

*The Good Shepherd Church*  
*Park Road Loughborough*  
*May Focus 2016*

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**"A new journey..."**

So we are all beginning a new journey together. On 15 May we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the day often thought to be the birthday of the Church. I wonder how you celebrate your birthday. Maybe you have a big party, maybe a few friends gather together, perhaps you just let the day pass quietly or maybe you make some resolutions that your next year is going to be... whatever you want it to be; or perhaps you just look forward to a few little gifts.

Of course Peter and the others were not expecting a 'party' that day; they were just following Jesus' instructions to wait for his gift. They had no idea what this gift was going to be: big, small, wrapped in fancy paper or in a present bag; they were just told it was a baptism. Their previous experience of baptism was with water so perhaps they were expecting something similar but of course their experience was not quite like that. Although they were accused of having too good a party – 'Some, however, made fun of them and said, "they have had too much wine"' (Acts 2.13).

As we begin to journey together I wonder what we are all expecting. The disciples' expectations were blown out of the water that day, as well as those of the people in Jerusalem – people from all over the world discovered a new journey as they experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter addressed the crowd and showed them that this was all part of God's plan for them all and for all those whom He will call in the future. So as we begin our journey together let's look for the gifts God will give to us as individuals, and together, so we can help others hear Him calling them. And perhaps a good start will be to join our Archbishops and the whole Church in prayer. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week before Pentecost Sunday. Praying for others is one of the most powerful things we can do. It can bring transformation to their lives, just like the Pentecost Party did to the 3000 folk that listened and responded to Peter's sermon that day.

So watch out for some information as to how we might go about this and an occasion when we can get together, but most of all let's join in this fantastic opportunity right at the beginning of our journey to meet with God together for His people. If you get a chance why not visit this website to learn more: <http://thykingdom.co.uk>

Andy and I are really looking forward to all that lies ahead, so as we listen to God, and to each other, let's see where He might take us on our new journey together.

Yours in Christ.

*Sue Willetts*

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### **Adrienne Mary Dew.**

It is with great sadness that we said goodbye to a long and faithful member of The Good Shepherd Church, and of course wife to Ray and mother to Graham and Ken. Adrienne passed away suddenly on 1<sup>st</sup> April at the age of 88, and her funeral was held in Church on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Adrienne was born in Middlesbrough, and when she was 8 moved to Oakham in Rutland as her father had a job working as a blacksmith. She attended a C of E school and secondary school until the age of 14. She then began work in the accounts dept. at Catmose Borough Council. Adrienne did a lot of work for the WVS, knitting for the forces.

In 1948 she married Ray, which began their 67 years of happy marriage, and were blessed with 2 sons Graham and Ken. After moving to Loughborough they lived in 3 different homes along Park Road, including the bungalow they currently own. Adrienne worked for some time at the newsagents shop on Ling Road that was owned by Ray's parents, and later worked for 20 years in Fisons offices in the town retiring in 1987.

She had a love of music, and enjoyed holidays in various locations across the country, but loved Matlock or the Dales where she and Ray would return for anniversaries.

Adrienne had suffered ill health over recent years, but it was a blessing for her to celebrate with Ray his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Good Friday when so many family and friends visited their home.

Adrienne was a devout Christian and the Church was a major part of her life. Hosting home groups and whilst worshipping with the Elim Church she ran the Luncheon Club 3 times a week for some years. At The Good Shepherd she was part of many rotas including reading and intercessions, always involved in Church life to its full.

Adrienne was a very loving, caring and placid lady always generous and ready to help in any way.

Her faith and strength in the Lord sustained her all her life even in her later life through illness.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother and friend too many, she will be remembered and treasured forever. Now at Peace in God's keeping.

Rest in Peace dear Adrienne.

### **Elsie Clarke**

It also with sadness that we report the sad passing of Elsie Clarke. She lived for many years on Broadway with her dear husband Sid. Elsie had a strong faith and was involved with The Good Shepherd over many years always sitting in the same pew at the 10am Service on a Sunday. She enjoyed all of the Church life always attending the various fetes and very much enjoyed the stage group twice yearly shows. The Isle of Wight Church holidays were always a favourite for Elsie and each morning she would go off walking with the other ladies, often finishing up with a cup of tea at the cliff top café.

Elsie's funeral will be held at Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 1pm. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Son David and family. Rest in peace Elsie, reunited with dear Sid.

### **Stage Group Spring Show**

Tickets are still available for the stage group spring show "2016 Variety Show" on 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm. This promises to be a night of song, dance and fun sketches. Come along for a night out. Tickets £5.

## **Warm Welcomes**

On Tuesday 26th April the Service of Collation and Induction of our new Vicar Rev. Sue Willetts was held. During the service a series of welcomes were given to Sue. They were given verbally by representatives from the Cathedral, Akely East Deanery, the Archdeacon and Area Dean. The Worshipful The Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor John Capleton and Mayoress Mrs. Meg Jenkinson gave a welcome message on behalf of the town and locality. A number of representatives were also invited and attended including Dr Marcus Wilde and his wife, Dr Wilde operates out of the only GP practice within the Parish, Members from the stage group, toddler group, Reside, Rachel Coupe representing Grace for the Next Generation and Wednesday friendly. Written messages of welcome were provided by these people and presented to Sue. Also present were a number of family and friends of Sue and Andy, together with a large number from The Good Shepherd.

Of course Sue is our new Vicar and a warm and touching welcome was given by Laurence Emmitt on behalf of the people of The Good Shepherd. For those who could not be present the message is reproduced below.

### **Welcome Sue Willetts**

Sue, in song we have just expressed the hope that, the Good Shepherd Church, will be a place of welcome to all people. It is now my privilege on behalf of the Congregation to give substance to those words, by welcoming you into our fellowship.

I am a relative newcomer to this Church, and can affirm from personal experience that it is a welcoming community. The song spoke of our desire to be a forgiving community; we are indeed a family into which all sorts a people will find acceptance.

We are a loyal congregation. I have been a member of this church for just 5 or 6 years, but in the congregation are some for whom, The Good Shepherd has been their spiritual home for all of their not insignificant lives. Indeed I think there remains in the congregation a few who recall the opening of the church in their childhood.

We have a diverse congregation. It includes an Australian, an African, a lady from Iraq and a family from Sri Lanka. Again, professionally, we come from diverse backgrounds. What holds us together is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to live out his teaching in our lives.

We take pride in our little church and try to keep it in a good state of repair, there is a small team who give a not insignificant amount of their time to its' maintenance, however it is not an ancient pile and we are not likely to forget that the church is the people not the building.

In the last few days my Bible reading has brought me to the account of our Lord entering Jerusalem on a donkey:- Blessed is she who comes in the name of the Lord.

We are pleased to welcome you into our fellowship as our Vicar together with Andy your husband.

Welcome to our House of Prayer.  
Welcome.  
Laurence Emmitt.

## May 2016 News, Views and Calendar

### Church Services in May. Every Sunday Morning

**8am**

Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book (BCP)

### 10am Services

May 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & Sunday Club  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion & Sunday Club  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Morning Worship  
May 29<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion & Sunday Club

### Sunday Prayer Meeting

May 8th 6pm.

### Every Wednesday Morning

**9.30am**

Holy Communion (said)



### Parish Breakfast.

**PLEASE NOTE  
PARISH  
BREAKFAST IS  
CANCELLED  
UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE**



**May  
21st  
4.30pm**

**Teen's Club 6.30pm**  
Meets every Monday

### Stage Group

Rehearsals every  
Wednesday 7.30pm

### Toddler Group

Meets every Friday  
Morning 10am -  
11.30am.

### Wednesday Friendly Meets 2.30

May 4<sup>th</sup>  
May 11<sup>th</sup>  
May 18<sup>th</sup> **BOAT TRIP**  
May 25<sup>th</sup>

### Christian Aid Lunch

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 12.30pm  
United Reformed  
Church

### Thank You

Ray, Graham, Ken, Ann and Phillip, thank you all for your loving cards, thoughts and Prayers throughout the month of April. Thank you too to all who joined us as we committed our darling Adrienne to rest in Jesus. Your loving presence lifted us up in our sadness and grief.

God Bless you all.

### THANK YOU ALL!!

Thank you all so much for the amazingly warm welcome that Andy and I received on Tuesday evening. We are still overwhelmed with your generosity to us in so many ways. We are really looking forward to enjoying the future God has planned for us altogether. Thank you all so much once again.

Andy and Sue



### Home Groups

### Thursday Ladies' study group

2-3.30pm Please  
contact Jackie for  
details 01509  
212207. New  
members welcome.

### Tuesday Group 8pm (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

8 Freesia Close.

### Gardeners Coffee Morning May 21<sup>st</sup> 10am - Noon.

Is your garden ready for its bedding or vegetable plants? If so put this date in your diary. Please come early as this is a very popular event and sells out quickly. Whilst you are there stay and have a coffee and a chat. We will also have books and games for sale.

If you have any plants that we could sell please bring them along on the morning.



### Thy Kingdom Come Thy Will Be Done.

This is the theme for a call to Prayer in the week leading up to Pentecost. The Church will be open for Prayer on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7pm - 10pm. People can come along at any time for as long as they wish. A Communion will commence the evening and the Church will remain open for silent Prayer afterwards.