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# NEWSLETTER

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ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - November 2024

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## Thank you and now it's over to us...

### **Ministry on the Netherhall Estate.**

As hopefully many of you know, for the past 4 years Matthew Creber has been pioneering work on the Netherhall Estate, which is shared between our own parish and that of St Mary, Humberstone. He arrived in the early days of COVID and to say he had a tricky start is an understatement. Pioneering work in the church is difficult enough as it is, working on the margins of how the church has traditionally ministered, but he has persevered and brought forth real fruit.

In his time he has helped set up the Netherhall Community Association, as well as starting After-School gatherings (Creators) in the Neighborhood Centre. A group has also been meeting on a Wednesday enabling people to socialize and sometimes get help and advice from outside speakers. Matthew has become a familiar face on the Estate, having become involved in all sorts of areas of life there, and the Café on Netherall Road has been a useful base at which to meet people. He has also helped the operation of the local food bank and has worked with people from St Mary's, Laburnum Road Community Church and ourselves as he has sought to help a fledgling Christian gathering start there. And he and Viv Froggatt (from St Mary's) have been holding a monthly service at Aaron Court.

Sadly, the end of October sees Matthew moving to pastures new, where he is to take up a post in Ely Diocese. He will be greatly missed in the area, and those of us who worked with him will miss his infectious energy and positive, generous approach.

But the most important thing is that those of us from St Mary's and All Saints try to maintain some of the things Matthew has started. Viv and I have met with Matthew and some of the residents to look at possibilities. At the very least, we want to help support the Wednesday afternoon group, as well as the monthly service at Aaron Court and occasional get-togethers at Christmas and Easter, for example.

Please keep Matthew and his family in your prayers as he begins a new phase of his ministry, and also the people of the Netherhall Estate, especially those recently baptised and confirmed. And keep your ears open for opportunities to help and join in.

*Father Tackin*

## November Diary

2nd	<b>All Souls Day</b>	10.00am Coffee Morning
		7.30pm Memorial Service
3rd	<b>ALL SAINTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b>	10.00am Festival Sung Eucharist
5th		10.00am Coffee Pop-in
6th		12.00pm Eucharist
9th		11.00am Act of Remembrance <i>Memorial Homes</i>
10th	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	10.00am Sung Eucharist
12th		10.00am Coffee Pop-in
13th		12.00pm Eucharist
14th		11.00am Service at Aaron Court
15th	<b>St Hugh</b>	7.30pm Patronal Festival at St Hugh, Eyres Monsell
17th	<b>2nd BEFORE ADVENT</b>	10.00am Sung Eucharist
		6.00pm A Holly, Jolly Eco Christmas Craft Evening
19th		10.00am Coffee Pop-in
20th		12.00pm Eucharist
21st		7.30pm Deanery Synod
24th	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	10.00am Sung Eucharist
26th		10.00am Coffee Pop-in
		7.30pm PCC Meeting
27th		12.00pm Eucharist
28th		9.30am Bishop's Study Day
29th		5.30pm Christmas Market
30th		10.00am Christmas Market

## ADVENT COURSE

On Advent Sunday, 1st December, we will have the first session of a 4 week course which is designed to help us to shine as Lights for Christ in your world today.

The course is titled: **Traveling Light**, comes from the Diocese of Sheffield, and the sessions have these themes:

*Week 1 - Heading for the Hill Country*

*Week 2 - The Roads to Bethlehem*

*Week 3 - Moving on: Joyful and Fearful*

*Week 4 - God Comes to Us.*

The introduction says:

“The Bible is full of comings and going. People travel, sometimes long distances, sometimes just locally. Some travel willingly, others reluctantly; some carry a lot of stuff with them, others take little or nothing. All these movements become times of learning for those involved, part of how they grow in relationships with each other and with God.”

This course will help us join some of these travellers as we discover more about our own journey - where we have come from and where we are heading.

And as we do, we know we are travelling towards Christmas and looking beyond it to the New Year. So the course aims to help us walk with Jesus Christ “discovering more of the light Christ brings and finding ways to share that light with others.”

Everyone is welcome to come along and enhance their journey through Advent, towards Christmas.