

## Welcome

Welcome to the new quarterly Christ Church newsletter. The intention is to update you with news and events following the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings. The PCC meets quarterly to discuss and update on all matters relating to the parish church(s), including finances, maintenance of the Church assets, Safeguarding, Young people and the Deanery Synod.

## Aire and Worth Deanery Synod

All members of the church can access the diocesan online learning platform, which offers a wide range courses from ministry with children and young people to Spiritual conversation.

Please do take a look to see if there is something for you

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/>

## Safeguarding

The church wardens and parish safeguarding officer are in the final stages of completing work to review several voluntary roles within Church, this work includes producing role descriptions, guidance and risk assessments. Once approved these will be implemented as part of safer recruitment, and will include regular reviews with volunteers, to ensure all feel supported.

The online safeguarding hub will be used for these roles, as advised by the diocese.

For more detail, please speak to Melanie or Dawn.

## Young People

**Explorers-** Continues to run on the third Sunday of the month. With varying levels of attendance. The focus of the session is linked with the content of the main service.

**ABC** – Our Adult, Babies and Children Wednesday Morning group continues to grow, with the introduction of a range of age-appropriate activities including Play doh, a parachute/den and mark making materials. Each session concludes with 5-10 minutes of songs, which has proved popular

## Finance

This year's Parish share (money that we pay to the diocese to help keep an incumbent in the parish) is £44,040. This payment is paid from your plate contributions.

Money for the maintenance and upkeep of the church is funded via voluntary contributions and fundraising.

Heating and lighting are currently £15/hour for the main church and £5/ hour for the backroom.

## Up Coming Events

12th April Easter Crafts

18th May Family Rogation Service

21st June Family Fun Dog Show

27th July Confirmations with Bishop Toby (refreshments)

A full list and sign-up sheet can be found on the notice board.

These are voluntary led activities. We welcome your support

## Vacancies

- Church readers
- Leading intercessions. Training will be given, sign-up sheet at the back of church.

The **fabric committee** have been busy, working through the quinquennial report. Such items include outside repointing, electrical safety, kitchen repainting, timber inspections and boundary wall maintenance