

Alive!

News from
Totley Rise
Methodist Church

June/July/Aug 2008

Hope 08 Get on Board



May saw 'Angel Fortnight' taking place as part of our Hope 08 activities. Individuals signed up to be an anonymous Angel to somebody else in the church. This involved sending words of encouragement and small gifts throughout the 2 weeks. Everybody involved found the whole experience very encouraging. The Hope 08 team would like us to hold a similar event in the autumn, but this time to be an Angel to members of our community.

July will be a busy month with 2 major activities planned as part of Hope 08.

The first event is a month long event called 'Hospitality Month'. The challenge is for everybody in the church to offer some form of hospitality to their neighbours. The hospitality may be a cup of tea and cake or a complete meal. The neighbours may be the house next door or the whole street!



Church Review

For administrative purposes Methodist churches are grouped together in circuits. TRM is in the Ecclesall Circuit along with Millhouses, Carter Knowle, Psalter Lane, Endcliffe, Banner Cross, Bents Green and Dore Methodist churches. Currently all the churches in the circuit are under review – details of the suggestions were described by John Lashmar at TRM's annual church meeting and the circuit superintendent, Rev. Rodney Hill, will be speaking about them in TRM's morning service on 8 June. Two church prayer meetings have already been held to seek God's way forward and a third is on Saturday 7 June at 9.00 am.

A two page summary of the proposals was given to all church members; the full proposals are in a 44 page green discussion document, These are available from TRM on request. Groups within the church will be discussing the implications and making recommendations back to the circuit in the Autumn when further discussion and decisions will be taken.

Advice Centre Reopens

Thanks to extra grant aid and to other churches in S17 adding their support to that of TRM, Woodseats Advice Centre is able to reopen at TRM on 3 June. A new Advice Worker, Kiri Smith, has been appointed, and she will be available to give help and advice on issues such as consumer rights, employment, benefits including help completing forms, housing, social care, etc. If you or someone you know living in S17 needs help **drop in any Tuesday between 10 and 12 noon to TRM church hall**, or ring 0114 2584384 any day for advice or if necessary to arrange a home visit.



Family Fun in the Park
Sunday 13 July
2.00 to 4.30 pm, Green Oak Park

The second event will only last 2½ hours but promises to be a lot of fun for the whole family. Together with All Saints we are holding *Family Fun in the Park*. This promises to be a great afternoon for the whole community. There is already a dedicated team planning the event including 5-a-side football, bouncy castles, children's races, welly-wanging and more, all for free. To put on a successful event of this scale will require the whole church; so if you are not already involved could you bake a cake, look after a stall, help with the children's races etc? Please contact Alistair Hinch for more information.

Where Did the Rest Time Go?

A Great British institution magazine recently lamented, 'where did the weekend go and what's become of those two precious days we used to spend luxuriating in laziness?' Thirty years ago the government made plans for all the extra leisure time that modern technology would afford us. We could not be trusted to spend that time wisely ourselves so they built leisure centres in every town. Alas, the modern age has passed and the more time promised for leisure has passed with it. The technology we now use makes it easier for our work in the office to continue at home.

The line drawn between the week and the weekend has all but gone and one day for most people is much the same as another. This comes with a heavy price. The 6.5 million sick days each year costs the nation billions

of pounds; personally it costs because families no longer make the time to invest in what it means to be family. Much of this could be avoided if we lived the way we were designed - to live a balanced life between rest and work. It wouldn't do for life to be all rest and it certainly doesn't do for life to be all work paid or otherwise. We were designed for creativity and productivity, but that happens best when we work out of rest. The Bible reminds us that we work from rest, we do not rest from work. I believe the closer we live to God's guidelines the more we will live life better.

Love and every blessing

Garry Dawson-Jones

Tea Dance

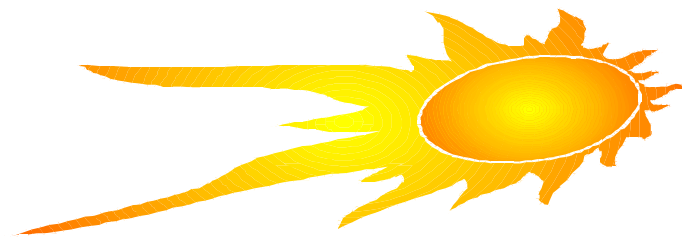


I'm putting on my top hat, tying up my white tie, brushing off my tails!

Well no, it was not as formal as that but the *Tea Dance* reminded us of an older and more genteel era. Introduced by the Palm Court music of Roger and Margaret Hoyle, the tea dance set a new precedent for TRM activities. Members of the University of Sheffield Dance Team gave lessons and demonstrations of different dances. The lessons started from the very simple waltz, with the plaintive cry *How do I get out of this corner?* to more complicated quickstep moves. First attempts at the quickstep were more at 33¹/₃ rather than 78 rpm; but things speeded up.

High tea was served to the tables – appropriately after the cha-cha. If you see Roger Hoyle with a different hair style in the near future it is because he was the first to provide the wooden door key for the prize of a visit to Peppé's hair salon. (In case you are wondering, some of us have plastic doors so couldn't win.)

Dancing continued after tea with more spot prizes. TRM and the 70 or so people attending give a big thank you to Christina Fitzsimmons for organising the event. Proceeds went to the Methodist fund for Overseas mission.



A spiritual boost!

The seventy people from TRM who went on the Away Day had a great spiritual treat. Our destination was Christ Church, Fulwood - near enough to make travelling easy; far enough to be able to leave behind our mundane problems and not be tempted to travel back home to deal with them. For many of us it was good to renew our friendship with George and Maureen Palmer; for others this was a new experience.

George's four sessions were based loosely round the four P's that have been the focus of much

of our church life for the last few months. We are called to be a church that experiences the *presence* of God, knows the *passion* of Jesus, lives in the *power* of the Spirit and seeks and finds the *purpose* of God. It was not so much what was said, or even the way it was said, but the atmosphere of the felt presence of God in all that took place. George gave time for the Spirit to speak to us and through individuals to the rest of us. There was also a time when he and Maureen ministered specifically to those who asked for prayer.

We came away from the day spiritually refreshed and more open to God. In particular we were encouraged to seek first God's will and purpose in the decisions that we shall have to make about the future of TRM as part of the local Methodist group of churches – and not just do something for the sake of it

Sue Ratheram and her team from Bents Green church were thanked for serving all the drinks and refreshments, and the children were well looked after by Lesley Wallace and her friend, also from Bents Green.



Phone a Friend

The Hope 08 steering group has suggested that it would be a really good idea to strengthen our contact with our housebound members by telephoning them on a regular basis. Pastoral Visitors already do this, but we would like to try and increase this contact, so, if anyone is interested in spending just a short time each week or fortnight helping the Pastoral Team by joining a **telephone team** to do this really important outreach work, could you let Lynne Capewell know, please. Many thanks.

Family News

Peter and Pauline Dibben have become grandparents. Their new grandson, **Harrison James Corrin** was born on Monday 28 April at 1.49 pm, weighing 6lb 9oz.

Happy Birthday wishes to **Anne Capper**, and also to **Tim Hinchliffe**, who both celebrate 'big' birthdays during the course of this current edition of Alive!

Congratulations also go to **Graham and Barbara Baldry** who celebrate their Ruby Wedding in July, and **Hilary and Eddie Grundy** who have their Golden Wedding anniversary at the beginning of August.

Welcome back to the area to **Wayne Hodgkins** and his family who are now living in Totley as Licensees of the Fleur de Lys.

Out and about with the Youth

Things have been busy for young people in S17. In the last two months *Goldmine* have been to All Saints, Dore Methodist and TRM with the other churches in S17 all booked for June and July. These have been great times of worship and fellowship as people of all ages join together.

There has also been a lot of fun. One Thursday at *Great Escape* there was a massive water fight in the car park. If you came down that sunny eve, you needed an umbrella! It was a great, unplanned time where the neighbours joined in, and everyone (apart from those more sensible adults) got soaked!

On May Bank Holiday, many of our young people joined with others for a Hope 08 day in the city centre. Litter was picked up, illegal posters taken down, and food given to the Big Issue sellers and homeless. There was a healing and prophetic team to meet those in need. The day culminated in an evangelistic worship evening in the Cathedral. It was a great way to demonstrate something of the love of God to Sheffield.

In August, thousands of young people descend on Shepton Mallet for *Soul Survivor*. We will be a part of this; Steelroots are taking approximately 25 young people for a week of community, worship, ministry, teaching and great fun! Last year it was very wet and windy, so we're hoping for much better this year! Please pray!

Look out for the Totley Festival on 22 June at Green Oak Park where we will be running a local bands' van. Seb, Ben and Joel will be doing Y6 transition lessons at the end of this term in the primary schools as well as helping at the King Ecgbert's summer school.

Please remember them in your prayers over the next few months; there's a sense that this is a significant time for Steelroots, a sense that God is doing something new.

Junior Youth Club

On 14 May the first session of what we pray will become a regular event at TRM was held. Junior Youth Club kicked off with a fun filled evening of a variety of activities including games, craft activities, songs and a bible story. We had a good turn out of over 20 kids and the evening ended with a very splashy paddling pool game!

Junior Youth club is for primary school aged children and will be running monthly throughout the summer (25 June, 9 July, 13 August) in the TRM school rooms. For this new venture to be the success we hope we do still need people to get involved. Volunteers to help set up and clear away would really be appreciated as well as more hands to help during the club itself. It starts at 5:30 pm and finishes at 6:30 pm. If you would like more information or to get involved with helping please contact Liz Hinch or Catherine Shipley.

No Washout



With military precision the Youth Church car wash team rolled into action early one Saturday in May, to support the fund raising activities of our resident TRM marathon runners. Indeed marathon seemed to be an apt title for the event which saw a stream of cars arriving throughout the morning for a wash, rinse and shine. While the drivers waited eagerly to see the results of frenetic sponging on their vehicles, they were entertained by being served cakes and coffee in the church.

Don't miss these!

TOTLEY FESTIVAL

Sunday 22 June, Green Oak Park

The residents of Totley are holding their annual Festival in the Park from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm. Do come along and join in the fun!



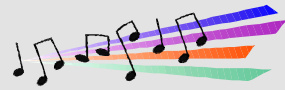
FAMILY FUN IN THE PARK

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Together with All Saints, TRM Church is having 'Family Fun in the Park' from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Bring all the family, friends and neighbours, and enjoy 5-a-side football, bouncy castles, children's races, welly-wanging and much more!

UNITED CHRISTIAN VOICES PRAISE EVENING

Saturday 20 September



Several members of TRM are in the newly formed United Christian Voices choir, who are performing at a praise evening at TRM, starting at 7.00 pm. Tickets will shortly be available from Sheila Cooper and others at TRM, so book this date in your diaries. Proceeds from ticket sales are for the Woodseats Advice Centre work at TRM.

Coffee for Charity

The sun shone brightly on Saturday 12 May. So the many who came to the FOIL AIDS coffee morning were able to sit in the sunshine for their refreshment, then browse through the books, potter amongst the plants and carefully consider the cakes to buy. It was all very relaxed and enjoyable. Phyl's garden looked a picture and £432 was raised for the charity. Peter and Phyl thank all those who came and all who helped make the morning so successful and look forward to seeing you all at the next venture, which is the Quiz Night on 16 October.

Events

June 2008

Sun 1	9.00 am	Holy Communion - Rev Gordon Wilson
Tue 3	9.30 - 10 am 10 - 12 noon 10 - 12 noon	Prayer Meeting Coffee Morning Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM
Wed 4	7.30 pm	Wednesday Friendship, From St Petersburg to Moscow by River, <i>Clifford Tompkins</i>
Thu 5	1.30 - 3.00 pm 7.00 - 8.30 pm	Pushchair Club Youth Club
Sat 7	9.00 am	Prayer Meeting about Circuit Review
Sun 8	9.30 am 10.30 am	Toddler Praise Rev Rodney Hill leading service, and talking about Circuit Church Review
Tue 10	9.30 - 10 am 10 - 12 noon 10 - 12 noon 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting Coffee Morning Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM Tuesday Ladies, History of Stainsby Mill, <i>Pam Staunton</i>
Thu 12	1.30 - 3.00 pm 7.00 - 8.30 pm	Pushchair Club Youth Club
Tue 17	9.30 - 10 am 10 - 12 noon 10 - 12 noon	Prayer Meeting Coffee Morning Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM
Wed 18	7.30 pm	Wednesday Friendship, The History of Beauchief Abbey, <i>Geoffrey Carson</i>
Thu 19	1.30 - 3.00 pm 7.00 - 8.30 pm	Pushchair Club Youth Club
Fri 20	9.15 am	LEGO Walk - meet at Church
Sun 22	11 am - 5 pm	Totley Festival at Green Oak Park
Tue 24	9.30 - 10 am 10 - 12 noon 10 - 12 noon 7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting Coffee Morning Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM Tuesday Ladies, Round walk through Ecclesall Woods, and Barbecue
Wed 25	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Junior Youth Club
Thu 26	1.30 - 3.00 pm 7.00 - 8.30 pm	Pushchair Club Youth Club

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<i>July 2008</i>		<i>August 2008</i>	
Tue 1	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM 7.00 pm Senior Citizens' Outing	Sun 3	9.00 am Holy Communion, Rev Gordon Wilson
Wed 2	7.30 pm Wednesday Friendship, Research in S. Africa and FOIL AIDS, Peter & Pauline Dibben	Tue 5	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM
Thu 3	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club 7.00 - 8.30 pm Youth Club	Thu 7	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club
Sun 6	9.00 am Holy Communion - Rev G Dawson-Jones	Fri 8	9.15 am LEGO Walk - meet at Church
Tue 8	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM	Tue 12	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM
Wed 9	5.30 - 6.30 pm Junior Youth Club	Wed 13	5.30 - 6.30 pm Junior Youth Club
Thu 10	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club 7.00 - 8.30 pm Youth Club	Thu 14	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club
Fri 11	9.15 am LEGO Walk - meet at Church	Tue 19	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM
Sun 13	2 - 4.30 pm Family Fun in the Park (Green Oak Park)	Thu 21	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club
Tue 15	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM	Tue 26	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning No Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM
Wed 16	7.30 pm Wednesday Friendship, Nigeria, <i>Tina Tomlinson</i>	Thu 28	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club
Thu 17	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club 7.00 - 8.30 pm Youth Club		
Tue 22	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM		
Thu 24	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club		
Tue 29	9.30 - 10 am Prayer Meeting 10 - 12 noon Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon Woodseats Advice Centre at TRM		
Thu 31	1.30 - 3.00 pm Pushchair Club		

Sundays at TRM

Sunday Services are at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm
The first Sunday of each month is All Age Worship at 10.30 am