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# Together!!!

I've been thinking a lot recently about doing things together with others, especially other Christians. On 21 January we held our annual Covenant Service, celebrating our special relationship with Lidgett Park Methodist and St Edmund's Parish churches. On 16 January we held our Churches Together in Roundhay AGM, at which I took back the reins of the chair. In our Leeds URC Partnership we are in the early stages of exploring calling a 3rd stipendiary Minister of Word and Sacraments to serve together with the exciting team across our eight churches. We are also in the process of planning Lent courses together for both the Leeds URC Partnership and Churches Together in Roundhay. Since October 2023 we've been holding a '*Members Together*' course, exploring what it means to be a member of the United Reformed Church here – and, all being well, we will celebrate bringing several new members into the fold during worship this coming Easter. We're doing a lot **together**!

At our Covenant Service we focused together on the given Bible readings for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* from Luke 10:25-37, the parable of the good Samaritan, under the theme: '*You shall love your God... and your neighbour as yourself*'. Jesus deliberately told a story about someone that the people listening would find it difficult to love! He is telling this story to someone who needs to realise that there are no limits to God's love. God's love is bigger than we can imagine! It will cross all sorts of boundaries and limits!

The parable of '*The Good Samaritan*' was first told by Jesus in answer to that question, '*Who is my neighbour?*' It's a story full of vulnerability. The vulnerable traveller falls prey to the gang and is left for dead. The *Priest* and the *Levite* who pass by are too easily labelled as lacking in compassion, when in fact they are bound by rules and regulations! However, rules only become silly when we let them stop us doing what we feel *called* to do as disciples of Jesus. Those people in the parable may have passed by, although we might assume they did so with heavy hearts. By contrast the Samaritan took a risk and made himself vulnerable. How did he know this wasn't a trap?



The innkeeper also became vulnerable in taking the risk of accepting this badly injured man. Apart from any unease about dealing with the outcast Samaritan rescuer, the victim's attackers might still have been chasing him! And the innkeeper had to trust the promise that all the expenses for the man's care would be paid!

Jesus reminds us that God demands much of us on behalf of those who are genuinely in need. Yet, too often, we can think of a reason or excuse why it is not easy to respond. Often God shocks us by sending the needy, hurt and vulnerable themselves to the aid of us or others. These are our neighbours!

So, who is my neighbour? The answer comes in what the lawyer says himself, when he quotes the rules of his people, the greatest of the commandments: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself."* Our neighbours are those who need to know they are loved! And what is Jesus' response to us, after sharing that parable? *"Go then, and do likewise. Go and do the same!"*

And that is what we commit ourselves to do with our fellow Christians, here in Leeds, TOGETHER!!!

May you be blessed as you go and do likewise.

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## Pastoral News as of 19 January 2024

### *Congratulations to:*

Mark and Mandy Grant on becoming grandparents for the third time.

Remy was born on 25 November and is a brother for Theo

Mandy Grant on having one of her photographs displayed in Barter Books in Alnwick Railway Station

Hilary Owens and the Catering Team on achieving a 5\* rating from the Health and Food Inspector

Rev David and Jan Pickering on the birth of their second grandchild to Rachel and Charlie, Isabella Robin Appleton on 11 December

Shona and Andy Parker on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 29 December

### *Unwell in recent weeks:*

Anne Hardiman, Gill Milner, Carol Parfitt, Hilary Thackray, Derek Scott-Taylor and Sheila White

### *Sadly missed:*

Roger Pickering, father of former St Andrew's minister, Rev David Pickering

Marjorie Clark, a former member of St Andrew's

Mercy Mwakasungura's mother in Malawi

Muriel, Steven's mother in N. Ireland

*Dear Lord,  
give us true faith and make that faith grow in us daily.  
Also, give us hope and love so we may serve our neighbours  
according to your will.  
May our love for one another kindle flames of joy and hope.  
May the light and warmth of your grace  
inspire us to follow the Way of Jesus Christ.  
Amen*

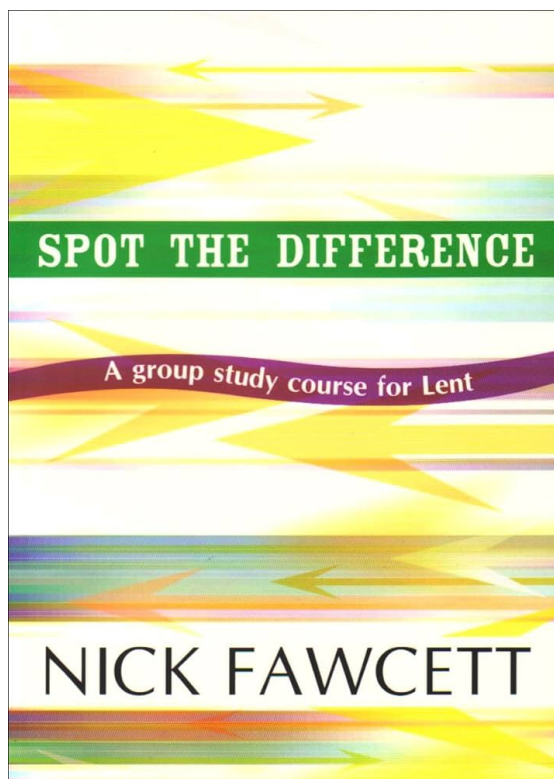


# **Ecumenical Lent Study**

## **Group 2024**

**Tuesday Evenings at Lidgett Park Methodist Church.  
At 7.30pm in the Gledhow Room. All are welcome.**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>**



What difference does being a Christian make to your life and what difference should it make? In this group study course, we will consider five ways in which Christian commitment should manifest itself: in a quality of love, allegiance to Christ and a spontaneity of witness, a disposition of joy, a generosity of spirit and a vibrant inner faith.

You are welcome to purchase the book from a retailer but study notes will be provided at each session.

# Prayer for Change

Shared with the congregations of  
Lidgett Park, St Andrew's and St Edmund's churches



Eternal God,

As we begin another year, we pray for a year in which we see the love and justice that is the mark of your kingdom. Help us through your Spirit to do all we can to see peace once more in our world.

As we face the problems of global warming and climate change, help us to do all we can do to be good stewards of your creation and to use its resources wisely.

Help us to heal the divisions and inequalities in the world both at home in our nation and abroad. Be with us in our personal lives, and help us to know the love and peace that comes from following your way as we see it in the person of Jesus.

**Amen**

## Weekly Zoom Prayer Times

Tuesday Prayer Time:

7pm for 7.15pm

Meeting ID: 819 1815 4359

Passcode: 653783

Thursday Time with God:

9.15am for 9.30am

Meeting ID: 827 1953 9585

Passcode: 426039





*"Buy a big one"*

Reflection.....

I weighed a 200 ml plastic  
drinks bottle = 14 gram

Then I weighed a 2 litre plastic  
drinks bottle = 42 grams

This indicates that 2 litres of  
liquid in small bottles would use  
140 grams .... more than 3 times  
as much plastic!

\*buying the biggest container  
possible will, in effect, use the  
least plastic.

\*think: shampoo, salad cream,  
washing up liquid, Ad Blu, etc.,

eco™

### What is POET's Corner?

Odes, sonnets, iambic pentameter?  
Keats, Coleridge, Kipling?  
NO!! It is a weekly prompt for  
REFLECTION.

It is hoped that we may praise God by  
caring for the world He gave us,  
and love our neighbour  
by sharing the world's resources.

POET stands for PROTECTING  
OUR ENVIRONMENT TOGETHER.  
A weekly POET's tip is offered.

*"If you don't need it, don't buy  
it"*

Reflection...

\*Do I really need to buy bottled  
water? Now that I have already  
bought 1 or 2 bottles, I can refill  
them with lovely Leeds tap water!

\*It's in the sales but will I actually  
use it?

\*Do I need to buy dusters when I  
have lots of bits of cloth I can  
use?





### *"Go back to soap?"*

Reflection...

- \*Around 120 billion plastic bottles are used globally to package handwash products in 1 year, while soap bars can be bought in packs using very little plastic, or just in paper or cardboard wraps.
- \* Yes, handwash refills are available but are generally still in plastic packs.
- \* The chemical structure, heavy processing and petroleum content of handwash (detergent) are more damaging to the skin than soap.
- \*The molecular structure of soap outperforms antibacterial handwash whilst protecting the skin (2015 Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy).
- \* Soap contains natural fats, so do try and avoid those containing palm oil.

### *"Switch to loose tea"*

Reflection...

- \*Many if not most teabags contain plastic.
- \*One study showed that 11.6 billion microplastics and 3.1 billion nanoplastics per single teabag are released and at brewing temperatures can be released into the tea itself (McGill University).
- \*In addition to nanoplastics "You could be drinking glue, bleach and other chemicals" (Henrietta Lovell, The Rare Tea Co.).
- \*Even paper based teabags require the felling of trees.
- \*Some manufacturers are moving towards plant based plastic - better, but still not compostable.

**Anne Hardiman**

Contributions, comments, queries to - [grannianni1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grannianni1@hotmail.co.uk)



# Christmas Tree Festival 2023

## *'Come and Be a Snowman'*

Over Advent and Christmas the Church was transformed into wonderland by a profusion of trees, snowmen, lights, snowballs, food and music! Our second Christmas Tree Festival ran from 11-16 December and we threw open our doors and invited everyone to 'Come and Be a Snowman'!

St Andrew's hosted 34 uniquely decorated trees all sourced from Caring for Life. In addition to the Worship Group's beautiful central tree, the sanctuary also hosted 32 smaller trees shimmering with lights and festivity. These trees, together with the tree at the carpark entrance and the wonderful flower arrangements created by our Flower Group, provided a magnificent backdrop for both the Festival week and our Advent and Christmas worship.

Each one of the 32 trees was sponsored by a local community group or business. Sponsors included Friends of Roundhay Park, Roundhay Artists, Uniformed Organisations, the Women's Institute, St Gemma's, the Watercolour Group, Indoor Bowls, Badminton, Table Tennis, Pilates, Setchfields, The Beauty Rooms, Lidgett Lane Larder, Fit to Bust, Rebel and Rose and many others. Huge thanks to each group that took part in this way!



None of this would have been possible without more than 60 willing volunteers! Particular thanks to people working behind the scenes like the AV team and everyone involved in logistics. You know who you are. We couldn't have done it without you.





What is a Festival without food? And we had food aplenty! Hilary Owens pulled together brilliant teams to make, donate and serve fabulous homemade soups, bread rolls, tea, coffee, cakes, bacon sandwiches, mulled wine and mince pies! Scrumptious!

For entertainment, different musicians provided wonderful, relaxed music. Betsey and John Haywood played and sang, David Owens played the piano, Singing for Pleasure and the St Andrew's Instrumentalists invited us to 'Come and Sing Carols' with them, Peter Bull demonstrated mediaeval musical instruments, Betsey and the St Andrew's instrumentalists accompanied Libby singing, and on the Saturday we had a welcome return visit from the Gilbert and Sullivan singers.

This year we also had two evening concerts and were expertly entertained by Serendipity (Margaret Jowett and Kathy White), RoCo, Alex Walker, Leeds U3A Choir and the Alwoodley Community Choir. All of the performers gave their time, skills and talents at no charge. Thank you! Thanks also to Betsey, Max and Sasha for sourcing the entertainment.



For our Saturday grand finale, Shona and Fiona created a Family Fun Day with snowman crafts and activities: Pat Walken's 12 beautiful knitted snowmen were hunted for in the Sanctuary, and snowballs flew at Rob Cruickshank's snowman station! The afternoon concluded with pizza, popcorn and 'The Snowman' film. It was a huge amount of work but so rewarding – I would guess between 200-300 people visited us on Saturday alone. Maybe more!



Heather T and Mandy's expert advertising made sure each day was well attended. Volunteers like the Guides distributed great looking posters and flyers and we ran an inspired social media campaign showcasing our amazing people and events.



After visiting our church for the festivities (thanks to Tim and to so many others for being there every day to meet and greet and mingle) many people left with 'Thank you for Coming' cards promoting Messy Church, the Clocktower Community Cafe and Cafe style worship.

We want to do it all again! Tentative dates for the diaries are 9-14 December. We are also looking at activities running alongside the week, e.g. a formal evening concert on December 4th, Christmas wreath-making, and a ticketed afternoon tea party! As Heather's article says, we need your help with a Festival theme for 2024 – all suggestions welcome!

Out of the many, many comments of praise and appreciation for the event, I want to close with one made on that standing-room-only Saturday: "This really is a Community Church!"

**Bronwen Robinson**

*On behalf of the Festival Group*



## Charity Christmas Tree Festival 2024

The trees have been sent off to be recycled, nativity scenes, baubles, lights, and snowmen have been carefully wrapped and put in the cellar, and the festival team and snowman helpers have had a short break over the festive period. But guess what! We are already planning the 2024 Charity Christmas Tree Festival and we need your help. Before you start thinking of baking, practising your singing, creating crafts or moving chairs I want to you to stop and put your creative heads on. Please can you help us think of a theme for this year's festival? Remember you can't pick snowmen!

Please email suggestions to [Heather.Thomson@standrews.cc](mailto:Heather.Thomson@standrews.cc) or write them down and give them to her no later than Thursday, 29 February.

Thank you.

Heather Thomson

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of St Andrew's magazine. The deadline for contributions to the March magazine is **15 February** please. Articles may be emailed to [magazine@standrews.cc](mailto:magazine@standrews.cc).

For handwritten or typed articles please contact the Editor (Claire Westgarth) - details in the directory.

**All information correct at time of publication**



## Introducing

I am delighted to introduce to you my new Assistant Editor. I am looking forward to working with Sasha and sharing some of her great ideas!

Claire - Editor

I am new to St Andrew's. A very lapsed Catholic, I first walked through the door in November 2022. At times it feels as if I have never left! I have met many of you at Sunday Worship, Bible Reflections, the Clocktower Café, Singing for Pleasure, the bookclub and at the membership course that I have currently attended. I have met many more on the pages of the St Andrew's monthly magazine.

On discovering St Andrew's, one of the first things I did was to read through back issues of the magazine to better understand what this church was and represented. I am really enjoying getting to know you and you have made me feel extremely welcome and inspired. Thank you.

All my life I have been interested in people. In my professional life I have been a solicitor, a social worker and an academic. Each of those jobs involves helping people tell their stories well and getting those stories heard by others. When Claire spoke to me about becoming an assistant editor I jumped at the chance! For me the

magazine is one of the most important ways in which St Andrew's can speak to itself and to the wider community. In this ever more fragmented society, I think having a magazine that everyone can contribute to and which is accessible to all is vital to us in fulfilling our mission together.

Thank you for giving me the privilege to hear and collect your stories and to be part of making and telling the story of St Andrew's. I very much look forward to assisting Claire to continue crafting the important role the Church magazine plays in the life of our community.

Sasha Williams





# Our Church Magazine

**As we welcome a new assistant editor to the magazine, our editor Claire Westgarth reflects on her editorship of the church magazine and the role it plays in the life of St Andrew's Roundhay URC.**

## Looking Back

I first became editor of St Andrew's Life, our Annual Review in 2012. My involvement with the magazine was initially with the A4 Quarterly we used to produce, and this sort of morphed into Assistant Editor, and by 2017 I was designing the monthly magazine working very closely with Andrea Varnavides who was the Editor.

I became Editor after Andrea's sad Passing in November 2018. Andrea was, and still is, a constant inspiration, not just with the magazine but with life in general. We really became close friends working so closely together and hers were huge shoes to fill. The monthly magazine looks quite different now but I think she would be proud of me for what I have achieved. Even after all these years I still want to ask her questions about grammar and advice about magazine things. Andrea was a perfectionist through and through and that has certainly rubbed off on me! I am left with 2 of her phrases stuck in my head - 'have faith it will all come together' and 'only God is perfect'.

## The Present

I am proud that each month our readers have a varied magazine to read. It is not just about reviews of things that have happened or adverts for things to come. I am aware that not everyone who reads it regularly attends St Andrew's or even lives in Leeds, so I try to keep it interesting with more general items too. It would be nice to have some 'Featured' articles and maybe even a 'Theme of the Month'. I have some ideas....!

On a personal level I am very proud that I have taught myself how to use the Desktop Publishing Software needed to create the magazine each month. I really enjoy putting it together. It can be a challenge sometimes but I love it! But I am acutely aware that it is not 'my' magazine but 'yours'. It is a huge responsibility and not one I take lightly.



As editor the main challenge is definitely making sure there is enough interesting content. And fitting it on the pages! By the time you are reading it, there will have been many different versions. Oh, and getting people to stick to the closing date, that is possibly the biggest challenge!

The magazine has changed a lot in the last few years. Quarterly Magazine was more outward facing, it was designed to be something anyone could read, even people who had no connection to our church or even anything faith related. It had a theme every issue and it was widely circulated through the community to places where people gathered together, doctors waiting rooms, etc. It finished in Spring 2019 for many reasons and we moved to having the current style of magazine as our only production.

In late 2019 discussions were had about the cost of producing the professionally printed publication. In February 2020 Church Meeting agreed to trial an online magazine with only a small number printed in house for 6 months. This was then to be followed by a review looking at the magazine in general, not just views on the online trial. In March 2020 the country was hit by Covid 19 and all the restrictions that followed. It was almost a year before things went back to anything that resembled normality. This brings us to where we are now - time to do that review.

## Looking Forward

The magazine is a vital tool in communicating with our own church community, but what impression about St Andrew's does it portray to anyone else? Of course I want anyone to think 'what a great magazine' but is it saying enough about "US", our faith life and our mission? If it is acting as a Shop Window - do we like the display?

Obviously the vast majority of current readers are our current 'church goers'. Is it time to look at having a magazine that can be circulated more widely in our community?. It seems a shame to keep it to ourselves!



I like the online version of the magazine, but I am also aware that it doesn't work for everyone. It also means that we don't have copies to hand out to visitors or for people to pick up in the car park entrance for example. In an ideal world I guess I would like a hybrid magazine, with most people reading on line but also printed copies available if wanted.

Having even a small number of copies professionally printed will cost more than printing them on our own photocopier, but maybe we can come up with a way to self fund it. Could we get local businesses to 'sponsor' a month or even have adverts in like we used to in the quarterly? We have seen how much the local community got behind the Christmas Tree Festival. Where there is a will there is a way.

The magazine could be an invaluable tool for mission if we use it properly. The possibilities are endless.

This is what I want from you! Keep submitting items! If you have been thinking about maybe writing something - DO IT! Ask me if I think something would be good, chances are I will say yes. But more importantly please complete the forthcoming review. This is YOUR magazine and together we can make it something everyone wants to read.

**Claire Westgarth**

Magazine Editor [magazine@standrews.cc](mailto:magazine@standrews.cc)





# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 1 March 2024

## Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action

**“I beg you, bear with one another in love”** - this text is the theme of the World Day of Prayer service which has been prepared by Christian women in Palestine. These words come from Ephesians 4. Ephesians is considered one of Paul’s “prison letters”, written in Rome around 60-61 CE. Paul wrote this epistle to strengthen the community of faith in Christ, the grace of God and the Gospel. He also wrote to encourage them to continue their work of living in holiness and service in response to God’s saving grace. Ephesians therefore carries themes of exhortation and assurance.

Palestine is the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died and where the Christian faith began and is rooted.

**It is important to know that this service was planned and written about 3 years ago.**

The Worship Service shares stories which illuminate the experiences of three Palestinian Christian women, from three different generations, who witness to the power of bearing together in love.

The hope is that as we listen to these stories we will unite in prayer to pray for solutions which will bring an end to human suffering. We also will commit ourselves to journey with each other to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

There are several services being held in churches in our vicinity on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March:

St Edmund’s Roundhay	11.00 am
St Martin’s Potternewton	11.00 am
Oakwood Church	3.15 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown	6.00 pm
Holy Trinity, Boar Lane, Leeds	6.00 pm

Refreshments will be served at the end of each of the services.

Carole Bourne, the Chairperson of the National Committee for England, Wales and Northern Ireland has written the prayer entitled Lifting in Prayer:

Loving God,  
Creator and keeper of all,  
We lift to you the Christian women of the Holy Land:  
their challenges, hopes and fears.  
As you shaped and guided your church in this place, Lord,  
we pray that you would direct and protect all who call on you,  
giving them hope and courage  
in the face of danger, loss and challenge.  
We pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen

You can find out more about the World Day of Prayer at  
[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

## Sheana Dudley

St Andrew's World Day of Prayer Representative

The artwork chosen for the 2024 theme is by a Palestinian artist, Halima Aziz who started painting professionally in 2017 while participating in an art school project.

In her artwork, Halima has used motifs and symbols to show the origin and cohesiveness of these women:



Olive trees are a sign of everlasting and abundant life because they can live for thousands of years.

Poppy flowers are a reminder of loved ones who have given their lives for their country.

Traditional dress or the white scarf symbolises the peoples' creativity and their country's rich heritage.

The keys are a symbol of the hope to return back to Palestine.

The people are deeply rooted in their country and this is underlined in the golden roots of the tree.



From the  
Editor's  
Desk



## Welcome Desk

As we have no administrator in post at present I have been asked by Jane Bunyan to compile a rota of volunteers to staff the welcome desk from 9.15-12 noon each week day. A small band of willing volunteers had January covered, but if anyone would like to offer to help share the load in February please contact me. It is not an onerous job: all that is required is that you offer a friendly greeting to all arrivals and direct them to their correct meeting room. It is a good opportunity to chat and tell folk what happens at St Andrew's.

If you would like to help please contact me at [sheila.telfer@standrews.cc](mailto:sheila.telfer@standrews.cc) or ring 0113 2175419.



Just to say "Thank you" is such an inadequate response to all the messages, cards, and emails sent by the lovely people of St Andrew's, when they were aware that I had broken my wrists. I'm grateful and humbled and pray that God will bless you all.

*Anne Hardiman*

Dear Friends

It is almost two months since my first fall at the beginning of December when I broke my wrist and badly injured my shoulder, and a month since what hopefully will have been my last fall. During this time I have been overwhelmed by the many kindnesses we have received. Your prayers, visits, cards, letters, messages, plants, flowers, support and especially practical help for Neil when I was in hospital have been so much appreciated.

Missing you all and hope it won't be too long before I am able to be back at church.

With thanks and love to you all.

*Carol Parfitt*

My thanks for the flowers and cards from St Andrews on the occasion of my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I had a lovely weekend with family. For the occasion, I had my hair cut and have donated a 45cm length to the Little Princess Trust. The Trust make wigs for children who have lost their own hair often due to medical treatment.

*Alex Jowitt*



Leeds URC Partnership Quiet Day on 20 April 2024 at Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. More details to follow in the next magazine. Spaces will be limited!



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# LEEDS URC PARTNERSHIP LENT COURSE

ACT ON POVERTY FROM CHRISTIAN AID

FIVE WEEK COURSE STARTING FEBRUARY 19TH  
MONDAYS 1.30PM URC IN SOUTH LEEDS LS10 3LG  
WEDNESDAYS 2PM HEADINGLEY ST. COLUMBA LS6 2DH  
WEDNESDAYS 7.30PM ZOOM ONLINE SESSIONS.

SESSIONS WILL RUN AT THE SAME TIME EVERY WEEK BUT LED  
BY DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION 07752904317**

**CONTACT ANGELA HUGHES [angela.hughes1@icloud.com](mailto:angela.hughes1@icloud.com)**





**Leeds Gilbert and Sullivan  
Society**

## **Cheese and wine cabaret evening**

**Saturday 24 February, 7 for 7.30 pm  
St Andrew's Memorial Hall**

Join us for an evening of cheese, wine and cabaret!

You will be served four different wines paired with four delicious cheeses and you will be royally entertained by a host of cabaret acts performed by our talented members.

Not drinking? No problem - we have a no alcohol package available at a reduced cost including a delicious virgin cocktail for you to enjoy with your cheese.

Tickets available from Ticket Source here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedsgands/t-gaedzmr>

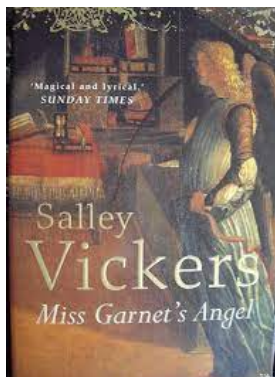
Tickets are £25 or £20 for the alcohol-free package.  
Advance booking essential.

Arrive from 7pm - the entertainment will start at 7.30pm



Our recommendations are books that some of us have read and loved, books that have taught us things or books that have been recommended to us. We do not all agree on the selection! We offer them to you (together with a very brief description of each taken from the internet) as books that may delight, inspire, challenge, change or move you.

## February's Choices



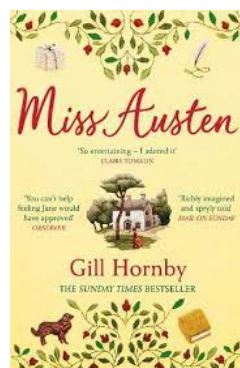
### **Miss Garnet's Angel** by Sally Vickers (Psychological fiction)

Julia Garnet uses a legacy to leave her orderly life as a teacher and go to live in Venice in winter. Its beauty, its secret corners and treasures, and its people overwhelm a lifetime of reserve and caution. Above all, she's touched by the all-prevalent spirit of the Angel, Raphael. A story about the explosive possibilities of change in all of us at any time.

### **Miss Austen** by Gill Hornby (Historical fiction/ Biography)

A wonderfully original emotionally complex novel that delves into why Cassandra burned a treasure trove of letters written by her sister Jane Austen - an act of destruction that has troubled academics for centuries.

For more information contact Anna Sweeney  
(details in the directory)





February 2024

## Taking Sides

Today I am taking sides.  
I am taking the side of Peace.  
Peace, which I will not abandon  
Even when its voice is drowned out  
By hurt and hatred,  
Bitterness of loss,  
Cries of right and wrong.

I am taking the side of Peace  
Whose name has barely been spoken  
In the winnerless war.  
I will hold Peace in my arms,  
And share my body's breath,  
Lest Peace be added  
To the body count.

I will call for de-escalation  
Even when I want nothing more  
Than to get even.  
I will do it  
In the service of Peace.

I will make a clearing  
In the overgrown  
Thicket of cause and effect.  
So Peace can breathe through tears.  
I will swallow pride.  
I will bite my tongue.  
I will offer love  
Without testing for deservingness.

So don't ask me to wave a flag today  
Unless it is the flag of Peace.  
Don't ask me to sing an anthem  
Unless it is a song of Peace.  
Don't ask me to take sides  
Unless it is the side of Peace.

Rabbi Irwin Keller

(a Californian Rabbi, teacher, writer and 'hope-monger')

# Worship Dates

## February

Sunday	4	10.30am	Family Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Tim Lowe
Saturday	10	3.30-5.30	Messy Church	
Sunday	11	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Rosalind Selby
		6.30pm	Evening Communion.	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	18	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	25	10.30am	Cafe Style Worship	The Worship Group
		6.30pm	Ecumenical Evening service at St Andrew's	Rev Tim Lowe

## March

Sunday	3	10.30am	Family Worship with Holy Communion	Rev Tim Lowe
Saturday	9	3.30-5.30	Messy Church	
Sunday	10	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Nicola Robinson
		6.30pm	Evening Communion	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	17	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	24	10.30am	Parade and Cafe Style Worship	The Worship Group

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## **Regular worship**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sunday 10.30
<b>Evening Service</b>	2nd Sunday of the month 18.30
<b>Communion</b>	1st Sunday of the month 10.30
<b>Time with God</b>	Thursdays 9.30 on zoom
<b>Bible Reflections</b>	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 14.00
<b>Prayer Time</b>	Tuesday 19.00 on zoom

## **Other Church Activities**

Badminton	Monday 9.30 and Thursday 19.30
Stage Crew	Monday 13.30
RoCo	Monday 19.30 and Thursday 19.30
Junior RoCo	Monday 18.00
Toddlers	Tuesday morning 10.00
Bible Reflection	2nd and 4th Tuesday 14.00
Clocktower Café	Wednesday 10.00
Singing for Pleasure	2nd and 4th Wednesday 14.00
Twins and Multiples	Every 1st and 3rd Thursday 10.00
Indoor Bowls	Thursday 13.00
Roundhay Singers	Thursday 19.30
Knit and Natter	2nd Saturday of the month 15.00

## **Girlguiding**

Rainbows (age 4 – 7)	Monday 18.15, Tuesday 17.00, Wednesday 17.00 and Thursday 17.00
Brownies (age 7 – 10)	Tuesday 18.15 and Thursday 18.10
Guides (aged 10 – 14)	Monday 19.30 and Tuesday 19.30
Rangers (aged 14 – 18)	Tuesday 19.30

## **Scouting**

Beavers (aged 6 – 8)	Tuesday 18.00
Cubs (aged 8 – 10)	Tuesday 19.15
Scouts (aged 10 – 14)	Friday 19.15
Explorers (aged 14 – 18)	Thursday 19.30

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