



News Update

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WAKEFIELD

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CTW AGM

at St George's, Broadway, Lupset WF2 8AA on 3rd July

Hospice Chief Executive calls for volunteers



Tina Turner

Chief Executive Officer, Wakefield Hospice

Spoke about the challenges now facing the hospice and how everyone can help...

The hospice will not be in a position to appoint a new chaplain until at least 2020: volunteers are needed...

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You may know that until recently the hospice has been blessed with a part-time dedicated chaplain, Darren McClintock, who left us recently to pursue a career with the Leeds teaching hospitals. For the immediate future whilst we are so challenged with finances we are looking for different ways to support the spiritual needs of patients, carers / families, staff and volunteers. We have approached a number of local ministers and lay people to ask for their support, with either a regular or an occasional contribution to the spiritual life of the hospice, and their willingness to help has been humbling. I'm conscious that this is not a request for a one-off or very short term situation, but one that will continue for at least a couple of years. I know that it's a big ask, but I am asking on behalf of very vulnerable people in our community, and that kind of support is in my view what our faith supports and sustains- it's the bread and butter of our ability to live out our faith in a real and purposeful way.

Any offers of support or assistance with this could be made in the first instance please to Janet Millard on:

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She did it!...Daredevil Marta wing walked
on 7th July

to raise funds for Cathedral Projects. .. but can still be sponsored <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MartaSmith1>



JOSEPH WINTER LECTURE 11th July

St John's Church Wakefield 7:30pm

Speaker- Rev Prof Iain Torrance, on the Geneva Bible
'The Bible of Shakespeare, Scotland and the Pilgrim Fathers'. ALL WELCOME



Music for a Summer's Evening
YORKSHIRE DIVISIONAL FELLOWSHIP BAND
of THE SALVATION ARMY

In aid of the ongoing community work in the city of Wakefield
Monday 16th July at 7.15 pm
Vicarage street Wakefield WF1 1QX
Admission £4.00 - including light refreshments
Come and support this event
Captain Sandra Chamberlain 01924 382430 / 07956879198
Flyer attached to this mail- please display

If you have news to share e-mail it to us- ctw@laloge.co.uk

More from CTW AGM on 5th July- full report on our website as above...

The Chair, Barry Lotz said:

Members of the Church meet together first and foremost to worship God in Christ. Our focus, then is the intentional opportunity we make to meet for worship together. In the Christian year we make three such occasions:

- 1) The week of Prayer for Christian Unity lunchtime services in preparation for the Churches Together service on Sunday.
- 2) Good Friday Walk of Witness.
- 3) Ascension Day worship at Sandal Castle

This year the Christian Unity service was hosted by English Martyrs Church, Dewsbury Road and we were pleased to invite the Rev'd Mary Taylor, Regional Minister, Yorkshire Baptist Association to preach. She spoke on the themes of historical and contemporary slavery, God's justice and God's freedom and challenged us to "ask God together to open our eyes and set us free to work together in unity that 'all may be free'".



The Good Friday Walk of Witness remains well supported and this year we started again under the Saxon Cross at Wakefield Cathedral. The procession ended back at the West Door and we followed the wooden cross into the Cathedral, with Wakefield Cathedral Girls' Choir, with director Thomas Moore.

For CTW, Ascension Day starts at 7:30am at Sandal Castle and we were pleased to meet this year in lovely sunshine led by Bishop Tony Robinson. The service is arranged on a rota with each of the churches taking the lead to encourage us to ring out our alleluias that the Lord reigns.

There are a host of services and activities in which local churches share. These include singing Christmas carols at Trinity Walk and Wakefield Interfaith silent peace witness at 11:00 am on the first Saturday of every month on the south steps of Wakefield Cathedral. Members are also involved in praying together at Julian meetings twice a month, either at the Chantry Chapel or St John's Church and in Taizé prayer every last Friday of the month also at St Johns. Members contribute weekly by rota to a Christian Comment column in two local papers. These and others remain activities in which we participate together to witness to God's grace in Christ which we share.

A steering group meets about five times a year to share fellowship and to make arrangements for our joint services. This has usually been over a working lunch and gives us the opportunity to get to know each other more informally and to seek ways of working together. I have found the worship, the activities and the meetings encouraging and enriching as we participate in these activities together. A full report is on our website -*address on first page*

There was a special vote of thanks for the chair: soon, he flies south. Our prayers go with him and Celeste

"I work at The Message Trust"

writes Josh Wheeler "and between 18th – 22nd March 2019 we will be hosting a mission week in the Wakefield region as part of our wider Higher Tour in Yorkshire. We have arranged our Higher Reception for the **17th July** starting at 7:30pm and it will be hosted at 5 Towns Christian Fellowship, Beancroft Street, Castleford, WF10 5RR. We'd be grateful if you could share this invite with the churches in the CTW network as our heart behind this missional tour is to see hundreds of new young disciples filtered into the local church."

Cross Project

25th Anniversary Celebrations at Wakefield Cathedral on 5th October. Further details are in the Prayer Letter (attached to our e-mail). Tickets are free, but do need to be booked. Please feel free to also invite others who would be interested to learn about the work of The CROSS Project. Tickets are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/25th-anniversary-tickets-46973956368>

Regular Prayers Together

Julian Meetings Julian Meetings are ecumenical groups for silent Christian contemplative prayer: there are two meetings a month at the Chantry Chapel or St Johns. If any church would like to know more Deidre is always happy to provide information, or come and talk to any church group. Dates for 2018 are attached or contact 369437

Taize Prayer: Song, Silence, Prayer around the Cross- a peaceful reflective hour at the end of the day. Every last Friday at 7pm at St Johns Church: Next 27th July

Peace Witness outside Wakefield Cathedral on the **first Saturday** of every month. Join the 5-minute silent witness at 11am on 4th August-Followed by coffee and conversation in Treacy Hall cafe. From *Wakefield Interfaith*

Shared Prayer for our city "We are holding our termly prayer meeting on Thursday 12th July at St Catherine's Church from 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Please do join us in prayer for the city of Wakefield and surrounding area. Exciting things are taking place in the Lord and it is always encouraging too share together as one church, one body of Christ. If you want anything prayed for or shared and you can't be there please contact *Sally Martin, David Gerrard* or *Pete Stephens: pete.stephens999@gmail.com*"

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