

# WIDER HORIZONS

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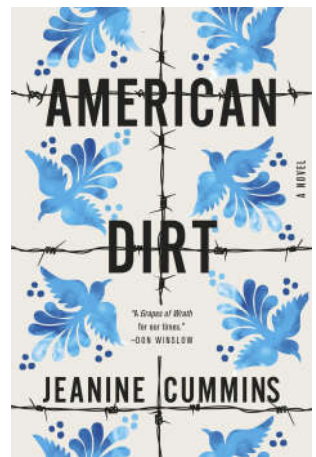
Dear friends

Well it feels like we are starting to turn a corner in this longest of years. There are signs of hope all around us with the rapid delivery of the vaccination to the top priority groups, and the indications that soon all children will be able to go back to school. I have been deeply moved and inspired by the way so many people have stepped up to face the challenges, with, for example, immense courage among NHS staff, other key workers and community groups, and great fortitude in many families and social networks.

One of the things to help some of us to feed our souls in this restricted time is diving into a good book. 'American Dirt' is one such book that has engaged me in recent weeks. It is a global best seller, not without controversy. It has been read on Radio 4 and is available as an audio book (the film rights to it have also been sold). In many ways it addresses a very contemporary question "when faced with a life-threatening situation how do people respond?". The answer is, of course, people respond in a variety of ways. In the book the key characters act with amazing grit, initiative and compassion.

The story is set in contemporary Mexico. Living comfortably in sunny Acapulco, book-shop owner, Lydia, is married to an investigative journalist, and they have one son, Luca. When Lydia's husband publishes an article revealing the name and the appalling deeds of the head of the local mafia cartel, it leads to the brutal murder of 16 members of Lydia's family. Only Lydia and her son escape. Since the police are in the pay of the cartel, and with all their family dead, Lydia and Luca have no choice but to flee. Lydia has one uncle in the American state of Colorado so her goal becomes to travel to 'El Norte', America. Having no passport with them, and limited funds, Lydia and Luca must join many thousands of other destitute people riding on top of trains going north. And so they become part of the community of migrants attempting the desperately dangerous and difficult journey across the Mexican/US border.

Along the way, Lydia and Luca are helped, initially, by some old friends, and then by the various Church groups that set up stations to tend to the needs of the migrant camps. They are helped too by random strangers such as a doctor who gives them a lift to a medical centre, and by ordinary people who briefly shelter them. The greatest strength though is their own as they look after each other and the small number of others, mainly young people, who become their new family. While the author Jeanine Cummins has been criticised for telling and sensationalising a story that is not her story to tell, she opens a window into this much



soul itself. One of the conclusions I draw from the book, and from what I observe in real life right now, is that when faced with extremely difficult circumstances, it is possible for human beings to look beyond our own immediate needs (important as addressing those are) and to support and enable our wider communities, even those who are strange to us.

In Lent, we remember how Jesus was in an increasingly life-threatening situation as he conducted his mission. The gospels tell us of his consistent looking-beyond himself and addressing the needs of his wider community and those he didn't know at all. He sustained this life of giving by drawing apart for prayer and times spent focusing on God. He encouraged the small team around him to do the same.

This Lent we can encourage each other to look beyond ourselves, to bond with others in this looking, and to be ready to travel on with courage to address a wide range of needs.

When I next write it will be nearly Easter. Our worlds may be opening up again. We will have to decide where to put our best 'resurrection' energy as a church. Ephesians 5 verse 2 reminds us to "live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us".

With peace and hope

*Roberta*



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# Congregational Meeting

## Tuesday 30 March

### 7:30pm by Zoom

*Wendy Ribbands - Chair of Trustees*

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#### **Comings and Goings**

We are sad to announce the death of Mary Bell and send our love and prayers to her family and friends.

Please continue to pray for people in special circumstances and let the Pastoral Team know of any new concerns.

*Thank you from the Pastoral Team*



**COMINGS &  
GOINGS**

## Michael's Memo

Our flipping creator, The Holy One, All powerful Dad, Our Eternal Hope, King of Kings, Humanity's mighty Saviour, and yet indescribable.

These are some of the descriptions that members of our Youth Group used to describe God. We were listening to Chris Tomlin's song 'Indescribable' and yet we posed the challenge: If you were to describe God in three words what would it be? I'm sure those reading this article can come up with many more. In the current situation we find ourselves in, it was an incredible moment that we could still call God all these things and remind ourselves of his goodness to us all.



Our Youth Group has had some special moments recently with the above story being one of them. We are also connecting more with our young people through our gaming sessions, ice breakers and prayer. The ice breakers encourage them to say how they are feeling and we've had some very honest conversations. Ice breakers have included describe how you feel using a movie, an emoji and song lyrics. The gospel and games sessions have been going well and one of our youth has told us he would be happy to lead the gospel time some weeks too!

Bitesize has continued on Zoom with three families joining us each time. We've had lots of fun playing games, doing actions and hearing stories from the Bible. We have been looking at Team Jesus, how we can be a part of his team, and how each of us is important to the team too.



Our Good News Bradford videos have been continuing and we are averaging around 55 views for each video. We are also planning on having a family fun Zoom event on 13 March. This week at the time of writing, we are contacting other local churches about being involved with Good News Bradford. We are also getting in touch with different schools to see if they would like to use our videos too. It is quite an exciting venture, so prayers for it would be appreciated.

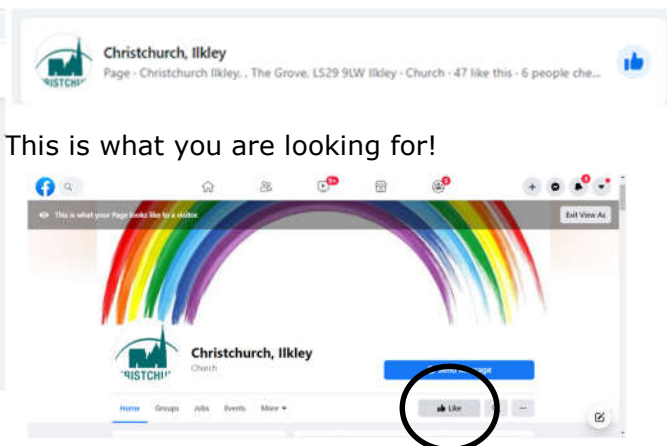
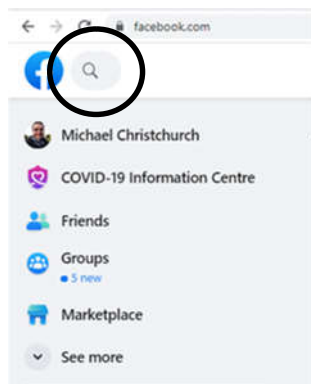
The Bradford Council work has continued and this week we are starting up Zooms with the Inclusion Group. The Inclusion Group is the name given to the group that meets in the youth club run by the Council to support families with additional needs children, and works closely with LS29. The work on Friday is still carrying on, going out on to the streets of Ilkley and getting to know lots of young people.

Coming up we have the Good News Bradford Zoom event for which we would love prayers. We are also exploring options to connect with our families more. Options include family Zoom slots on non-Bitesize Sundays and games nights. Prayers for wisdom and creativity would be appreciated.



Just a quick update on Facebook! We do have a Christchurch Facebook page which we are going to be using a lot more. We will be posting events, songs and other bits of information on it.

We have a Facebook group too. The Facebook page is used for things we want everyone to know about. The Facebook group is to be used for things only those who attend Christchurch need, or may like, to know about. Not everything on the page will be posted in the group. Therefore we are encouraging everyone who has Facebook to 'like' our Christchurch Ikley Facebook page. To do this, type in 'Christchurch Ikley' into the search bar at the top.



This is what you are looking for!

*Michael Johnston*

### 3rd Ikley Brownies

Congratulations to 3rd Ikley Pack as they celebrate their 80th Birthday.

The Pack was first registered in 1941 by Mrs Wood at Oaklands School in Queens Drive, Ikley. The school closed in 1965.



*Avril Benson*

### St George's Crypt Leeds

Very many thanks to everyone who donated clothing and linen again this year.

My grateful thanks to Ann & Iain Thake for taking on the task of collecting, sorting and delivering.



*Avril Benson*



## **Moving forward as a church in our community: Appreciative conversations**

The Christchurch Leadership Team and Trustees would love to know what everyone with a connection to Christchurch thinks about our church. This is part of our figuring out together how to move forward in our very rapidly changed world. We have been helped by the development staff from the Methodist Region to put together a plan to help us consult. The consultation will be with both our worshipping community and with those who have some other connection with us.



We will be using a set of questions devised by the URC to enable 'appreciative conversations'. From March and into April someone from the Leadership Team (or other church leaders) will contact you to ask if they can listen to your response to these simple questions. They will record your ideas anonymously. Notes of the conversations will be given to the Regional Development staff member who will put them all together to help us understand the picture that emerges.

Then, in the summer, we hope to have an 'away-day' when as many of us as possible can get together to consider what has been said, and work out some priorities as to what we do next as a church. (We will have to play this part of the consultation by ear in the light of the restrictions created by the pandemic, of course).

It would be wonderful if as many people as possible take part in the conversations. Thank you, in anticipation, for your response.

*The Christchurch Leadership Team*

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## **Joint Public Issues Team**

The Joint Public Issues Team of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church have as their strapline



### **'Churches Working For Peace And Justice'.**

If this is something you think is important, then visit their website at <https://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/> and subscribe to their monthly Newsletter (at the bottom of the homepage).

February's Newsletter included: Politics in the Pulpit - a lectionary based preaching resource; Climate Change Coffee Zoom; Lent resources; How Change Happens - a follow-up to 'The Art of the Possible'; Faith in Politics podcast; Reset the Debt campaign; Fairtrade Fortnight; Universal Credit Uplift; Investing in Change - following the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

## Action For Children

Peter and Pat Stockdale are extremely pleased to be able to inform members of Christchurch that, on emptying the lanterns for Action for Children for the year 2020, we have been able to send them the sum of £1800.

Also, Action for Children will be able to reclaim tax back on money given by taxpayers as Gift Aid.

We were worried that this year we wouldn't collect as much money because many people don't handle cash due to Covid-19 and therefore would not have any change to put into their lantern.

People were aware of this and many put a note (or notes) into the lantern, or gave us a cheque, for which we are most grateful.

We thank all our lantern holders for their continued support for the wonderful work that Action for Children does with children and families in this country. Anyone wanting to join the lantern scheme should contact the Stockdales on 011323 842841. Thank you everyone.

*Pat & Peter Stockdale*

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## Christchurch Film Club

The last meeting of the Film Club was on Thursday 18 February when eighteen of us met up, virtually of course, to talk about the film 'The Light Between The Oceans'.

FILM CLUB

We had all watched the film on BBC iPlayer before the meeting. There were a variety of views, as to be expected, but generally the majority of us thought it was a beautifully acted and deeply moving film which will stay with us for some time to come. We felt one of the themes that came through the film was about the positive power of forgiveness over the negative power of resentment. After each film we each give it a rating. This film received the highest score so far which was 7.94/10.

Our next meeting will be in March but the date is yet to be decided as also is the choice of film. We do plan to meet once a month. If you would like to join us in March please let me know (01943 430634) so we can send you the Zoom link. Everyone who has been before will automatically be sent the link. We can easily take more people as we will then go into breakout groups for part of the discussion, so feel free to come along and try it out and see if you enjoy it.

*Chris Knamiller*

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## Church Weekend

A reminder that the Church Weekend is still planned for Friday 24 to Sunday 26 September 2021. Please put it in your diaries!

*Lynnda Smith* | Page 07

## Café Update



Lockdown 3 has seen us continuing with our outreach. A weekly newsletter is going to all volunteers (including those who don't have access to the internet). Weekly Zoom get-togethers are being held and correspondence either by email, letter or telephone is continuing.

Despite the restrictions it has been great to hear that people are finding lots of great ways of keeping themselves occupied. Michelle has a new puppy; Adam & Malcolm are doing lots of woodwork, including making wooden toys; Maggie has been sledging and building a snowman with her granddaughter; Graeme is looking after his mum and still finds time to go running; Julie has been volunteering at her doctor's surgery during vaccinations; Katrina is hopefully moving shortly; Malcolm celebrated a special birthday in style; Claire does a regular Disco Zoom (which I have to say I am quite envious of!); and Ben is doing lots of photography.

Many of our volunteers are doing lots of Zoom sessions along with some lovely walks in the local area and many are knitting Easter Egg nests for vulnerable families at Easter. Some have also been helping with food packing. It is also great to hear that many have had their first vaccination.

Our Zoom sessions have been great fun especially with our weekly quizzes. So far, we have had a Yorkshire Quiz, an Irish Quiz and a Welsh Quiz and we are looking forward to our next one which will be a Scottish Quiz!

Our focus is keeping in touch and staying positive. We can see a light at the end of the tunnel and are hopeful it won't be too long before we can all see each other in person in the Café.

*Liz Frankland*

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## Lockdown Walks

I'm sure many of you are more than grateful to be living in such a lovely environment as Ilkley. And during lockdown, there are plenty of walks to enjoy, whether it's along by the river, through the woods, round the tarn, up onto the moor edge, or if you are wanting to step out, up onto the moor top itself, checking out the cup and ring marked rocks, or the stone circles that are scattered across the moor. But if you fancy a little variety, why not try these two ideas?

### Winter Trees Walk

Visit the Wharfedale Naturalists website at <https://ilkleytrees.org.uk/treetrails/> and you will find two 'Tree Walks', each with a fully illustrated information guide and map. If you are quick, you can have a look at the 'Winter Trees' walk, starting at the Manor House and finishing at the Lido, and only taking about 45 minutes.





## Blue Plaques Walk

The Ilkley Civic Society have a list of the twenty Blue Plaques that have been put up around Ilkley, along with a map showing their locations. These can be found at <https://civicsociety.ilkley.org/blue-plaques-list.html>.

Alternatively, an annotated sketch map can be downloaded from <https://civicsociety.ilkley.org/walks-and-talks.html>, and you can use that to give you a longer outing, inevitably involving some uphill walking (this is Ilkley after all!).



*Steve Amos*

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## The Climate Emergency

### What role might Christchurch play to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency?

The topic at the last meeting of The Melting Pot was 'Climate Change and Extinction Rebellion'. These are some thoughts, stimulated by that meeting.

### Why should Christchurch get involved in the Climate Crisis?

As Christians we are stewards of the natural world. We have "faith in the living God, who made the world, loves it and entrusts it to the care of human society" (A Rocha). It is frightening to think, however, that we humans are in great danger of destroying our own habitat, the environment that sustains all life. David Attenborough's wonderful TV series, 'A Perfect Planet', paints a very grim picture of what climate change can bring: extinction of species, melting polar caps with rising sea levels displacing millions of people, extreme weather conditions resulting in droughts and floods. It is the poor who will bear this burden the most. Water and food shortages, international inequality, unrest and human migration. And it is happening now.

As Christians we are called to act now. We need to work together to campaign locally, nationally and globally to reduce carbon emissions and protect and restore nature's balance.

### How we might get involved?

Well, here's one idea. **Climate Action Ilkley (CAI)** is an environmental charity, smack dab in the middle of our community. It is supported by Ilkley Town Council, Addingham Civic Society, Wharfedale Naturalist Society, Friends of Ilkley Riverside Park, Friends of Ilkley Moor and Ilkley in Bloom. Indeed a few of us from Christchurch are members of CAI. Over the last three years it's been very active in exploring what Ilkley can do to



reduce our collective carbon footprint and to balance our natural environment. Strikingly absent from its supporting organisations is the Ilkley Christian community.

Why don't we, the congregation of Christchurch, find out what CAI is doing? And if we think their activities and campaigns align with our concerns for the environment, then we give it our active support.

Here is one campaign CAI is launching for the Spring: "Peat-Free Compost Ilkley". The 'Land and Nature Group' of CAI has produced a two-page '**Compost Buyers' Guide**'. It includes a brief word about the importance of keeping peat in its natural habitat as a 'carbon sink'. And, most practically, it gives details of '*best performing peat-free compost*' and where to buy it locally. If we so choose, Christchurch, in partnership with Climate Action Ilkley could help spread the word around Ilkley and surrounds.

'Peat-Free Compost' is a local initiative. But here's a national campaign that CAI has done a lot of work on recently: the 'Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill' is being introduced in Parliament. We as a congregation could help push this through Parliament by lobbying our MP, Robbie Moore, and relevant government ministers of state, to say nothing of writing to Boris Johnson himself.

### **In Summary**

Do we, as Christians, feel we have a responsibility to address this global climate and ecological crisis? Not just as individuals, but as Christchurch. We have a much more powerful voice as a congregation.

All of us have done some good things to reduce our own individual carbon footprint. This is laudable, of course.

**But quite frankly, it isn't enough!**

The issues involved in climate change and nature degradation are just too big and the time to turn it around is just too short. To make a difference we can band together and with a communal voice, lobby Government and big business. We need to become political . . . with a small 'p'.

As a first step for us at Christchurch, how about setting up a small group to educate and advise what we, as a congregation of Christians, might do to help conserve and restore the only home we have?

Anyone who would like to come together as a merry band of Christchurch 'climate actioners' please let me know.

PS We don't have to march and carry placards!!



## No Planet B #3 - Climate

*There Is No Planet B – a handbook for the make or break years* by Mike Berners Lee.

We have spent the last two months looking at Food. Now we move on to Climate.

### Global Temperature

Current science tells us that a 2°C rise in global temperature is risky. Urge your political leaders to do all they can to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement protocols.

### Renewable Energy

Growing renewable energy sources is essential but won't be anywhere near enough to deal with climate change.

### Consumption

Deforestation, mono-cultures, over-grazing, over-fishing, plastics, and use of pollutants has got to change, and fast.

### Mass Extinction

We are on the brink of a mass extinctions, which, if nothing else, will diminish food supplies and will lead to regular pandemics (*written in 2019!*).

### Ocean acidification

This is due to CO<sub>2</sub> released into the atmosphere, and will lead to the collapse of marine life, with consequences for food stocks.

### Plastics

400 million tonnes are produced each year, and between 4 to 12 million tonnes ends up in the sea. Micro plastics are a pollutant we cannot eradicate.

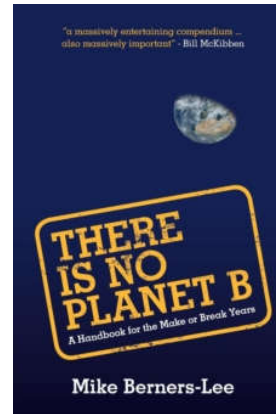
### So what can we do?

- Be aware - think about joining groups such as 'Friends of the Earth' or 'Greenpeace')
- Do our bit to reduce throwaway plastic use – avoid single-use plastic containers and wrapping, and lobby your supermarket
- Reduce your carbon footprint
- Use less fuel

But this has now gone beyond what we as individuals can do - we must

- Ensure our purchasing power is recognised by those we shop with (and those we don't) - tell them, lobby for change
- Convince Government to act nationally, and internationally, on our behalf - write to your MP (regularly)

*Next month - Energy*



into the  
Melting Pot

## Earth's Population in Perspective

The population of Earth is around 7.8 Billion. For most people, it is a large figure, that is all. However, if you condensed 7.8 billion in the world into 100 persons, and then into various percentage statistics, then the resulting analysis is relatively easier to comprehend. Out of 100 . . .



11 are in Europe  
5 are in North America  
9 are in South America  
15 are in Africa  
60 are in Asia

49 live in the countryside  
51 live in cities

12 speak Chinese  
5 speak Spanish  
5 speak English  
3 speak Arabic  
3 speak Hindi  
3 speak Bengali  
3 speak Portuguese  
2 speak Russian  
2 speak Japanese  
62 speak their own language

77 have somewhere to live  
23 have no place to live

87 have clean drinking water  
13 have polluted water or none

21 are over-nourished  
63 can eat full meals  
15 are under-nourished  
1 will die tomorrow of hunger

75 have mobile phones  
25 do not

30 have internet access  
70 do not

7 received university education  
93 did not attend college

83 can read  
17 are illiterate

33 are Christians  
22 are Muslims  
14 are Hindus  
7 are Buddhists  
12 are other religions  
12 have no religious beliefs.

26 live less than 14 years  
66 died between 15 - 64 years  
8 are over 65 years old

If you have your own home, eat full meals & drink clean water, have a mobile phone, can surf the internet, and have gone to college, then you are in the miniscule privileged lot of 7%.

Cherish life; grasp the moment and all those remaining to you.

When we think of Global Social Justice and of the other 93% in the world, and what needs to be done, can we ask of ourselves 'Why Not Me'?

*email from Stephen LeBeau & Gary Knamiller  
edited by Steve Amos*

Rome, 13 January 2021

Dear all - What a difference a year makes. Few of us could have realised this time last year what would lie ahead for us in 2020.

This time last year I was in Arizona with my colleagues, Francesco and Hannah. It was a great chance to spend time at a different border, namely US/Mexico, to connect with churches and organisations engaged with migration issues and to share our respective experiences.



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Here in Italy, as everywhere else, the pandemic has changed the political and social agenda in so many ways. Media space once devoted to migration issues has, unsurprisingly, been filled with Covid-related items and, as a result, the toxic rhetoric so prevalent in previous years has been less in evidence. The positive contribution made by migrants to Italian society has been better recognised. So often, it is migrants who have continued to clean houses, deliver meals and harvest produce which finds its way onto Italian tables, not to mention those who are part of the front-line workforce in hospitals and care-homes who have kept us going in the most difficult of circumstances.

The parlous conditions in which those on the margins, including migrants, live have become more noticeable. The nation-wide restrictions imposed to combat the pandemic highlighted social inequality, the impossibility of compliance for people living in crowded, insanitary conditions or, indeed, without any home at all. Significant efforts have been made by those in the voluntary and third sectors to continue supporting those on the fringes but I also sense a greater willingness on the part of society at large to support structural and legislative changes which will improve the lives of the marginalised. This, I think, is a mood worth harnessing.

The necessary shift to remote working has neither dampened MH's resolve to continue its work nor its creativity. Adaptations to existing projects have of course been required. Most significantly, the humanitarian corridors project was suspended for much of the year due to travel restrictions. However, the team in Lebanon has continued to identify and interview candidates for future corridors and to prepare participants for life in a new culture whilst developing a suite of digital resources to support that work. Staff have also provided significant support to the local community in Beirut following the terrible explosions at the port last summer.

The team in Calabria has widened the scope of its work with exploited migrant farm labourers. Initially providing legal, linguistic and practical support, at the start of lockdown it turned its attention to provision of health information, masks, hand sanitiser and basic supplies to those living in inadequate accommodation. Staff are now delivering

rapid (lateral flow) tests to those who cannot afford them. The “Lights on Rosarno” project has gone well beyond the provision of bike lights and reflective jackets to those pedalling along dark streets to the fields where migrants work: solar-powered lighting has been installed near migrant camps and a large-scale programme to illuminate the unlit streets is envisaged. The Etika “ethical orange” project, a fair-trade initiative to benefit workers and producers alike, is truly bearing fruit and helping to fund some of the other initiatives in that region.

It has not been an easy year for Lampedusa. Interesting to note that neither the lack of search and rescue ships nor the very high incidence of Covid 19 in Italy in the first six months of this year put a stop to migrant arrivals. Indeed, over the course of this year, arrivals rose from approximately 11,500 to 34,000. Lampedusa is tiny and reception facilities extremely limited. The ‘hotspot’ detention centre has 192 places. This summer, almost 1,500 people were housed there, many sleeping on bare mattresses, at a time when personal space could be a matter of life or death. The Italian government’s response was not to transport these asylum seekers to mainland reception centres but instead to send ‘quarantine’ ships to be moored off the island in which these people could be temporarily detained. Some placed there, already traumatised by experiences suffered en route to Lampedusa and, in some cases, in a dreadful physical condition, did not survive. Others have jumped into the sea and attempted to swim ashore. Doubtless, governments across the world have had difficult choices to make this year. This policy, however, seems particularly harsh.

Fresh from co-writing a policy paper on the benefits and challenges of humanitarian corridors programmes, I am currently working with my colleague, Giulia Gori on funding bids. We are also working together on an Italian pilot project being sponsored by the Church of England. This will build on the excellent work done through its Clewer Initiative to raise awareness of modern slavery issues amongst congregations. This marries well with MH’s own work on exploitation and presents a welcome opportunity to engage English- and Italian-speaking congregations here in a project adapted for our own context.

As I reflect on the year, I remain incredibly grateful to be part of a team which is so agile and open-minded. The projects in which we are involved are diverse, often run in collaboration with other organisations, and seek to tackle migration issues on a number of levels. Yet, fundamentally, they are all about welcoming the stranger, a call which is close to all our hearts.

On a personal note, travel restrictions obliged me to spend my first Christmas in Rome – hardly something to complain about! Rome was festooned with Christmas lights and the national penchant for Nativity scenes was fed by the appearance of several outdoor ‘presepi’ in different parts of the city. It was a joy to take in all of that on my trusty folding bike. The nation-wide ‘red zone’ imposed still permitted

attendance – masked and socially distanced – at local churches. As I live only a few steps away from two of Rome’s



most beautiful basilicas, Santa Prassede and Santa Maria Maggiore, I took the chance to attend the former on Christmas Eve and the latter on Christmas Day, something of a sensory and spiritual feast.

Zoom permitted participation in a watchnight service shared by St Andrew's, Rome and St Columba's, Budapest, as well as a Hogmanay Vigil from Iona Abbey focusing on Europe. I loved connecting with people from home throughout the whole festive period, as well as some 'in person' encounters with good friends here. This last year has really highlighted the importance of ongoing connection, however made.

Thank you, as always, to everyone who continues to support MH, and sustain me, in fellowship and prayer. If you are able, I would be grateful if you would keep the following people and situations in mind:

- Exploited workers everywhere in urgent need of decent housing and a fair wage
- Policy-makers faced with competing interests and difficult choices
- Those who, as a result of Covid 19, are 'stuck' in impossible situations and desperate to escape.

*Fiona Kendall*

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## Wider Horizons

This is the monthly magazine of Christchurch Ilkley, a Methodist and United Reformed Church Local Partnership.

The views expressed by contributors are their own and reflect the diversity of views you will find amongst those who call Christchurch their spiritual home.



*"Belief is much more than signing up to a list of statements; rather, Christian faith is a life-long journey of discipleship, and so, as a church, we encourage, affirm, allow and delight in everyone's faith journey. We support learning, exploring and growing in faith, in order to allow us to become the people that God wants us to be" (from the statement of 'Belief And Belonging' - June 2014).*

## Next Month's Copy Deadline

*Thank you to all those who have contributed items for this edition of our Christchurch Wider Horizons.*

Once more I plan to produce the March edition from home, so please send items to me at **steve.amos.gb@gmail.com** at the latest by **Sunday 21 March** - you can always send items in early.  
No email? - give me a call on 01943 600111.

*Steve Amos - Editor*

# Worship at CHRISTCHURCH - March 2021

**Our building remains CLOSED for worship**

*The Church 4:00pm services are still suspended for now.*

The **weekly Zoom service at 10:00am** will continue.

The link to this is sent out each week from the church office. Please email tempchristchurchoffice@gmail.com if you have not received a link and would like to join.

The Zoom service, with sound only, can also be joined through an ordinary telephone.

Please check the weekly notice sheets to see if we are able to re-instate the Zoom station at Christchurch for those without internet access (booking your place by contacting Jenny Freeman).

*David Gouldesbrough - LT Worship*

Sunday	Reading	Leader
07 Mar	Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22	Margaret Cook
14 Mar	Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21	Rev Roberta Topham
21 Mar	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33	Chris Mannall
28 Mar	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16	Rev Roberta Topham

**Video recordings** of the Bible reading, reflection and prayer are available after the services on the Christchurch YouTube channel each week - search for "**Christchurch Ilkley YouTube**".

**A service sheet to guide reflections** is posted or emailed out each week to those who request it from the church administrator on 01943 603209 or tempchristchurchoffice@gmail.com. It can also be found on the Methodist Circuit webpage at **<https://www.wandamethodists.org.uk/>**

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