is it Surestart? No, it's the church actually.

Do you know who provide the biggest network of debt counselling across the UK with 190 drop-in centres? Helping over 19,141 individuals last year alone? Is it Martin "Moneysavingexpert" Lewis? No, it's the church actually.

Who is it that donated 72 million hours of volunteer work to social initiatives last year estimating a contribution of £1.5 billion a year? Was it the National Trust? No it was the church actually.

Do you know who will feed 100,000 hungry people this year in the UK? Is it the Red Cross. No, it's the church actually!

Do you know who brought hospitals, schools, universities and democracy into our country? Was it the Vikings? No, it was the church actually!

Who invented Aston Villa, Birmingham City, Bolton

Wanderers, Everton, Fulham, Liverpool, Manchester City, Queen's Park Rangers, Southampton, and Tottenham Hotspur Football clubs, was it the Football association? No, it was the church actually!

*Who is the hope of the world, is it Nato?
It's the church actually!*

When the doctors, the police and the social workers move out of an area and go and live somewhere else who is that moves in? Is it Richard Dawkins and Militant Atheists? No, it's the church actually!

Who is it that is the hope of the world, is it Nato? No, it's the church actually!

Krish Kandiah

Spring Harvest
krishk.com

Thanks to Mike Burkett and Judith Marlow for sending this on. The original post on Krish Kandiah's blog at krishk.com/2012/04/no-church-actually includes links to other websites with the figures mentioned.

Churches Together

in Headingley

Over the next couple of months there are opportunities to get to know our fellow Christians in Headingley better. By the time you read this, we will know whether or not we have been able to secure a short-let shop for Advent. If not, it's likely that we will be doing some street activity – watch the notice sheets.

Saturday 15 December

Carol singing at the Arndale Centre from 11am-1pm. Come along whenever you can during that time. We would like to keep up our tradition of giving out sweets during the singing, so if you can't come but would like to contribute a box/tin of sweets, that would be appreciated. With the sweets we also give out a greetings card from all the Headingley Churches with the times of our Christmas services. The money collected will go to Wheatfields Hospice.

18 -25 January.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Agape Meals will be held in people's homes throughout the week (lunch

time and evening). A simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, with discussion on a set theme between the courses. You sign up for just one meal and there are usually six to eight people in a group. A great way to get to know more friends from the other churches. There will be a list in the foyer after Christmas. See me if you'd like to know more.



Saturday 19 January

A **coffee morning**, 10am-12 at St Michael's Parish Hall.

Sunday 20 January

United Service, 3pm, at St Urbans Roman Catholic Church, Grove Lane.

If you've never been to any of the Churches Together events before, why not give it a try?

Pam Roe

Churches Together in Headingley
Representative

See page 42 for details of the Horsforth Churches Together Carol Service .

Christmas Highlights...

Thursday 6 December	Under 5's parents Christmas party	Headingley
Sunday 9 December 3pm	Music for Christmas	Café Church, Holt Park
10 - 12 December	Under 5's Christmas parties	Headingley
Friday 14 December	Retired People's Fellowship lunch	Headingley
Saturday 15 December 3.30 – 5.30 pm	Junior Church party	Headingley
Saturday 15 December 4pm	Carol service followed by soup and mince pies	Cragg
Sunday 16 December 10.30am	All-Age Nativity led by Junior Church	Headingley
Sunday 16 December 10.30am	Nativity service	Cragg
Sunday 16 December 6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Headingley
Tuesday 18 December	Under 5's Christingle celebration	Headingley
Friday 21 December	Carol service	ABC Coffee Shop
Friday 21 December	Drop-in Christmas Party	Cragg
Sunday 23 December 10.30am	Cragg joins Headingley for morning worship	Headingley
Monday 24 December 5pm	Christingle service	Adel Primary School
Tuesday 25 December 10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration	Headingley
Sunday 30 December 10.30am and 6.30pm	Morning and evening worship	Headingley / SENT



For more events at other Mission Communities and further details see the notice sheet at the church website www.spbc.org.uk

Christmas Quiz

The long overdue return of the Fiendish *Intouch* Quiz has a mathematical angle this month.

Work out the number indicated by each of the 10 clues. Subtract the total of all the B Clues from the total of all the A Clues to arrive at a single number. What gift was given on that day of Christmas in the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*?

Send that answer (the name of the gift) to magazine@spbc.org.uk (or to the Church Office) before Twelfth Night for a chance of the prize. Editor's decision is final...

A Clues

- (Traditionally) the number of wise men who came to Bethlehem, following a star: _____
- Which number verse of *While Shepherds Watched* has the word "seraph" in it? _____
- On which day of Christmas were "maids a-milking" first sent in *The Twelve Days of Christmas*? _____

- The year last century that the Queen's Christmas broadcast was first televised: 19 _____
- The number of times the word "Bethlehem" appears in the carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem* _____

? B Clues

- The chapter of Isaiah that says "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given" _____
- The date in December of the Adel Christingle Service _____
- "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." John 1 verse _____
- "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger." Luke 2 verse _____
- "Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" Matthew 2 verse _____



A Total _____ **minus**
B Total _____
 = _____.

The A-Z of South Parade

A Guide for the Confused Part Eight

Rooted

Jesus showed in words and actions that those on the fringes of human society are at the heart of God's Kingdom. The Rooted group that meets on Tuesday evenings in the Green House is one way we try to show it too. The volunteers offer a secure environment and physical and spiritual nourishment. With the community centre now refurbished, a shower is also available. If you can help, contact the church office, or speak to Geoff King.

Rootless

Original name for the Rooted group, before we realised that

those who come can be as spiritually secure as the rest of us.

SENT

The only Mission Community whose name is a verb as well as an acronym. SENT stands for Sunday Evening NeTwork (see what they did there?), South Parade's evening congregation that attracts students, anyone who struggles to get up for 10.30 on a Sunday morning and people from other churches who value the informal worship, in-depth teaching, and intimate fellowship. For the monthly communion service, SENT welcomes the whole church for the South Parade Together evenings. When did you last come and celebrate with members from the other Mission Communities?

Sermon

South Parade's talented pool of preachers offer a range of inspirational styles beyond the traditional three-pointer: sermons detailing contemporary culture and film techniques (Lawrence); sermons rooted in daily Christian experience (Gaynor); sermons



peppered with interesting stories (Dave); sermons with potentially dangerous scientific experiments (Lawrence again). The experiments are best experienced live, but many of the other sermons can be downloaded on to your PC or MP3 player from the church website.

Students

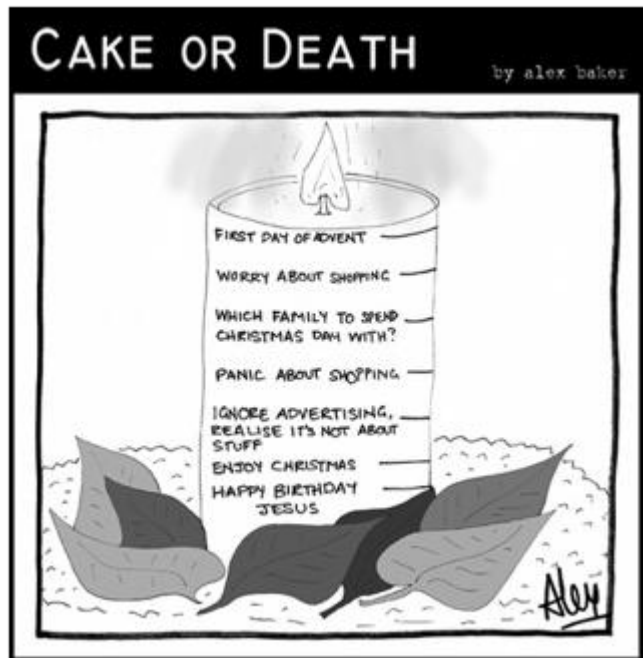
There are at least 250,000 students in Leeds, many of whom live within walking distance of one of South Parade's Mission Communities. A warm welcome (usually expressed in pizza form) is offered to all of them, as well as opportunities to contribute to the life of the church. Lawrence leads the student work: the responsibility to welcome them belongs to everyone.

South Parade

Easily explained. "South Parade", the street in Headingley that South Parade Baptist Church stands on, is named after the church, not the other way round. Prior to 1909 the church was situated on a similarly named street in Leeds city centre from which it (the church) took its name. On the move to Headingley the church retained its original name and the street on the site where the new church was built was named after the newly relocated church. Only John Nicholson really understands this.

"Church Mouse"

For more "Cake or Death" visit:
cakeordeathcartoon.wordpress.com



Carols in Hall Park, Horsforth

Saturday 8 December 4-4.30pm

Horsforth Churches Together will be hosting a short carol service in the park. With the bandstand lit up with fairy lights and Horsforth Leeds Brass playing there will be a festive atmosphere for all to enjoy.



There will be a nativity fancy dress parade with a chocolate for everyone who comes dressed as Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, wise man or angel. Every child will receive a glow stick to light up their song sheets whilst tea, coffee and mince pies will help warm the adults.

...inspired...

"Looking Back", a collection of John Nicholson's reminiscences from Intouch has now been produced and is available from the church office or in pdf format by emailing magazine@spsc.org.uk

Headingley

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School

Royal Academy of Dance School based in Headingley

Classes from 4years upwards in RAD Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary.

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Enquiries welcome to Lauren
lauren@hsob.co.uk 0778 955 7390

Classes held at
Weetwood Primary School Weetwood Lane
Leeds LS16 5NE



[*Find us on Facebook under Headingley Ballet School*](#)



South Parade meets as six distinctive Mission Communities across Leeds: in **Headingley, Adel and Cragg** on a Sunday Morning, and as **SENT** at Headingley on Sunday evenings. **New City of David** meets for worship in Leeds City Centre and **Connect** meets at different locations in the community in Bramley. We also have projects in Little London and Holt Park. 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.

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Gaynor Hammond

Associate Pastor

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*The shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all the things they had
heard and seen.*

”

Luke 2.20 (NIV)

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