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Otley Parish
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Otley Parish Church

Who are we?

Otley Parish Church is the oldest building in Otley. It's at the heart of our town and, for over 1,000 years, people have been gathering here for worship, with significant family as well as community events.

We are a gathering place for pilgrims on a journey of discovery, kindling hope as we go, and helping one another to be more fully alive to the wonders, the joys and the sorrows of life. We'd love you to share the journey with us.

We want to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Christ,

and in service to our local community.

Join us in worshipping our God together on Sundays and in daily life; be with us as we study and discern how to use the Bible in the 21st century; also learn with us what it is to be disciples in the 21st century following Jesus, and help us, with other churches in

the town, to bring good news to Otley and far beyond.

“There is a place for everyone, with Christ at the centre of it all.”

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Letter from Tom Raper, Churchwarden at Otley Parish Church



Dear Friends...

Our town of Otley has a great tradition of the Chevin Cross which is erected each year two weeks before Easter, staying in place for four weeks. Taking part in putting up the Cross is great fun with a bit of hard work made light by many hands. People come together to help - folk with faith and folk with little or no faith; it doesn't seem to matter. Hauling up the Cross on the cables as a team you often hear conversations, some of which are brief but often they are about faith. Frequently I hear, "I'm not religious, but doing this is really special as it means such a lot".

Putting up the Cross each year is special. It's a great witness to Jesus who through His death and resurrection has done it all for us. It's a symbol of hope which can be seen from many homes in Otley over Easter. Pictures of the Cross going up often make the news throughout the region including the local television news.

I wonder how we can all keep this symbol of hope alive and, indeed, how as the church community of Otley Parish Church we can remain Easter People? To be an Easter person means to rejoice - to live in remembrance of Easter and



what it means for us! Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross 2000 years ago was an historical event, not a myth or a fairy tale. It means that we are able to have JOY because we know that the ultimate battle has been won for us on the Cross. Two weeks after Easter Day when the Chevin Cross comes down, it can feel that the symbol of hope and protection over Otley has gone! I know that sounds silly, but that's how it can feel.

Recently, Eric Cairns preached about the power of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit is a gift from God to each one of us. I think you can actually discern the Spirit moving and working

through the group gathered together when putting up the Chevin Cross. At House Group the other week we discussed our experiences of listening to God and the times in our lives when this happened. Almost everyone felt that they heard the voice of God through listening to other people. Listening to the chats when hauling up the Chevin Cross there's always an opportunity to tell others, "I worship at Otley Parish Church and it's a great place to be".

As Christians we can have many conversations in our everyday lives with people about faith and about going to church. Some people just want to know more about what it means to be a

Christian. Perhaps these are the sounds of tiny mustard seeds falling. Jesus' Parable of the Mustard Seed compares the Kingdom of God with the smallest seeds on earth. When it grows it becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.

Listening to God is often described as the Still Small Voice. Wherever we may be in our daily lives there is a constant opportunity to proclaim His

greatness and mercy. This small voice can occur anytime in our conversations with others. By listening to what we hear and discerning the still small voice, and whenever we can, acting upon it provides the compost for the mustard seeds to germinate and grow!!

Next Easter if you are able to please do come and help to put up the Chevin Cross, or just come to watch. You never know how many mustard seeds of faith you might be helping to grow.



What's Your Favourite Bible Verse?

**MY FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE IS
Micah 6, verse 8 (NIV)**

***"...what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly, to love mercy (or in some
translations, kindness) and to walk humbly
with your God."***

I am not very decisive when asked about favourite things. I usually start my answer with, 'well, it depends on...'. Resisting the urge to do the same for my favourite Bible verse I am going with one which I have been pondering recently. It's one which first came to my attention many years ago when I was becoming more aware that our Christian faith is not meant just to be about our personal Salvation but should reflect God's wider concerns. However, as we have been thinking more about discipleship recently and what it means to be living for Christ in today's complex world, my mind has turned back to this verse. Sometimes we can over complicate things and stress over what we should be doing as Christians. But this verse provides us with a simple guide for living.

JACKIE HIRD



In the Hot Seat



with

**Lyn
Jennings**

When were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Harrogate on the 16th of November 1952 in a nursing home on Cold Bath Road. My dad was in the Police Force and when I was about 2 years old he was posted to Skipton, where my younger sister, Trish, was born. We lived there until I was about 7 years old and then dad was posted back to Harrogate. I lived there until I was 18.

Where did you go to school?

I can't remember the name of the

nursery and infant school I went to in Skipton, but when we moved back to Harrogate, I attended Wedderburn Infants School, and then passed my 11+ plus examination and went on to Harrogate High School. I can't say I enjoyed school particularly and was eager to leave. I certainly didn't want to go on to 6th Form. I remember my mum and dad found it hard to kit me out with all the uniform as it was very prescriptive and had to be bought from just one shop in Harrogate. My dad had recently retired from the

Police Force, which meant us moving out of the Police house and into a house which my parents had to buy, so money became tight. I've still got the receipt somewhere detailing everything that had to be bought for school and the total of what it all cost. They had it all to do again 2 years later when my sister started there too, although I would imagine she had my hand-me-downs. One of my abiding memories of High School was having to kneel down on the floor of the Deputy Headteacher's office to have my skirt measured with a ruler. You see it was the days of the mini skirt, so we used to roll them over and over at the waistband. If she thought they were too short, you were called in to be measured. A waste of time really as we only rolled them back over again!

Did you go to college or university?

I left school after sitting my O-levels and I got a job with the Yorkshire Bank in Knaresborough, which I really enjoyed. A memory I will never forget was working until past midnight on the day before we changed over to decimalisation on the 15th of February 1971. I think I would probably have remained in banking, but we moved as a family down to Lincolnshire where my dad had

got a job at RAF Cranwell. In those days the Yorkshire Bank only had branches in Yorkshire so I couldn't get a transfer. I ended up going into office work. I didn't return to further education until I went to university at the age of 40 where after 4 years of juggling home and studying, I graduated with a Bachelor of Education Honours Degree in Environmental Science (Early Years). It was one of the proudest days of my life.

When and where did you meet your husband, Stephen?

Steve and I met in a nightclub in Harrogate on the 13th of March 1971. I only remember the actual date as it was the day before my mum's birthday! Because as a family we were now living in Cranwell, it meant that most of our courtship was spent with either Steve travelling up and down the A1 at weekends to stay with my parents, or me catching the train up to Doncaster to stay with his parents. We got engaged on the 30th July, just 3 months later, which was Steve's 21st birthday and we married on the 7th of October 1972 in St Deny's Church in Sleaford, Lincolnshire just 5 weeks before my 20th birthday. Steve by that time had left home and was working in Rotherham, which is how we ended up living in Hemsworth, a small mining village between Wakefield, Pontefract

and Barnsley. We lived there for 51 years, only moving house once during that time.

How many children and grandchildren do you have?

We have two children. Our eldest is Katie and she is 45 and married to Mickey. They live in Otley, having moved here in 2019. She did a degree in Pharmacology at Manchester University and then gained a PhD from Oxford University, where she went on to become a research scientist at the University until about 2017. She is now a Science teacher and Head of Year 8 at Dixons Kings Academy in Bradford, having retrained like me later in life. Robert who is 43 is married to Ruth and they live in Heckmondwike. They have given us two beautiful granddaughters, Lucy who is just 13 and Alice who is 10. Robert is the Head of IT at BJSS in Leeds. We are very proud of both our children.

Do you have brothers and sisters?

I have a sister Trish, who is two years younger than me and lives in Gnosal, Staffordshire and a brother, Mike, who is 8 years older than me and lives in Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire.

When and where did you become a Christian?

I started to attend church in 1983 after a particularly challenging time in my life. I had just found out that my mum had cancer and also that our son, Rob, who was 2 years old at the time, had a hole in his heart. I found things extremely difficult and ended up suffering from severe anxiety and depression. Shortly afterwards a friend suggested I try going to church, which I really was not interested in doing, but thought I'd give it a go. I kept asking myself why I was feeling like I was, as I had a wonderful husband, two beautiful children and I didn't want for anything. Yet I was so miserable. The friend I was supposed to meet outside church let me down that morning. She had forgotten and had gone to the coast for the day instead. However, someone else spotted me looking like 'Billy No Mates' and offered to sit with me. As soon as I walked through the door, I knew that this was the missing link. I never looked back after that and became a regular attender, becoming totally involved in the church and having various roles. I was confirmed in St Helen's Parish Church in Hemsworth in February 1984 by Bishop Ralph Emmerson.

What was your main occupation and where did you work?

After graduating in 1995 as a Primary School teacher I worked

at Cobbler's Lane Infant school in Pontefract for 2 years, and then I moved to St John The Baptist Roman Catholic Primary School in Normanton. I worked there for 12 years, during which time I coordinated science across the school and also became a leading maths teacher for the Wakefield Authority. In 2007 I moved on and became Deputy Headteacher at St Helen's Junior and Infant School in Hemsworth, which was my local church school. I remained there until my retirement in 2015. I loved teaching and have never regretted retraining at all.

Why did you come to Otley and how many years have you lived here?

We moved back to Otley on the 1st of November last year. We both knew Otley well as Steve was brought up here from about 3 months old. We always said when we married that we would move back over this way after about 3 years, but we ended up settling and putting roots down in Hemsworth. In 2019 Katie, our daughter married and moved into Otley, so we were coming through quite a lot as Steve was doing a lot of work on their house and I was accompanying him and visiting Harold & Sheila Simpson, who are old friends of Steve's mum & dad. We could feel the pull to come back was getting stronger, so in

May last year we took the decision to put our house on the market. It sold within a week and the race was on to find a property in Otley. After viewing quite a lot and losing a couple, we bought where we are now - Riverside Park. It needs a full renovation, but we love it and we love Otley. It was definitely the right move to make.

Which church did you attend before coming to OPC?

I attended St Helen's Parish Church in Hemsworth. It is an Anglo-Catholic church, so what I have been used to is very different to OPC. Although the services are very different, I really enjoy attending OPC. It is such a friendly, welcoming church. I love the way that everyone is made to feel welcome whatever their faith or lack of it. I often use the word 'joyous' when I describe it to friends, and it really is. We would both like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome, it has meant a lot.

Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture? If so, what is it?

I have two really. I'm shocking at committing Bible passages to memory, so I have them written down and underlined in my Bible. They were ones I discovered when I was going through my periods of anxiety, and they still really give me comfort: Joshua 1:9

“Don’t be afraid or discouraged, for I the Lord your God am with you wherever you go” and 1 Peter 5:7 “Leave all your worries with Him because he cares for you”.

Do you have a favourite Christian hymn or song?

My particular favourite is, “Breathe on Me Breath of God”. I’m discovering lots of new ones that I like since coming to OPC though.

Are you involved in volunteering outside of the church?

Not at the moment. I was a volunteer with Hand to Mouth back in Hemsworth, which is a Christian charity that goes into schools setting up prayer journeys for the children and also staff if required. They do excellent work, and I can really recommend them

Do you like classical music? Do you have a favourite piece?

My favourite piece of classical music is Pachelbel Canon in D Major. I find it such a relaxing piece of music and very emotional to listen to. I enjoy most pieces of music from the Baroque period.

What about modern songs or music - anything in particular?

Oh, there are plenty of these. We are both fans of Rod Stewart,

Meatloaf, Tina Turner and many, many more, having seen them live on quite a few occasions.

Can you play a musical instrument?

Sadly no, not anymore. One of my biggest regrets is that I never learnt to play the piano. My mum could play, and I remember her wanting to teach me, but at the time but I really wasn’t interested.

Is there somewhere you would like to go on holiday where you’ve not been before, regardless of expense?

I would love to take a trip up into space. I really can’t imagine anything more beautiful and awe inspiring than looking down on the Earth.

Do you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?

I enjoy Pilates and go to classes twice a week. I also love to read and always have a book on the go. I’ve recently taken up embroidery after having a kit bought for me by my daughter for my birthday. I’m still very much a novice, but I’m enjoying doing it when I have time.

Which one word best describes your life right now?

Wonderful!

Otley Parish Church

FAMILY

news



SAMUEL DAVID MAYERS

born 23rd April 2024 and weighed 6lb 14oz



**Baby Sam with Dad Rick, Mum Katie
and brother Daniel (nearly 4)**

AWE & WONDER

JO BRISCOE



The People's Choice Award

You may remember that in the April edition of In Touch I shared the details of my woven exhibit chosen for the 'Ones to Watch' exhibition at Sunny Bank Mills in Farsley. This showcased some of the most exciting and emerging talent that Yorkshire has to offer.

I am delighted to say I have been voted People's Choice, the equivalent of first prize. My prize is a two month residency at the Mill. In July I will move my loom into my new workshop space, an opportunity to develop my weaving practice, before returning to college in September to continue studying Textile Practice.

Thank you so much to those of you who voted for me!

Congratulations!



Otley Town Council

This is to certify that

Elaine Shuttleworth

was made an

Honorary Citizen

of the Town of Otley on the

13th May 2024

in recognition of outstanding service
to the town of Otley over many years

Cllr Penny Robinson, Town Mayor

Dr Jason Knowles, Executive Officer

ELAINE SHUTTLEWORTH

HONORARY CITIZEN AWARD PRESENTATION



Elaine Shuttleworth being presented with her Honorary Citizen Award by Otley Town Mayor, Penny Robinson

Elaine has helped to run Chevin Socialites here in Otley for about five years. She's been involved with organising the evening social events, and the minibus trips. She's an inspiration and an encourager on the dance floor! And all with a very lovely and friendly manner!

Elaine started helping with the 'Hug on a Tray' charity in Otley about six years ago. She is a brilliant support and team player. Her involvement with Hug is excellent as she helps both in the shop and in the outpatients department and the patients hotel at St James's Hospital's Bexley Wing. She is a well-known face around Otley Town and will help anyone without hesitation.

Lesley Noble

● It is not generally known that Lesley was also awarded Honorary Citizenship of Otley way back in 2011. Congratulations Lesley!

**A WEEK
IN THE
LIFE
OF A YOUTH WORKER**
maria O'Hagan



Maria is employed by an organisation called Missional Generation who seek to resource churches to support youth work. Previously, she spent a year working for St George's Church in Leeds where she did children's and youth work and also ran the youth worship band there. She is a talented musician, and plays several instruments including the harp.

Maria has been with Otley Parish Church for almost 12 months in a part-time role in support of our Sunday Club and OPC Youth Group. She tells us here about a typical week in all that she does as Youth Worker with Missional Generation.

Monday

My week started at Missional Generation's office at Cross Gates Methodist Church in East Leeds. We are currently a team of 8, with most of us working in the office. We're a group of 4 youth workers and others handling admin, finance, and tech. It is really great working alongside a team of other youth workers - we can plan ideas together, do training together and share our resources. Today I reviewed any admin and follow up tasks from the previous week and started planning for the next few groups and events. I also had a line management meeting. It's always useful to check how the previous couple of weeks have gone and to be looking forward to the coming weeks. After work, I ended the day with dinner and games with friends!

Tuesday

In the morning, I headed to Otley All Saints C of E Primary School to lead an assembly on forgiveness, and it was great to engage with the children there. Then I went to the OPC office at The Chestnuts where I did more admin and prepped for youth groups. I usually use this time to check-in with the youth team for any groups happening the following Friday and Sunday, and send over any plans or ideas for the groups. Then, off to Prince Henry's School for the lunch club with Mark Atkins from Leeds Faith in Schools. We played an old favourite game of Empires which everyone enjoyed! Then, I had a catch up meeting with Aaron Kennedy (OPC) and headed to the United Reformed Church where the drop-in group runs (years 7-9). I usually register the young people as they arrive and then join in playing games, chatting to them and helping create a safe place for them to be after school. At 4.30pm we put away all the games and tidied up the room and then I headed back to Leeds! I enjoyed a quiet evening with my 2 housemates - friends I've known for about 5 years since moving to Leeds!

Wednesday

Today I spent the day at Rothwell Baptist Church, starting with a morning prayer session for the children and youth, attended by the church leaders and some congregation members. I then met with the children's worker to plan sessions and catch up on the past week. I had some downtime at home in the afternoon and enjoyed calling family who live in Kingston (in the South)! Then

off to the youth group at Rothwell in the evening. Here we talked about Jesus' revolutionary ways and also had dinner and games together!

Thursday

After a busy couple of days out and about in Otley and Rothwell, I had a quieter day today in the Cross Gates office. I caught up on admin that had come from the last couple of days and reviewed the week's youth groups. We had team time at Missional Generation, where we have a time of prayer, Bible study and time to invest in our personal relationships with God. Today we looked at Isaiah 6. Missional Generation host some city-wide events and take part in some nation-wide events through the year, so part of the afternoon was spent planning ideas for these.

Friday

Another day at the Cross Gates office. We had a team meeting about an upcoming residential for year 6s across Leeds/Bradford. I made sure everything was set for the weekend youth groups at Otley, and did some forward planning for the OPC Weekend Away coming up at the end of June! I went home for a quick break and some dinner, and then headed out to Otley for our youth group - this week we had a nerf gun battle! We also had a great evening playing capture the flag, then collected all the foam bullets we could find, tidied up and then I headed back home!

Saturday

It was a really nice warm day which was lovely! I spent the afternoon and evening catching up with friends, having a picnic and enjoying soaking up the sun!

Sunday

I led the Sunday morning youth group at OPC - today's topic was Jesus' Ascension. We enjoyed having hot chocolate drinks, looking into the Bible and praying together before joining back in the worship with Communion. I then went back to Leeds to join some friends for lunch, and then went off to St George's Church for a worship band practice later in the afternoon, before the evening service there. Finished off the day by catching up with friends and housemates after the service!

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

ROGER DEDMAN

Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness
Psalm 5:8 (NIV)

Who is our guide?

In reading the Psalms, the word righteousness occurs frequently, and it recently reminded me of the introit our Church choir once sang before walking into church:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy *righteousness*,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

These are words by Samuel S. Wesley who lived from 1810-1876, and they are based on Psalms 5:8 and 4:8.

It is all too easy for us to sing words because they are in front of us without giving much thought to what we are singing as we go along with the music.

How willing are any of us say - lead me in thy righteousness? First, do we feel worthy of God's righteousness in this troubled world? Secondly, do we want to walk in God's plan for our lives or do we want to be in control?

Isaiah wrote in 64:6, **All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags.** There is the basic sense we have our own unworthiness and so not fit for God to lead us. This is because God is perfect, and we human beings are imperfect. But praise be to God that he came into our broken world in Jesus who through his death on the cross has clothed us with a righteousness not of our own doing.

Even St. Paul had to lay aside all his background as an Israelite, a Pharisee, and to know 'Christ Jesus my Lord... and the righteousness that comes through faith in Him' (Philippians 3:4).

In thankfulness, let us mean the words - *make thy way plain before my face* in our daily lives. It may well not be easy, but we will not be alone for Christ by His Spirit is with us.

I commend to you words from the hymn – "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness", which were particularly helpful when our grandson was ill, and especially verse 2 – "Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness, high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be".

PRAYER

Heavenly Father thank you for your love for us, especially as shown in Jesus. Thank you that you have plans and purpose for us, help us to tune into them in our daily lives by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Bible Numbers to Call Upon

	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL FOR?	CALL THIS
1	When in sorrow	John 14
2	When people fail you	Psalms 27
3	If you want to be fruitful	John 15
4	When you have sinned	Psalms 51
5	When you worry	Matthew 6:19-34
6	When you are in danger	Psalms 91
7	When God seems far away	Psalms 139
8	When your faith needs stirring	Hebrews 11
9	When you are lonely and fearful	Psalms 23
10	When you grow bitter and critical	1 Corinthians 13
11	For Paul's secret to happiness	Colossians 3:12-17
12	For idea of Christianity	1 Corinthians 5:15-19
13	When you feel down and out	Romans 8:31-39
14	When you want peace and rest	Matthew 11:25-30
15	When the world seems bigger than God	Psalms 90
16	When you want Christian assurance	Romans 8:1-30
17	When you want courage for a task	Joshua 1
18	How to get along with others	Romans 12
19	If your purse is empty	Psalms 37
20	If you are depressed	Psalms 27
21	If you're losing confidence in people	1 Corinthians 13
22	If people seem unkind	John 15
23	If discouraged about your work	Psalms 126
24	When you think of investments/returns	Mark 10
25	When you leave home for work or travel	Psalms 121



Otley Parish Church

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

**5 weekly sessions
from Saturday 27th July**

9:30 - 11:30 with continental breakfast

The weekly sessions will cover:

- 1. Communication**
- 2. Conflict**
- 3. Commitment**
- 4. Connection**
- 5. Adventure**

For more information or to register, contact:

Otley Parish Church at 01943 465927 or

info@otleyparishchurch.org

PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

THIS Pre-marriage Course is for couples who are exploring the idea of getting married or for those who are already engaged. It's designed for all couples, and it will help give your marriage the best possible start. The course is based on Christian principles but designed for those with or without a church background.

On the course you will be served continental breakfast at your own private table. There are likely to be a few other couples on the course, but each couple's discussions are completely private. The course will be hosted by an experienced married couple and each session will explore a key aspect of marriage. There will also be plenty of discussion time set aside for you and your partner.

There is no charge for the course, and it will help you and your partner to learn to communicate well, understand and appreciate your differences, and prepare for potential challenges.

The 5 Saturday morning sessions will cover:

- **Communication**
- **Conflict**
- **Commitment**
- **Connection**
- **Adventure**

The course will be held weekly from Saturday 27th July between 9:30am and 11:30am for 5 weeks.

It will be held in the Parish Room at Otley Parish Church, Kirkgate, Otley.

*For more information or to register, contact Sarah in the Church Office on **01943 465927** or by email: **info@otleyparishchurch.org***



My Prayer Walks

Lesley Noble often walks and prays in the peace and tranquillity of the gardens at Parcevall Hall. This is the retreat house and conference centre of the Diocese of Leeds near Appletreewick in Wharfedale.

Prayer Walking is just what it sounds like – praying to God while walking around. Instead of closing our eyes and bowing our heads, we keep our eyes open to see both the beauty and the needs around us. We lift our hearts to praise God and bow our hearts to ask Him to humbly intervene with the various needs.

More of Lesley's prayer walk prayers will feature in future editions of In Touch.

Lesley's Prayer Walk Prayer – 10

Lord, I see an oasis, an ending of a journey in which you walked with me. You give us wisdom, a deeper awareness of our walk with you and each other. We are your children; may we never doubt that you could ever leave us or forsake us. The sun is now shining, dappled through the trees, reflecting on the plants and leaves. May your love for us be reflected in all your creation. In your blessed name we pray. Amen.



Otley Parish Church Services in June

Each 10.30am service is live streamed to YouTube:
www.youtube.com@OtleyParishChurch

Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Service of the Word Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)
	6.00pm	ACTIVATE Lively, informal and reflective worship <i>(followed by pizza)</i>
Sunday 9th	10.30am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth Group (Yr7 and upwards)
Sunday 16th	8.30am	Holy Communion This monthly service of Holy Communion is based on Common Worship, with a short talk and no hymns
	10.30am	All-age Service of the Word
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers) OPC Youth Group (Yr7 and upwards)
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Service of the Word Sunday Club (KS1, KS2 and pre-schoolers)

Our Midweek Services in June

Every Tuesday	11.00am	Holy Communion A short service with no hymns
Every Monday to Thursday	4.30pm	Evening Prayer There will be a variety of approaches to prayer; also, a reflection on a Bible passage, and time for silence and to pray for others

Keep in touch with...
IN TOUCH

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in YOUR monthly Church magazine.

Yes, it is yours!

Please send us your suggestions as to how we can make **In Touch** even better than it is already. And let us know if you would like to contribute something.

What about "**In the Hot Seat**", or "**A Day in the Life of...**" or "**My Favourite Bible Verse**"?

Maybe you'd like to write a poem or a prayer or something in our new series about "**God's Wonderful Creation**"?

We would also love to hear your family news such as birthdays and anniversaries or anything interesting; also, to see some of your family photographs.

■ Whatever you would like to share with us please bear in mind that for it to be included in next month's **In Touch** we must hear from you as below:

Keep in Touch

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you'd like to see in *your* monthly Church magazine.

If you've got something you would like to share with us in the July/August edition of In Touch, please send it to our editor,

stephenhey01@gmail.com

no later than

Saturday 15th June



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