



United Benefice of:
Bolsterstone and
Deepcar and Stocksbridge



Cornerstone Newsletter

February 2019

Spotlight on....

Bishop Pete's Deanery Visit Wednesday 6th February 2019

2.00–4.00pm: Worship & Prayer @ St.Paul's Wordsworth Avenue (S5 9JH)
7.00–9.30pm: Open Deanery Synod @ St.James & St.Christopher Shiregreen (S5 0RB)

Both meetings are open meetings, but Deanery Synod Reps, Churchwardens and all PCC members are specifically invited to the evening meeting where Bishop Pete will be addressing the significant challenges that are facing our Diocese at this moment in time. Challenges of Finance, Ministry & Mission.

The situation is serious and will have ramifications for all of us in the not too distant future, so please do make every effort to attend if you are at all able.

In 1999 - 20 years ago - there were 205 stipendiary clergy in the diocese. By 2018 there were 122 stipendiary clergy. There is now serious discussion that the number needs to be nearer 75, and the essential restructuring required to achieve that could mean significant loosening and changing of parish boundaries, new mission partnerships, and reducing the current 12 deaneries into 6 new deaneries etc. etc. – Please do try to be there it is important.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLLS

This year all the old electoral rolls are scrapped and we start afresh with completely new ones, so everyone who wants to be on the new roll has to re-apply and complete a new electoral roll application form. If you consider yourself a member of the church then please remember to collect, complete and return the application forms (along with the GDPR Consent Forms - see the next page) so that you can vote at the APCM and be eligible to stand for election to the PCC.

The closing deadline for St. John's is Sunday 10th March 2019

The closing deadline for St. Mary's is Sunday 31st March 2019



7.30 – 9.00 pm Wednesday Nights
February 13th, 20th, 27th, March 6th
(Two Wednesdays off – then)
March 27th, April 3rd, 10th

The Vicarage - Stone Moor Road – Bolsterstone – S36 3ZN

Looking for answers to life's big questions? **LE** helps us uncover what we're really living for, and how, in Jesus, God can meet our deepest desire for happiness.

LE is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. It's for anyone who wants to find contentment and happiness in life. It's run by ordinary Christian people local to you and is completely free. You don't need to know anything about the Bible and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any questions you like, or you can just sit and listen.

Whoever you are, whatever you are thinking, **LE** is a place for you to discover the greatest gift in the universe.

Each Session runs roughly like this :-

Refreshments (15 mins) Film 1 (10 mins) Discussion 1 (5 mins)
Bible Reading (2 mins) Film 2 (15 mins) Bible Reading (3 mins)
Discussion 2 (25 mins)

(For more information contact Steve Pendlebury - 07962821603 - stpendleby@aol.com)

GDPR CONSENT FORMS

These are being distributed with the Electoral Roll application forms – do please complete one of these so that we know how we can keep you informed of what's happening and any last minute changes etc.

NEW REGULAR EVENT – CORNERSTONE CAFÉ – a Drop In/Social Café Starts Thursday 7th February 9-11am @ The Christian Centre

A place where anyone is welcome to drop in, have a drink, toast, biscuits etc. and a chat. A safe place for people to meet their friends socially in an affordable setting, find company and someone to talk to.

Cost - £1 donation whatever you eat and drink.

Every Thursday 9.00-11.00am

If you do know anyone who you think might benefit from going please do let them know.

Special Events and Activities in February (and beyond)

Tuesday 29th January – 7.30pm @ St. John's

St. John's PCC meeting

Thursday 31st January – 7.30pm @ Elisabeth Coyne's

Fellowship Group Leaders' meeting

Sunday 3rd February – 6pm @ Christ Church

Joint Holy Habits Café Service

Theme – Breaking Bread Together

Tuesday 5th February – 7.30pm @ St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's PCC meeting

Wednesday 6th February – 1.30pm – 9.30pm

Bishop Pete's Visitation (open to everyone)

See separate notice for details

Thursday 7th February – 9.00-11.00am @ The Christian Centre

NEW CORNERSTONE CAFÉ (Drop In/Social Café) Starts

Thursday 7th February – 7.30pm @ Christ Church

Churches Together Stocksbridge

Wednesday 13th February – 7.30pm @ Bolsterstone Vicarage

LE: LIFE EXPLORED starts – anyone welcome.

Friday 8th February – 7.30pm @ The Red Grouse tap room

'Grouse and Grumble'

Men's topical chat group

Thursday 14th February – 7.30pm @ The Christian Centre

Benefice Meeting

Saturday 16th February – 9.30am @ St. John's Church

Cleaning, gardening and prayer

Saturday 16th February – 10am until 1pm @ The Christian Centre

Fun and Games Morning

Hot butties will be available and proceeds will go to Boys and Girls Brigades

Sunday 24th February – 4pm @ The Christian Centre

Exalt Service - An opportunity to gather together and give glory to God

Friday 1st March @ The Christian Centre

World Day of Prayer

WORDS TO REMEMBER

John 13:34

“And now I give a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

BAD JOKE

Why should you not marry a tennis player?
Because love means nothing to them.

Thought for February from Cornerstone

How do we make time to do all the things that are thrown at us? Maybe this is the year you will make time to try something new, something different. Perhaps this is the year you will explore something new about life. Resolutions don't have to be made at New Year but can be made at any time. So why not step out in faith that this year will be different and discover more about life in the Life Explored course, or join a group to discover more about and grow in your faith.

Find out more from the Cornerstone churches on 'A Church Near You'

- St. Johns Church - www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17495
- Christian Centre - www.achurchnearyou.com/church/22182
- St. Mary's Church - www.achurchnearyou.com/church/17490

St John's Church

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Facebook: StJohnsDeepcar

Christian Centre

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Stocksbridge, S36 1AS
Email: christiancentrestocksbridge@gmail.com
Website: www.stocksbridgechristiancentre.com

St Mary's Church

The Village Square, Bolsterstone
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Please email – s36cornerstone@gmail.com with views, comments or content for the newsletter
March Newsletter will be available from Sunday 24th February
Deadline for content is Friday 15th February

Weddings and Baptism by arrangement

St. John's and St. Mary's
Revd Hilda Isaacson 0114 285 1225
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Christian Centre
Revd James H. Grayson – 07780 701116