

## Tearfund Sunday @ Christ Church 11am Sunday 10th May.

Over the last five years we have actively supported Tearfund's work in many ways but particularly through their involvement in the village of Onogora in Uganda. To help us grasp the full breadth of Tearfund's mission and the way God demonstrates His love it's good to welcome Keith Harris, from Tearfund to come to speak to us about this work.

From Keith... 'I have lived all my life in Greater Manchester but don't support either City or United. I'm a faithful Stockport County supporter.



Keith Harris

When I retired from teaching I spent some time seeking how to serve The Lord. I had become a Christian when I was 19. We used to wear stickers with WWJD, what would Jesus do? Tearfund puts Jesus at the centre of its work and longs to transform both the material and spiritual lives of the poor in all parts of the world. That is exactly what he did when on earth and what he expects us to do. I therefore joined Tearfund as a prayer group leader and then speaker. It is always a privilege to speak up for the poor and I look forward to being with you in May.'

## Pentecost Sunday 11am 24<sup>th</sup> May @ Christ Church

The Rev. Dave Cave is our preacher. Some of you will remember him as the minister of the Rock Church and then later as minister of the Anfield Road Fellowship. Dave has regularly been a speaker at Spring Harvest and an author, probably his most famous book, 'Jesus my best mate.' So we look forward to his visit and his insights on this special day as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## So come let us worship.....what us!

'So' said Penny at worship group practice one evening, 'Kelvin thinks it would be a good idea for us to do the parade service next month'. We laughed.....unconcerned at first, then nervously as we realised she wasn't joking! After much discussion and some considerable stepping outside of our comfort zones, we each had a part to lead within the service, we had a message that we wanted to get across, and a responsibility to bring all our ideas together on the day to provide what we hoped would be an enjoyable worship experience for the congregation whilst at the same time an act of praise to our Father in heaven. I think, all in all, the service was well received and even though we all heaved a sigh of relief when we reached the final hymn, the experience was a good one. As a group we faced the challenge and by grace discovered that if we step out in faith, God will sustain us. As we look to the future, and to the logistics of covering leadership at both worship centres each week, it is inevitable that participation by members of the congregations will be needed and I am sure that there are many who will feel a little nudge, pointing them in that direction. As a church family we will need to encourage those who feel that they are being called to serve

in this way and at the same time, respect the decisions of those who feel they are not. Our time of worship together each week is such an important time of fellowship and a blessing denied to so many around the world.

We all enjoy different styles of worship, some modern, some traditional and the saying.... *You can't please all the people all the time*....is never more true than when we come together for a service of worship, but it's a time when we should put aside any differences of opinion, join as one body and one voice in bringing our praises before the Lord. But of course our worship isn't confined to the service on Sunday, for me it's also about those moments each day when you can just see God at work in your life and stop for a moment to give Him the glory. When we thank God for the blessings He pours down upon you day by day, simple things like having a coffee with a good friend, a walk in the park, a journey completed safely. We are just recognising that God is walking beside us, that He loves us and He will never leave us and praise Him simply and purely wherever we are.

By Debbie Knowlson

## Walton Breck News

March 2015

## Stand up for....????

So the new stand for Anfield begins to take shape in the middle of the rubble, a sign of new life in our community?



Well, that is our hope, a new stand, refurbished houses, a new hotel and new shops and the new 96 avenue and more plans for our community.

For Christians that is what we see as we look at an empty cross, new life, a restored relationship with God, 'concrete' hope based on the promises and actions of Jesus, it is that the Easter event can give us a solid foundation upon which to build our lives and our futures, but it can only be those things if we are willing to commit our lives to the who one achieved all those things for us.

We hope that the continued redevelopment of our community will have a lasting influence on many people's lives,

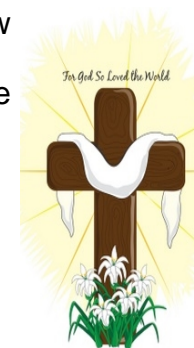
in jobs, an attractive and safe environment in which to live, raise families and we hope that in the midst of all the various celebrations of Easter, many will discover the greater gift offered by God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the gift of new, everlasting life. Join us for our Easter Worship....

**Christ Church,  
Walton Breck Road**  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30pm Maunday Thursday  
Holy Communion  
[followed by the dramatic reading of the Passion]

3<sup>rd</sup> April 11am Good Friday,  
'The Easter Echo'  
An interactive act of worship for all ages.

4<sup>th</sup> April 11am Easter Sunday,  
Alleluia, He is Risen.  
Holy Communion for all the family.

**Holy Trinity, Breck Road**  
4<sup>th</sup> April 11am Easter Sunday.  
The Grave is Empty!  
Holy Communion for all the family



FRIENDS  
AND  
HEROES



Free Children's Holiday Club  
Christ Church  
For children aged 5-11  
27th-31st July  
10am - 12.30pm





# Holy Trinity Music Group

My name is Malcolm Edwards, I am 66 and a retired civil servant. I am also a member of the Holy Trinity Music Group. Paul Foulkes persuaded some of us to get our guitars out and play for odd songs at the morning service. This developed until by 2010 we were regularly playing three or four songs with the others coming from recorded discs. This went on until 1st April 2012 (is that a significant date?) when at the request of Tim Stanford we started doing all the songs live. Recently Kelvin, our minister, asked me to put together a few thoughts about being part of leading worship at the services at Holy Trinity. I was surprised and thought this sounded rather grand when compared to what I thought I was doing. I had not considered what I did as leading worship. I considered it more offering my limited talent as a service to God and his church. I believe that we can all give

whatever talents we have and God will make more use of them than we can imagine. Dave, Jack and I have a little fun at our practise night, and with the help of our mentor, Graham, we have got better at covering up our mistakes and playing together. Personally as a bus pass carrying pensioner I just enjoyed being involved. So I am sorry Kelvin but for a piece on modern worship leading perhaps Dave or Jack would be the man. Worship for me is about drawing closer to God. I know selecting the music for the services with my bible and hymn book to hand helps me do that at home and if our playing helps anyone else do the same at our services then what a bonus! I enjoy playing so much and being involved with the music but I received some bad news in March 2013. I began having a tremor in my right hand and after investigation was told that I had Parkinson's disease. I'm sure that some people

thought that might explain a lot about my playing. I cannot deny that I felt very sorry for myself but after being prayed for I remembered reading that when one door closes another will open. But people concentrate too much on the closed door and miss what the open door can bring. This helped me so much to cope with the news. I was blessed further when the doctors at the Walton Centre prescribed medication that eased the tremor and the joint pain I experienced when playing. I hope the other guys in the group thought it was good news as well. I'm really not looking forward to the time when I will not be able to play for services but I am wondering what God will give me to do instead. We have some younger people at Holy Trinity who are musically talented. I do wonder how they can be encouraged to get involved. See me if you have any advice. But as I close I am wondering what will tomorrow bring.



## Easter Echo

From 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March our Easter Project took place. This year's project called 'Easter Echo' involved 300 children and their teachers from Anfield School joining us over the course of the week.

During their time with us we shared the Easter story using songs, film clips, drama and craft, which were enthusiastically enjoyed by all. Each session came to a close with story of the 'Road to Emmaus', the children saw how Jesus' disciples recognised him only when he shared bread with them. To reinforce this act

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JOHN 3:16

remembrance we then shared baskets of bread with the children, it was explained how the sharing of bread is used by Christians during Holy Communion to help them remember Jesus.

Our hope is that the all who attended will have experienced something that will help them to remember the true meaning of Easter, and that they will share some of the things they have experienced with their family and friends.

## RUBBISH CALLING?

After living for twenty-five years in the same place, Peter retired and moved to a town where he didn't know anyone. He didn't have an obvious frontline, though there were a lot of things Peter could do, including preaching and teaching and counselling. He prayed to God, 'What do you want me to do?' It is a brave prayer, and a humble one, you might not get an answer you like. For Peter, the Lord brought Jeremiah 29:7 to mind: 'Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.' Peter wondered, 'How can I bless the town that God has brought me to?' So he prayed again, and the Lord told him to pick up litter. It reminded him of Jesus washing the disciple's feet in the upper room - cleaning off dirt. So he went to the Council and asked them for a litter-picking claw, and they gave him one on 'permanent loan.' So it came to pass that on the days when Peter went on his two-mile walk, through

the nature reserve close to his home, he'd pray and praise God for his world and pick up the litter that marred it and put it into a plastic bag. He would smile at people he passed on the path and say 'hello.' Pretty soon people started saying 'hello' back and little conversations began. As the months passed, people would ask 'Why do you do it?' 'Because God loves the world he has made', Peter would reply. Others would ask, 'Are you getting paid?' - He hasn't been of course. One person even said, 'That's a thankless job, you'll get to heaven for that.' So Peter replied that he hoped to get to heaven not because he picked up litter but because he knows Jesus who gave his life to him. During Easter week, he says 'hello' to the people he normally says 'hello' to and gives them a gift - a little wooden cross, made, he tells them, from olive wood from Israel where Jesus lived. A gift to remind us that at Easter Jesus died and rose again. Some people have indeed come to

evangelistic meetings at the church. So, as he walks, Peter the litter - picker picks up litter. Drivers he doesn't know toot their horns and wave in respect and gratitude. Then on one ordinary day like any other day, a white van pulled up beside him. The window rolled down, and the man in the white van, who had of course somewhere to go, and work to do, said, "Thanks very much." Well, I wonder what strikes you about this story? In what ways has Peter been fruitful on his frontline?

*This story comes from the book, 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' by Mark Greene,' and in this story Mark is able to show that the place where we are, work or retired is our place of mission or as described in the story, our frontline, and shows how simple it can be to make a difference!*

## Introducing Darren & Alice



Hello, how you doing Christ Church and Holy Trinity! My name is Darren and the lovely lady in the photo is my fiancé, Alice. What a few months it has been for us, getting engaged and finding out where I will be a curate. We are very excited and thankful to have the chance to come to Walton Breck this June to serve as Curate.

I am originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland and Alice is from Hong Kong. We both became Christians at the age of eighteen and met in Hong Kong where I worked for St. Andrew's church as a youth and student

pastor for most of my twenties and Alice and I served together leading the youth group. Here I was encouraged to enter ordained ministry and ended up training in Durham as my vicar in Hong Kong used to be a vicar in Durham.

We are definitely looking forward to getting married on the 13 June after several years of long distance between Durham and Glasgow as that is where Alice is finishing her veterinary degree, while I am finishing up my "vicar -school" training in Durham.

We thought Liverpool was great when we came down for our two visits. The church was so friendly and welcoming. In our free time Alice loves being in the outdoors and enjoys her watersports. I love watching/reading anything related to Irish rugby. Although I suspect

I will not need to keep one eye on another sport for the next few years! We also enjoy getting to the seaside as often as we can.

We are both really looking forward to getting to know you all better, grow in God together and see what God can do in the community. Please pray for us as there will be a lot of change in the next three months with the wedding, ordination, move to Liverpool, starting a curacy and as Alice looks for vet jobs. But we know everything will be ok and have a real sense of peace and excitement.

We look forward to seeing you all after my ordination in June at the cathedral and until then will be keeping the church and the community in our prayers.