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News from St Barnabas Church and the Alwoodley Park Methodist Church

MAN CHURCH— BY GRAEME DUTTON

Sometimes it seems, it can be quite hard being a bloke in church. It seems like when you say you're a Christian, to some people that suggests that you are somehow less of a man. I think this may be due to the way in which we, as men, evaluate ourselves through other men's opinions. Or maybe it's even more complicated than that. Maybe we evaluate ourselves through our opinions of what we think other men's opinions are of us! If you are still with me at this point.....well done! It's perhaps a lot to do with courage and the suggestion that somehow if we engage in Christian community we are somehow hiding from the world. So it's not that we men are scared of religion or talking about our feelings. It seemingly has more to do with being scared about what other men may think when they hear of our involvement in church. I was reading Corinthians again this week and decided to read 2 particular verses in a few different versions including the King James Version and the English standard version. The passage in question was 1 Cor.16:13-14.

Here it is from the King James Version.....

“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be Strong. Let all your things be done with charity”~ and from the English Standard version...”Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love” It is important to note in the King James Version that “quit you like men” means “act like men”.

So here we have a clear directive to “act like men”. It seems fairly clear here that Paul expects his readers to understand what he means when he says that. There is also a directive that everything we do is “done in love”. These 2 instructions are clearly not separated, it is not a call for those of us who are macho to be manly and those of us who are tender to loving. It's an understanding that our Christian faith requires both. Paul challenges us to retain the identity that we have as men and bring that manliness into the way we serve God and love one another. It's a call to show the courage to other men that we will stand for love, and the courage to show the church that when we do that we still stand as men.



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 Corner of the Avenue/Lane
 Minister Rev. Graeme Dutton
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HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY SEPT.27TH AT 10.45 AM
 All Harvest gifts will be donated to Caring for Life at Cookridge.

Please deliver your gifts to the church on Saturday 26th Sept. from 10.00a.m.to noon.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE Sunday October 18th 10.45 am.

Joint Taize service with St. Barnabas

MORNING WORSHIP 10.45a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10.45a.m

Fair Trade Cafe will be open with a New Menu and Traidcraft Food Stall at the following venues.

Tuesday 22 September 12 - 2.00p.m. at Shadwell Methodist Church.

Tuesday 10th November 12 - 2.00p.m at Alwoodley Park Methodist Church. Greeting & Christmas Cards will be on sale here..

To date this year a total of £620 has been donated to Traidcraft to further their aims of a fairer life for growers and farmers in developing countries



ACTION FOR CHILDREN

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME(now Action for Children) was founded by Thomas Bowman Stephenson - a Methodist minister, 140 years ago since when it has been supported by the Methodist Church. The ideal of Thomas and his 2 friends was to provide the quality of care that other children receive in their homes. The homes still provide loving care for children, not just in the UK where 45 projects are on going, but also in 23 countries world wide

SEWATHON GROUP

On Monday Nov. 9th we are again covering and filling shoe boxes with relevant things for children aged between 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14years. These are sent to THE SAMARITANS PURSE, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD who distribute them in parts of Eastern Europe, central Asia and Africa. We usually fill 50 boxes and as each box costs £2.50 to send we hope to cover all the expense by monetary donations. For more info. about Sewathon ring Judith on 2678062.

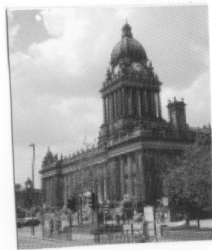
COMMUNITY KITCHEN FOR ALWOODLEY PARK

Three cheers for the funders!!!! that's the response of members of Alwoodley Park church, who have managed to raise enough funds to extend and renovate the kitchen in their large hall. Donations from The Area Well Being Fund, Awards for All and the All Churches Trust, have enabled the church to make the kitchen more appropriate for use by a large variety of community groups. Fair Trades cafes, Parent and Toddler groups, Ballet School, Lunch Club and volunteer training events already use the hall. It is hoped that the improved facilities will encourage new ventures for the benefit of the local community as well as for private functions.

LEEDS METHODIST CHOIR

The Leeds Methodist Choir with Sinfonia of Leeds is performing Haydn's Oratorio CREATION at Leeds Town Hall on Saturday September 19th at 7.30 pm. Tickets £7 and £11 are available from the Ticket Secretary, 79 Moor Side, Boston Spa LS23 6PN (enc. Sae), tel. 01937 541743 and at the Carriageworks from Sept 1st and at the door on the night. ALL PROCEEDS TO SUE RYDER CARE

ALPHA AT LEEDS TOWN HALL ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 2nd 2009




ALPHA LUNCH 1 - 2pm. Lunch provided no charge.. Jonathan Aitken, former conservative MP, presents his story "Finding God in the Depths".

ALPHA EVENING 7-9p.m. Nicky Gumbel of Alpha will launch the Leeds Citywide Alpha, with guests including Rosemary Conley, CBE Fitness and Health Guru and Cameron Stout., Winner of Big Brother 4.

Free canapés served from 7-00 to 7-45pm with a cash bar.

FOR MORE INFORMATION//FREE TICKETS.(admission by ticket only). 113 2437916, citywidealphaleeds@googlemail.com, FACEBOOK -Leeds Citywide Alpha

ALPHA AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH ALWOODLEY

 The next Alpha course at St Barnabas will begin on Tuesday evening 6th October. There will be 12 sessions starting at 7.00 pm with a meal followed by a DVD and group discussion - ending about 9.00pm This is a great opportunity for non-christians to learn about Jesus. Further details from alpha@stbarnabasleeds.org.uk or 0113 2679200

COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 26th September at St Barnabas Church Hall from 10.00am to noon. there will

be stalls selling crafts, jewellery, cakes books.

All proceeds to go to Caring for Life



St Barnabas Church
The View, Leeds 17
Vicar - Nigel Beer
Tel.No 2678487

Return to Church Sunday

September 27th 10.00am

Harvest Sunday 4th October

10.00am all gifts will be divided between St George's Crypt and Caring for Life.

TEA COFFEE DANCE AT ST B'S

The first session this autumn will be at St B's church Hall on Thursday 10th September 10.30 am to noon. Bring your own favourite music, CD or tape



The Fair Trade Tea Dance at St Paul's Roman Catholic Church raised £212 for Traidcraft.

M. A. R. C.

(Mesothelioma & Asbestos Related Concerns)
Mixed Voices Singing songs from The Shows at St Stephens Church King Lane Leeds 17 on Saturday 12th September 2009 at 7.30pm tickets £5.00 including refreshments.
Proceeds to the June Hancock Mesothelomia Research Fund

As a thank you to St. Barnabas Church, Mr. Stephen Burt has kindly donated some of his history books on Alwoodley, to the Church, to help with our fundraising. 'An Illustrated History of Alwoodley' and 'Old Alwoodley in Photographs'. They are £5 each and all proceeds will go to the Church Hall Building Fund. An ideal gift - so shop early for Christmas! If you wish to make a purchase, please ring 0113 2935387, or email christineakinsey@yahoo.co.uk

NEWS FROM OPEN HOUSE

It was confirmed in July that Open House Community Centre have received funding to cover their running cost for 2009/10 from LCC "Wellbeing Fund". Thanks to fundraising by MoorAllerton Churches and centre volunteers together with donations from local individuals and charities, Open House on Lingfield Drive was able to continue during the early part of the year. The centre trustees and management committee hope more volunteers will come forward who can offer their time to help in the running of new groups and activities

DIARY DATES

Thursday 10th September. Tea Coffee Dance at St B's Church Hall from 10.00a.m. to noon.

Saturday 12th September at St Stephen's Church. Nixed Voices sing Songs from the Shows

Wednesday 16th September. Night 16 at Alwoodley Park MC 7.30P.M - Speaker TBA.

Friday 18th September St B's Church Walk. 11.00a.m. car park

Saturday 19th September. Leeds Town Hall. 7.30pm. Methodist Choir.

Tuesday 22 September. Fair Trade Cafe at Shadwell Methodist Church 12 - 2.00pm.

Saturday September 26th Busy B's Coffee Morning at St Barnabas Church Hall 10.00 to noon

Friday October 2nd Alpha at Leeds Town Hall., 1- 2p.m and 7-9pm.

Saturday 3rd October. Barn Dance at the ACA Community Centre 7-30p.m.

Tuesday 6th October 7pm 1st Session of Alpha Course at St Barnabas Church

Thursday 8th October. Tea Coffee Dance 10.00a.m. at St B's Church Hall

Monday 12th October St B's Church Walk. 11.00a.m. in the car park.

Friday October 16th . Night 16 7-30p.m. at Alwoodley Park MC. Quiz

Tuesday 3rd November. St B's Church Walk 11.00am in the car park

Monday 9th November Sewathon at Alwoodley Park MC.

Tuesday 10th November. Fair Trade Cafe at Alwoodley Park MC 12 - 2p.m

Thursday 12th November Tea/Coffee Dance

10.00am St B's Church Hall

Monday 16th November. Night 16 at Alwoodley Park MC. 7.30. "Cracking Crafts for Christmas"

Wednesday November 25th. St B's Church Walk, 11.00a.m in the car park

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH, ALWOODLEY ARE HAVING A

HARVEST BARN DANCE

AT ALWOODLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE AVENUE, LEEDS 17

ON SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER, 2009

7.30 - 10.30 (DOORS OPEN 7.15)

CALLER - GRAHAM BINLESS

TICKETS:

£5 Adult £4 Child Including Pie & Pea Supper

Available from Monday, 14th September
Telephone: 2666086 or 2682591 for tickets