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Information Notice

As the faithful community of St Andrew's we continue to do everything we can to uphold one another through these difficult days. Our Elders and Pastoral Team continue to do sterling work to ensure that no one feels cut off or alone. We are striving to care for one another wherever possible without physical contact, via telephone, email or social media. However, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or need practical help.

If you would like prayer for yourself, your family or your work situation, or would appreciate a conversation, please feel free to call Rev Tim Lowe on 0113 269 7002, or email loweandbehold@btopenworld.com. Alternatively, you might like to contact your Elder.

Requests are starting to come in from groups wishing to resume their activities and this poses a number of logistical problems as some of our previously used rooms are now unsuitable for use because of their size. If you have any queries about room bookings please text or call Freya on 07584 269535 or email bookings@standrews.cc, but please be patient as we have to look at the big picture and the new requirements to be Covid safe, means we will have to build in time for cleaning between groups and, in some cases, reallocate rooms. Your willingness to be as flexible as possible will be appreciated as we work through the minefield of regulations and requirements.

We remain very conscious that not everybody is able to access the internet, so please do pass on any information you can by telephoning those who cannot receive news electronically.

If you have any pastoral concerns please contact Tim Lowe: loweandbehold@btopenworld.com or telephone 0113 269 7002 or contact the Pastoral Care Team via Sheana Dudley pastoral@standrews.cc or telephone 0113 268 1273

For any practical matters email: admin@standrews.cc or churchsecretary@standrews.cc or phone Sheila Telfer on 0113 266 7531



Roadmap to the future

On Monday 22nd February Boris Johnson announced the government's '**Roadmap out of lockdown**'. There seems to be a sense of cruel irony in using the phrase 'roadmap out of lockdown' at a time when we still can't actually travel anywhere!

The first stop on that long road to 'normality' is the trip back to school. And then there are various other planned pitstops along the way, each spaced out from the previous one to gauge how our journey is going and all in the hope that this road out of lockdown is a one-way journey! For some the PM's roadmap will mean travelling too slowly. Whilst for others it seems to be speeding too fast! Hopefully, somewhere in the middle we'll arrive at the Goldilocks option, the baby-bear solution, which gets it just right! But only, of course, if everyone plays their part and drives safely!

In Mark 8.31-38 Jesus is about to begin his journey towards the cross. What he lays out for the disciples, whether they like it or not, is effectively a roadmap to '**The Passion**', as Jesus foretells his own death and resurrection in verse 31: "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again."

Jesus is trying to tell his friends and closest followers a difficult truth about what will happen to him in his death and resurrection, but (like the mixed responses to the government roadmap) Peter finds it hard to take, and argues with Jesus. Jesus tries to make it as clear as possible that God's ways are different from human ways – the implication being that to move forward we must forget about our own direction and follow Jesus' way. How might you have dealt with things if you had been in Peter's shoes?

The thing is, Jesus did not just talk about suffering and death, but also about **resurrection** and **new-life!** The Prime Minister outlined a hope that takes us through the **resurrection** of Easter and beyond to the empowerment of Pentecost. However, we were also reminded by the Health Secretary that it is important that each person plays their part for the end of the roadmap to be reached successfully. In the same way, in order to share in Christ's dying and rising, he invites his disciples to play their part by taking up their cross.

You can't help but wonder if the disciples really had any idea of where they were heading when they first agreed to travel with Jesus! What did the disciples expect when they first followed Jesus? There must have been countless wrong turns along the way. And what are our expectations today, especially as we know we have to watch our speed on the road ahead? What does 'take up your cross' actually mean on this road we are travelling? And how should we respond honestly to not knowing for certain what it means, now or in the future, for each one of us personally?

In the broadest sense, taking up the cross means entering into a life of service of God. That service is total in every way. Jesus says that those who want to save their lives will lose them. Service and God's work can be done by all people. However, Jesus explains that being one of his followers means total submission – totally getting on board! That means that there is no place for the half-hearted. And that is a difficult roadmap for us to visualise!

Christian service involves accepting every aspect of the commandments to **love**. This is what we signed up to and this is the road we must now travel.

Have a safe journey!



Pastoral News

 as at 23rd February

Congratulations to:

Ben Machell, one of our ex-Scouts, writes for the Sunday Times, and has also just had his first book published. It is called "The Unusual Suspect" about a modern-day Robin Hood, Stephen Jackley, who is a bank robber and robs banks so that he can help those less well off.

Recovering at home:

Helen Fearn, Lisa Large, Lois Manning, Gill Milner, Nicola Parker, Gaynor Rhodes and David Taylor

Sadly missed:

Bryan Herbert, husband of Mary and father of Adrian, John and Katherine

Colin McIlwain's middle sister, Maureen

Mercy Mwakasungura's brother, George

On the move:

Doris & Michael Douglas – good wishes to them both in their new home.

Dear Lord,

Give us the strength to keep on believing, even when we have doubts and fears for the future. Forgive us when we are more concerned about our own needs and forget about the needs of others less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you so much for being patient with us and knowing our needs when we reach out in prayer to You.

Amen



Your Letters

Thank you for all the cards, flowers, emails, phone calls and enquiries I received during my unexpected two stays in hospital in December. It was a scary time but hopefully I am now on the path of recovery. Michael certainly appreciated all the support he was given. It's good to know that although we cannot see each other in person the St Andrew's support is still there.

Jeanette Payne

apologies for this letter not being published in the February magazine - Ed

Thank you so much to all our St Andrew's friends for the many cards, letters and flowers sent to us after Bryan's death. They have been a great comfort. We are grateful to Revd Tim Lowe for conducting the services in St Andrew's and the Crematorium so sympathetically; to Janet Johnson and John Hayward for their rendering of Bryan's favourite hymn, and to the Elders for hosting the funeral. Bryan loved St Andrew's and the many friends made in his sixty years membership were very dear to him.

Mary, Katharine, Adrian and John

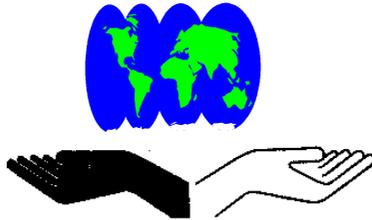
Thank you to everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and messages of support for me and Gayle following the sudden death of my sister Maureen.

Colin McIlwain

Front cover photograph taken by Claire Welburn and used with permission. See page 20 for more information about the fairy doors

Prayer for Change

*printed simultaneously in the magazines of
Lidgett Park, St Andrew's and St Edmund's churches*



Eternal God,

We thank you that you are also a God of creation who is committed to what you have made, restoring, revitalising and bringing new possibilities.

Above all we are amazed that you concern yourself with us who are but a tiny fragment of your work and we thank you that you have made yourself known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. As we imitate Christ we are drawn into your life and are promised that we too become your children.

And yet we remain imperfect. We use your gifts for our own ends and remain in so many ways centred on self rather than on you.

Forgive us our failure to be stewards of the earth and for our exploitation of its resources and rich diversity. Forgive us our doubts and anxieties as we face the uncertainties of the pandemic and help us to trust you and look to the future with hope.

Amen



Worship in March and April

All Sunday services in March & April will be led by Tim and members of the Worship Team apart from Sunday 11 April which will be led by Mark Grant.

There will be Holy Week reflections on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings streamed live online at 7pm and we are hoping that we may be able to have a congregation at the Maundy Thursday Communion service at 7pm. Good Friday will be live streamed at 9.30 am and Easter Day we hope to have a "live" congregation at 10.30am for our Communion service, but that can only be judged nearer the time. Everything will be online too.

Creative Challenge

for Lent & Easter 2021

This a challenge to our St Andrew's community of all ages & all abilities! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to create something connected with Lent or Easter, either as a family or a solo effort.

Choose to make a painting or a drawing, a model or a photograph, some baking, an Easter garden or something sewn, knitted or crocheted! Write a song, a hymn, a poem, a blog or a story, or record a song, or a dance! Try anything - anything that is creative!

We will gather all submissions together and show them online, in worship on Easter Day, and who knows - maybe even in church!

This is a living exhibition of your expression of Easter in 2021 and we want YOU to be part of it! Have fun and let your creative juices flow.

Tim & Sheila

Please send all contributions to media@standrews.cc copying in tim.lowe@standrews.cc and sheila.telfer@standrews.cc



A Thank You from KOST



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We are so grateful to all at St. Andrew's for your ongoing support. Through your love we have received £2,277.41 from the 2020 Christmas Appeal. This means we can go on helping the most vulnerable children in Homa Bay and keep them safe.

The year has started off well for them. After a long period at home with guardians or family members, they were able to return to KOST Children's Home after Christmas. They are back into a routine now and observing all the new safety rules. Kenyan schools opened again on 4th January, also under strict rules, and the children are happy to have some normality back in their lives. Everyone is busy, the staff and children alike.

We are grateful that you have provided money for ongoing needs in 2021. Prices for food and other essentials have gone up, also secondary school fees and travel costs. You can be assured that the appeal money will be carefully used so that every child is supported, including those who need a place at short notice. We have our staff to thank for continuous hard work that benefits each one individually. We are also grateful for a new project funded by Rotary Leeds and we are delighted that KOST Children's Home will soon benefit from having its own transport. The new motorbike will save time, effort and costs and will aid KOST's work enormously at every level. There is hope for the future and we will continue to strive for them all and the staff who ably care for them.

Thank you St. Andrew's. Your help is very much appreciated in this vital work for the children.

Gill Waterhouse



Ian Pankras Henry and his best friend Butrose Gully

2021 Partnership Anniversary

On the morning of Sunday 25th July you are all invited to a special act of worship to mark that St Andrew's Roundhay has now been in Partnership with the Lutherkirche in Frankenthal Germany for 50 years and with the Martinskirche in Bernburg Germany for 30 years.

On 25th July the congregations of all three churches will meet together to celebrate our enduring Partnership in an act of worship organised by the ministers of all three churches.

We will be joined in our celebrations by invited local dignitaries and also by many people who have played an active part in the Partnership over the years.

We will either meet together in person, if travelling and gathering are allowed, or we will meet together on Zoom.

Fortunately, Zoom allows this important part of the 2021 Leeds Partnership gathering to still go ahead, despite the Covid-19 pandemic calling a halt to the rest of the planned programme for the Partnership visit week. Details of how to join the Zoom meeting will be advertised closer to the date.

The act of worship will be seen in the three churches by each congregation and also at home for all people unable to attend church in person.

Martinskirche



St Andrew's

Lutherkirche

St. Andrew's has been lit up for the following special people during the last few months

2020

20th December "In loving memory of **Nancie Stirk** from Frank, John & Jean"

26th December "Remembering **Patrick Milner**, a very dear, devoted and loving Husband, Father and Grandpa, always in our thoughts. Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way and though absent, you are always near, still missed, loved and always dear. Gill, Richard, David and their families, Jack, Lola, Kit and Georgie"

2021

8th January Chris & Anne Dodd in loving memory of **Ruth & Willie McFarlane**

16th January "In memory of **Ella Telfer**"

17th January Ivy Miller in loving memory of **Art**

31st January For **Brian Hunt** "Best wishes on your retirement from all your friends at St. Andrew's"

13th February With love, to celebrate the birthday of **Ellen Peel**

25th February Karen Lamb, Andrew, Rhiannon, Carys and the Family in memory of **Keith** to mark his birthday

Light of the World

May Your light shine on those who have lit up the Church
for special people in their lives.

Light of the World

May Your light shine with joy in celebration
of retirement and a birthday

Light of the World

May Your light shine on those who now share Your radiance,
Amen



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Christmas Appeal

We would like to thank all who contributed to the Christmas Appeal, The total raised this year was £8,909.65, which was divided between the charities as follows:

Sylvia Wright £2,277.41

KOST £2,277.41

Commitment for Life £2,177.41

Zarach £2,177.42

Gift Aid will be added later in the year.

Many thanks from the Appeal Committee



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of St Andrew's magazine. The deadline for contributions to the April magazine is 20 March please. Articles may be typed, hand-written or emailed to magazine@standrews.cc



This month we are catching up with some of our St Andrew's groups to see how they have been keeping in touch

Badminton and Table Tennis Groups members are missing their activities hugely. We're in regular touch through emails. When the Rule of Six (and the weather!) last year permitted, we enjoyed distanced gatherings in small circles in church grounds, following the model devised by Hilary and David for outdoor socials.

For three glorious weeks in October play resumed following Covid Guidelines for indoor sport. We were grateful to Jane for her expert advice in planning. It was like a military operation with strict rotas for attending and bubbles of six kept apart in specific playing and waiting areas with labelled socially distanced seating in each zone. Doubles play was permitted for Badminton but Table Tennis was singles only.

As Leeds entered Tier 2 we had to cancel indefinitely but as all risk assessments and protocols are in place we are "good to go" when circumstances allow and can't wait! Meanwhile households have played badminton in their gardens or ping pong on kitchen tables and some members joined Stan's Tennis in the Park arranged by Sheana and Max when outdoor sport was permitted.

Sadly we lost Colin, one of our great Table Tennis friends, to Covid . He was a lovely man and when play resumes, we will hold a special event in his honour.

Jill Marston

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, **Tuesday Evening Prayer Time** has been able to continue during lockdown. We are really pleased that our numbers have increased and about nine friends join in regularly. Zoom opens at 7pm and the short service is from 7.15pm - 7.45pm. There is time afterwards for a chat but we always close before 8pm. You would be very welcome to come. Zoom details are always on the weekly sheet and in the magazine.

Alex Jowitt and Carol Parfitt

During summer last year, Sheana & Max Dudley organised some **friendly tennis sessions** at Roundhay Park Tennis Courts near Canal Gardens following Corona Virus outbreak guidelines.

Regular sessions were organised for Wednesday, Friday and Sunday afternoons with up to 8 people playing on two courts for up to two hours. Racquets & balls were provided.

People who played, sometimes after significant encouragement, included Michael, Richard, Sheana, Ann, Rev Tim, Zaki, Diane, Max, Hilary, David

A number of these players were inexperienced or "rusty", or both, but we all had a good run around in the fresh air. We even got used to retrieving lost balls from over enthusiastic power strokes or "demon" services, mainly from squash and badminton players, who had not quite adjusted to the different techniques needed for tennis!



Bible Reflections 'meet' on alternate Tuesday evenings. The reflections are sent to us by email from either Tim or Joy, and there are usually questions to answer. Over the following two weeks we send in our reflections to the group. We have found that we have enjoyed having the time to reflect which has been very beneficial, and it has been suggested that we continue to share in this way after we are able to meet physically on a Tuesday in church. The group has grown during the pandemic and welcome new members.

Book Group 'meets' once a month on line on a Wednesday afternoon. We share the books we have read and it has been suggested that we choose a book which we will all read and follow this with a Zoom discussion.

Films @ St Andrew's in a home setting 'meet' once a month on a Monday morning. We have shared on line some of the DVD's which we have watched during lockdown.

Nothing compares with meeting physically in church or home setting, but it has been good to keep in touch with each other.

Barbara Mary

Time with God was a regular group of 8-9 people used to meet at 9.15 am at church on Thursday mornings for Time with God – until the first lockdown with everyone staying at home. Within a few days Bronwen got Zoom meetings organised for the first online Time with God – and it was wonderful that about 43 people joined in!

A year on between 23 and 27 people log in every week from 10.00 am onwards with the worship starting at 10.30 am. 8 different people take it in turns to lead the time of prayer, meaning there is a real variety in what is being offered. Some weeks we have music, sometimes not. When the Yorkshire Moderator, Revd Jamie Kissack, led the session, we had long silences and periods of contemplation. It was always a special time and it still is in our digital world with faith and fellowship coming together. This is open to anyone so if you have not joined in yet, why not give it a try one Thursday morning?

If you want to find out more contact [Bronwen Robinson](#) or [Sheana Dudley](#)

The Social Committee were eager to hold two or three social events at St Andrew's but, of course, Covid-19 got in the way of everything. In particular, we had booked a music band for an Autumn event in the church, which had to be cancelled.

When the Government relaxed the restrictions in the summer, however, we managed to hold five garden events in the grounds of the church. We did our best to keep strictly to the 'Rule of Six' and to adhere to the 2-metre rule of distancing. The guests were obliged to pre-book their place at each get-together, to come prepared with their own chair, and to bring their own drink and snack – should they wish any refreshment (not typical of our usual social events!). We would have loved it had we been able to be more sociable but ... 'them's the rules'.

All five get-togethers were well attended, and several dozen different people came along on one or more occasions. There were many who said that they had very much enjoyed the rare chance to get out and meet old friends. The Social Committee offers its thanks to all those who came along and made the events a success. We are hoping that 2021 will prove to be a more sociable year.

Hilary Owens



RoCo members are keeping the dream alive and looking forward to the time when the stage curtains will open again. Various members of the back stage crew have involved themselves in this fallow year sorting lighting, props and archive materials. Some of our actors have been busy. You may have spotted Mary and Kam last Summer on The One Show on BBC 1. They featured in regular slots about groups of neighbours in Chapel Allerton meeting in their street for socially distanced conviviality.

Two of our male actors who were in the play that had to be cancelled when Lockdown kicked in last March have gone on to have their own productions! Both have become Dads recently; Dom to baby Jackson and Ryan to little Phoebe.

Communication with members is mostly by newsletter and Mary has been working on a new data base. We long for the time when we can write to our supporters with the announcement that RoCo is springing back into action.

Jill Marston

The **Singing for Pleasure Group** has kept connected in various ways during this pandemic. We have had weekly and then fortnightly email send outs which include warm ups, recordings and music for two songs from our repertoire. For those without internet, we have sent CD recordings and music of pieces covered. When we were able, six of us met in the sanctuary wearing masks and social distancing. We had a rota so that everyone could be included. Since November, we have added zoom sessions. While it is a little frustrating that we have to sing muted, it is so good to see familiar faces. A highlight for me was our Christmas "party" zoom. We wore Christmas jumpers, sang favourite pieces for Advent and Christmas and finished by singing "We wish you a merry Christmas", each singing at their own internet speed- quite an amazing sound!

We are grateful to have various ways to stay connected. We are, however, looking forward to the time when we can meet again face-to-face.

Betsey Whiting

Red Kite Explorer Group Bingo Night

One Thursday evening an online Bingo session was organised by St Andrews Red Kite Explorer Scouts with both age groups enjoying a good laugh and banter. We were like school kids sent out to play. This is not the first time the Explorers had looked out for the older members of the congregation, as at Christmas we received a well thought out hamper with something to eat, something to drink and something to watch.

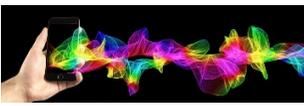
This time it was the techy specialists who came up trumps, [is this a banned word these days?], with a lively game of Bingo; something most of us had either never experienced or had quite forgotten about. Our Bingo lingo memories were jolted with phrases like, 'two fat ladies' or 'two little ducks' but the laughs and guffaws came from the more recent interpretations of numbers, as even us oldies found 'four dozen' somewhat stilted. The tables were turned when it was our turn to explain 'sunset strip', then we all learned something when No.9 was called as 'doctor's orders', once Heather had Googled the explanation.

Did it take a long time to explain the game? Yes. It did. But even that was well presented by Ian Douthwaite, who had each game managed with the press of a button, then could verify our numbers once a Bingo! had been called as he knew which bingo sheet we each had. These had been delivered by a small group of Explorers a couple of days prior to the game being run, thus giving us time to read, and re-read the detailed instructions enclosed with the game sheets.

In all there were five winners across two very competitive games played. By the end we were all up for another zoomed or phoned-in get together.

Well done, Red Kite Explorers and Leaders!

Alex Jowitt



The Chat Wheel



Back at the start of the first lockdown, nearly a year ago, lots of people wanted to help other people in St Andrew's in some way. The Pastoral Care Group had many requests from these volunteers asking what they could do to help.



The Group had a think and, given that everyone was now confined to home, the idea of the Chat Wheel was formed.

Each volunteer has someone to phone once every two or three weeks. The aim is for everyone at St Andrew's to receive a phonecall once or twice a month.

Each phonecall is a friendly chat.



Three lockdowns in, the St Andrew's Chat Wheel is still

rolling along  and there's plenty of room to hop on!



Just contact me and I can give you a phoning job to do!

Karen Lamb



Leeds Mission & Care Lent Course:

A 6 week course on Zoom beginning on 23rd February 2021
~ or use the book yourself at home, or on the phone with a friend

Sessions will be on: Tuesdays from 10-11am,
Wednesdays from 2-3pm and
Thursdays from 7.30-8.30pm (last session tbc)

Weekly themes are: The Lord's Prayer
The Raising of Lazarus
Jesus' Hour
The Farewell Prayer
In the Garden
On the Cross

Sessions will be lead mostly again by our Leeds Ministers

All are welcome

Bryan Teasdale Herbert

23 July 1930 - 24 January 2021

Bryan was born in Bingley in West Yorkshire. In 1943 he went to the Leys School (in Pitlochry and Cambridge). His National Service was in Gibraltar in the Royal Artillery. He went up to Christ's College, University of Cambridge and graduated M.A., LL.B.

He proceeded to Articles with a Leeds firm of Solicitors and later became a Partner in the firm. He and Mary had first met in Cambridge and married in 1958 enjoying over sixty-two years of happy marriage. They had three children, Katharine, Adrian and John and in time grandchildren.

Bryan's life was filled with activities. He co-founded the Leeds United Nations Association; rose to the rank of Major in the Territorial Army; was a member and President of Leeds Junior Chamber of Commerce and of The Rotary Club of Leeds. He was a governor of Silcoates School; contestant chauffeur for the Leeds International Piano Competition and bowled with Leeds Probus Club. Bryan also took part in the twinning of the cities of Leeds and Dortmund; founded the twinning between The Rotary Club of Leeds and the Braunschweig Rotary Club in Germany and was an active member of our own partnership with Bernburg and Frankenthal. Through these links he made many long lasting close friendships.

Bryan was a loyal, faithful member of St Andrew's for sixty years and much loved by everyone. Many will have been warmly greeted by him in his role as an Aisle Steward. He was a lovely man, the epitome of a perfect gentleman, kind and unassuming, with a twinkle in his eye and a quick wit. He was also a great supporter of Mary in all her work for St Andrew's, the District, Synod, the wider community and for her fund raising.

We give thanks for Bryan's long years and his service and commitment to St Andrew's. We continue to hold Mary and all the family in our love and prayers.

Carol Parfitt

With thanks and acknowledgement to Mary.

The Real Easter Egg

The Real Easter Eggs are not being sold in supermarkets this year but fear not because Carol Fearn is able to order them from Tradecraft.

In addition to being plastic free, the card used in the Real Easter Egg is 100% recyclable as is the foil. The chocolate contains no Palm Oil, said to have been responsible for about 8% of the world's deforestation between 1990 and 2008.

If ordered via Carol, milk chocolate eggs are £4.50 each and dark chocolate eggs £5.50 instead of the catalogue and website price of £5 and £5.95.

Divine foil wrapped milk chocolate mini eggs for £3.60 a pack are also available plus others in the catalogue.

Plus up to 31st March 2021 there is a 10% discount on the catalogue price of clothes and crafts (excluding hand made cards)

Prayer Times

Tuesday Evening Prayer Time
7 for 7:15pm via Zoom
ID: 885 1227 9471
Password: 632688

Thursday Morning Prayer Time
10 for 10:30am via Zoom



Lent Groups

Here are the links for the Lent groups beginning next week, The link is the same every week.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81458639739?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81458639739?pwd=b1hjdjA1VEc5WGZLNtVlemF4bU5RZz09)
[pwd=b1hjdjA1VEc5WGZLNtVlemF4bU5RZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81458639739?pwd=b1hjdjA1VEc5WGZLNtVlemF4bU5RZz09)



Meeting ID: 814 5863 9739 Passcode: 418623

For those who use the phone, the number is the same as used elsewhere, just use the codes above.

A reminder that the sessions are on Tuesday mornings, 10-11am, Wednesday afternoons, 2-3pm, and Thursday evenings, 7.30-8.30pm, beginning on Tuesday 23rd Feb.

The final Thursday session would be Maundy Thursday, so in conjunction with the leader that week, another evening will be sought.

The topics and leaders for the course, The Prayers of Jesus are as follows:

- Week 1 The Lord's Prayer - Clare Davison
- Week 2 The Raising of Lazarus - Tony Lee
- Week 3 Jesus' Hour - Tim Lowe
- Week 4 The Farewell Prayer - Angela Hughes
- Week 5 In the Garden of Gethsemane - Geoff Ellis
- Week 6 On the Cross - Jenny Poulter

If you go down to the woods today....

These cute little fairy houses have appeared in Roundhay Park. If you enter the park from the entrance on Park lane and walk towards the small lake you will find them on the

left near the lake. They are part of a number of Trails for families around the Park. You can pick up copies of the trails at The Mansion conservatory, Tropical World or The Lakeside Cafe. You can also download them from the Little FORP website here: forp.org/little-friends-trails/ And the best thing is, they're completely FREE!

All the information you need to complete the challenges and tasks are in the trail booklets. They are completely self-guided, so you can do them at anytime and take as long as you need! Each adventure consists of three separate mini-routes, so you can complete them over as many visits as you wish.





West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network (C.I.O.)
Registered Charity Number 1158052
c/o One Community Centre, Cromwell Street, Leeds LS9 7SG
contact.wydan@gmail.com

WYDAN SHELTER FUNDRAISING APPEAL

LENT 2021

To help fund WYDAN's current project to provide emergency accommodation for destitute asylum seekers, who have no recourse to public funds.

For the last 6 years WYDAN have provided night shelter accommodation and support for this needy cohort of our community, chiefly through the commitment of churches and their communities. Now, since Covid risks and restrictions have made dormitory style accommodation impractical, WYDAN have been assisted by Public Health to set up and operate this emergency accommodation via at least two houses of multiple occupancy. Providing emergency accommodation in this way is far more expensive than the night shelter model, hence the urgent need to appeal for additional funding in financial year 2021-22.

This first direct appeal for funds is targeted at the season of Lent, a traditional season for charitable giving.

There are three ways in which to support this appeal:

Online donations via <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/15997>

Direct to the WYDAN's bank account no 20323123. Sort code 60-83-01.

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Al Khan al Ahmar Village, Palestine

In 2019 representatives of the URC visited the village of Al Khan al Ahmar. The URC was warmly welcomed, thanked, and fed. We learned about the vital importance of the village to the feasibility of the two-state solution.

Very recently, The Israeli High Court heard a petition calling for the immediate demolition of Al Khan al Ahmar and its celebrated "car tyres" school. The court imposed a four-month period of delay for the demolition, but with no injunction against the demolition orders. This means that the bulldozers may move in at any moment. Due to this emergency, the Bedouin has asked for international support. Jahalin Solidarity has been working tirelessly on the issue.

Ordinary people who are concerned can do a number of things. Firstly, we can sign the online petition, at <https://www.icc.jahalin.org>. Over 24,200 people have joined Jahalin Solidarity in calling on the ICC judges to uphold Palestinian rights. They believe that the forcible displacement of Al Khan al Ahmar and other villages in Area C is a war crime.

Secondly, we can speak to our representatives and ask what they can do to call the Israeli State to account for its actions.

Thank you for your support for **Commitment for Life** as we work

together for justice, peace and equity in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.



News in from Diana Paulding: 2019 URC Youth Representative on the URC IOPT trip & Commitment for Life supporter

Thank you so much to **Commitment for Life** for your support this past year of the Christian Aid Prophetic Activists' 'Stop Fuelling the Fire' campaign.

We petitioned the government to end the use of UK Export Finance to fund fossil fuel projects overseas. Over a thousand people signed the petition and many people contacted their MPs to raise their concerns about the issue. We went to Downing Street on Friday 4th December 2020 with a coalition of organisations for a socially distanced 'hand-in' event of all of our petitions.

Thank you for everything you have done to help

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