

FORMBY  
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CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

December 2011 & January 2012

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This Church is in Covenant Membership with other Churches of Formby, Altcar and Hightown and with Trinity United Church in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

We give a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us. Please make yourselves known to the Church Stewards in the Entrance. The services for the month are listed in the Newsletter. We hope you will take the opportunity to worship with us. Coffee is served in the Hall after the morning service.

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Dear Friends

Recent debates and reports about unemployment amongst young people have coined a phrase: the 'invisible generation.' It refers to the 1 million young people out of work and not in any kind of training programme: invisible because no one sees them. It's the kind of sound byte that sounds hollow and not really useful.

However, recently I witnessed something that pulled me up and caused me to reflect seriously about how people can be invisible even when they are right before us and how our actions can rob them of something very valuable: their dignity.

I was waiting at the checkout in Waitrose, before me in the queue was a man, a small frail elderly woman and a younger woman who was being served. The checkout assistant was chatting intermittently to the woman she was serving who having paid moved away. Next the elderly woman moved forward and began to speak to the assistant who without acknowledging her spoke to the other checkout assistant on the other side of the woman, she only spoke to the elderly lady to say the total bill, took the money and gave the change whilst carrying on the conversation with the other checkout assistant. As the man in front of me moved forward the assistant spoke to him and the elderly lady moved away with her shopping. Was she invisible?

"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat."

Mother Theresa

"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted".

Mother Theresa

Christmas is God's revelation of His passion and desire for human beings: He wants us, He loves us, He cares for us, He hasn't forgotten how frail we are.

How is it possible to spend so much money on gifts, cards, wrapping paper, food, drink, decorations etc. and miss the essential truth about Christmas? One reason may be that Jesus is invisible. Jesus is visible in society through His body the church, but if individual believers cease to have a distinctive

Christian presence the collective body of believers can't be distinctive. Society doesn't value the church or Christianity but it desperately needs what the church offers and reveals of God.

Christmas should be the time when the church shines like a beacon with the love of God bursting out to the lonely, unwanted and frail.

May God bless you richly this Christmas and in 2012 with the reminder of how precious you are to him: not because of what you do or have achieved but because you are made in His image. Halleluiah

Happy Christmas and New Year

John and Kathryn

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### **Church Family News**

Since our last news 58 members and friends enjoyed the Church Weekend away at the Rendezvous Hotel in Skipton. Enjoyable it was too, and our thanks go to the team organising it and to everyone there for making it a happy occasion. The hotel has been booked again for next year you'll be pleased to hear!

Several members are not well at present and we pray God's healing and comforting hand upon them - May Evans, Margaret McParland and also Brenda Horton and James White undergoing hospital treatment. Please know we are thinking of you and your families.

In early November we enjoyed an exhilarating Youth service led by our worship leaders and visitors and this was followed by a week of prayer for young people. This too was a truly rewarding experience with a number of children coming into church, asking questions and writing prayers for the prayer wall. Several speakers enlightened us about their work with children and young people, namely Action for Children, Sefton Children's Trust, Clumber Lodge, Street Pastors, Y Kids and Schools Workers. Much good prayer took place throughout the week and we thank God for this privileged time. Thanks too to Irene and her team for setting out the church in such a meaningful way which everyone, young and old, found interesting.

We remember all our friends who are unable to come to church to worship with us - you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

We wish each other a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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## Sunday Services

### December

4	8.30am	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.30am	Worship Leaders & Mrs J White	Parade
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
11	10.30am	Mr A Lovelady	
	6.30pm	Worship Leaders	
18	10.30am	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	CAROL SERVICE
23	4.30pm		CHILDREN'S NATIVITY
24	11.30pm	Rev J Ritson	MIDNIGHT SERVICE
25	10.30am	Rev D Bowker	

### January

1	8.30am	No Service	
	10.30am	Rev J Ritson	
8	10.30am	Mrs C Shanks	
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
15	10.30am	Rev J Ritson	COVENANT SERVICE
	6.30pm	Rev S Hill	
22	10.30am	Mr H Shanks	
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	UNITED SERVICE
29	10.30am	Rev J Ritson	
	6.30pm	Rev S Hill	

### February

5	8.30am	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.30am	Mr B Simmons	
	6.30pm	Rev J Ritson	HOLY COMMUNION

### Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

## Spread the Word

"An opportunity to do some very simple mission work - please have a look at a poster in the church hall from Bible Society asking us to-

"SPREAD THE WORD" - Bible Society is offering free stickers to stick on the back of our letters up to Christmas, intended to point friends and others to the REAL Christmas story. The stickers are attractive and FREE! There is a telephone number on the poster or an email address to order. Simple mission work.

(I will order them for you if you would like me to - Phil Morgan"

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## The Church Weekend 2011

Organising the church weekend seems a bit like the test in Masterchef where the contestants are presented with a table of ingredients that are fairly conventional, but no-one knows in advance what they are going to be, so they can't brush up a suitable recipe; even so, everyone is expected to use their skill and imagination to produce a dish which is satisfying, appetising, distinctive and familiar all at the same time.

The people taking the challenge this year were Eileen and Phil Morgan, Kathryn Ritson, Val Moore and Liz Morris, but unlike Masterchef they were working from the outset as a team rather than in competition. The ingredients they had to work with were:- a nice hotel in a small but busy town (the Rendezvous Hotel in Skipton); lovely countryside close at hand (the Yorkshire Dales); 60 assorted church members and friends; a theme for Saturday morning discussions (the recent Methodist report on Discipleship and Mission); some varied social activity; time for reflection; and a visit to the local Methodist church for Sunday worship.

So what did our intrepid cooks (sorry, organisers) produce? They began by finding unusual depths of friendliness and service in the hotel staff, and the food and facilities were excellent. The social activities were given some unusual twists; the walking group enjoyed its traditional excursion, but instead of a coach trip there was afternoon tea on a canal narrowboat, and when the games evening is in the hands of Margaret and Brian Nicholas there are bound to be surprises, and not a few laughs.

Morning and evening prayers were thoughtful, and very much appreciated by everyone. John led the Saturday discussions in his own inimitable way, and provoked a lot of debate about what it means to be a Methodist in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. But it was St. Andrew's Church that bowled the real googly (we were in Yorkshire, remember) by giving everyone a £5 note to try and turn

into something more for Action Aid; a church treasurer GIVING MONEY AWAY?! It's a good job Wendy Lunt wasn't there!

The list of everyone who needs to be thanked for contributing to the weekend in any way would make this report far too long, so to everyone who did—thank you very much.

And the final masterchef verdict? As Greg Wallace often puts it, it was yummy! In case you're wondering, the series returns next year so why not get ready to tune in and enjoy yourself.

David Honour

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### Mishaps in Skipton

During a beautifully organised and enjoyable weekend, we managed to create a few problems for ourselves which, happily and eventually, were sorted out.

On a bright sunny morning on 28<sup>th</sup> October, Ken and I together with Milly Hughes, set off for Skipton to attend the Church Weekend. We lunched at Strawberry fields in Gisburn, and Maureen and Andrew May with their driver friend, also stopped to have a meal there.

On arrival at the Rendezvous Hotel, we were told that our room was not ready, so we and also Milly, decided to walk to Skipton along the canal path. After exploring several shops and streets we went to the Three Sheep Café. Afterwards, Ken wanted to visit the Edinburgh Woollen Mill shop and Milly and I fancied looking around the market stalls in the High Street.

MISHAP NO.1. When I returned to the EWM shop entrance on High Street, there was no sign of Ken. Assuming that he had set off back to the hotel, I hurried along the canal path expecting to catch up with him. I must admit that I had both our mobile phones, so I couldn't contact Ken and he had forgotten my number, so couldn't phone me. Eventually, after a long wait outside the EWM shop's other entrance in Sheep Street, and a futile search for me in the locality, Ken was taken in hand and gently herded back to the hotel by some kind friends. After enjoying a good meal, the remainder of Friday night was spent competitively coping with quizzes presented by Liz Morris, and ending with evening devotions.

Saturday morning involved several enlightening group discussions based on Mission in the Community. As it rained at lunchtime, three of us decided to return to Skipton and caught the local bus. We all stayed together, so there were no mishaps. After another good evening meal, Margaret and Brian Nicolas organised some more competitive quizzes, which again, we

didn't win. It was a most entertaining time and ended with evening devotions.

On Sunday morning we all attended an uplifting communion service at St. Andrew's church, and met the minister and his friendly congregation.

MISHAP NO.2. After coffee in the church hall I noticed that a ring, given to me on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by my late mother, was missing. Following a frantic search of the relevant church pew and also the Ladies' room, we returned to the hotel feeling very downhearted. After lunch, we left our phone number with the hotel's reception staff and drove back to Formby. Thankfully, during Monday morning, I received a call from one of the hotel's staff advising me that my ring had been found in the room we had occupied. I thought I'd checked all the drawers and wardrobe before leaving. The ring arrived safely, by post, later that week, for which I am truly grateful. All in all, a remarkable experience.

Thanks, once again, for a memorable weekend.

Ken and Barbara Giles

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## CHURCH WALK

### 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 - Walk

This year New Year's Day is on a Sunday and the annual trip round the Pinewoods will start a little later than usual. Please meet at Larkhill Lane at 11.45am for a gentle 4 mile amble, weather permitting, through the Pinewoods and onto the beach.

After the walk there will be a light lunch at Margaret's around 1.45pm. Please let me know if you are walking and /or coming for the lunch to help with catering. During the lunch the much coveted Jeffrey Award will be presented to the most outstanding walk leaders of 2011.

A list of walk dates for 2012 will appear in the February Newsletter and also on the web page.

Many thanks

Margaret

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Craft Fair The Craft Fair had a good number of visitors and interesting stalls. A big thank you goes to all who helped so willingly in the different areas. A total of £512.25 was raised towards church funds. John and Kari.

## Open House

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the Church Hall "The Lyric Singers" with Edna Woodward will be brightening the afternoon for the Ladies' Fellowship with a Christmas theme and Open House will be serving refreshments.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm there will be an evening of "Christmas Quizzes" co-ordinated by Gordon Harrison, who welcomes contributions from members.

"Reminiscences of the Holy Land" is the title of a talk to be given by Rev Derek and Mrs Janet Bowker on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 8pm.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm there will be an illustrated talk on "Formby on Sea" - 1876" given by Dr Reg Yorke.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm Trevor Williets will give a presentation on "The Art of Beekeeping".

The next Open House Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12 noon in the Church Hall - there will be a cake stall, book stall and raffle.

Speaker meetings will take place in the Maple Leaf Room and Church members and friends are most welcome - please support our visiting speakers.

Alan Tulley

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## Church Hall Refurbishment

You can hardly have failed to notice that we took delivery of 100 folding chairs & 3 stacking trolleys in November. Initial reaction has been mainly, if not wholly, favourable. These new chairs & trolleys will make life much easier for people setting out and clearing the hall before and after events, as well as improving the look of the hall.

With the installation of new extractor fans in the kitchen we have now completed the work targeted in the spring.

Attention is now being focussed on the sound and loop systems for the hall and surrounding rooms. We are researching various options and have contacted some new suppliers. Those who were at the Church Weekend in Skipton in October will know that we were impressed by the very flexible sound system used in the hotel and that is one of the options being considered.

We would also like to erect a Church notice board close to the entrance to the car park and options for this are being looked at.

More news in the New Year.

Trevor Simpson

Chairman - Finance & Property

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### Theatre Group

Booking continues for The Formby Little Theatre's production of 'CASH ON DELIVERY' a farce written by Michael Clooney. We visit on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Tickets £8.00. Curtain up at 7.45pm. Booking will close on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Booking opens today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2011 for, 'SWEENEY TODD, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street', music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

This production is by Southport Spotlights Musical Theatre Society (previously known as Southport Operatic Society). We visit Southport Greenbank Theatre at Greenbank High School on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.00, - concessions £10.00.

Booking will close on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Own transport arrangements. The seating has not been changed, so a cushion might be a good idea. The show is being performed in the round - with a large, low stage extension.

If you wish to book for either of these shows please see Roy or Jean Allan, Ken Yarnell, Margaret Carleton or David Blundell.

Roy Allan

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### Letter from David

Dear All,

As you may know I am living in Manchester until next summer while I am on a Youth Work training course with the Christian charity The Message Trust. The course is called Genetik and trains us in youth work and evangelism.

I am based in the Harpurhey district, which has been listed as one of the most deprived areas in England.

A rundown of what the course involves:

**Monday: AM:** Teaching: Bible, youth work classes and Bible application

**PM:** The Mustard tree: raise money for the homeless. Work in charity shop and delivering items.

**Evening:** Youth club for boys: Starting this from scratch. Includes Bible teaching and activities such as those experienced in scouts.

**Tuesday: AM:** Teaching: Bible, Youth work, Bible application

**PM:** working with a company called A21 which is a company dedicated to eradicating child prostitution and slavery, there are more people in slavery today than there ever has been in the past <http://www.thea21campaign.org/>

**Wednesday: AM:** Teaching: Bible, Youth work classes and Bible application

**PM:** Youth work training.

**Wednesday nights:** we plan each Monday night session and what to do in each of them.

**Thursday:** The Light House centre that teaches children who have been kicked out of main stream schools. It also equips them with skills to return to school.

**Thursday Evening:** Evangelising in Harpurhey and running a drop-in youth club for all youth.

**Friday:** Prayer time and Fitness sessions

**Saturday:** Day Off

**Sunday:** Church Morning and Evening and sometimes worship leading

While I am here I need to fund my own living and travel expenses and course fees. Unfortunately, because this is a charity run course rather than a college course it does not qualify for student loans. Mum and Dad have been doing some fundraising to help and Kingsway church, Waterloo, has agreed to give me a monthly contribution. One or two families have also set up a small regular monthly payment and I have had a few 'one-off' donations. I am writing to ask if any of you are able to give me financial support either via a regular amount a month no matter how small or by a one off donation. This course is developing not only my faith and witness in my walk with Christ but is giving me the opportunity to help turn around people's lives by introducing them to the living Christ and sharing my testimony with them. This is a brilliant opportunity to evangelise and reach out to those who do not yet know Christ. I know some of you donate to missions around the world but please consider this mission and outreach closer to home to sponsor also. I would be grateful if you could hold me in your thoughts and prayers also as

we pray for others and reveal the wonders of being a son/daughter of God and his everlasting mercy and love.

Thank you and God bless

David Shanks

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### Action for Children

#### Christmas Concert

The above concert will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Tickets priced at £7.00 or £5.00 for concessions can be bought at the Cathedral shop or on the night. All funds raised will go to the Liverpool Junior Mentoring Project.

#### Concert

There will be a concert in the Church on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm performed by Maghull Musical Theatre Company. Tickets will be available from Norman or Mo Swain nearer the time.

#### Spring Fair

We hope that Church Council will once again give permission to hold a Spring Fair on Saturday 12 May next year from 10am until 12noon.

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#### Wednesday Morning Coffee

11January: At the home of Susan Howden, 8 Pinewood Avenue (872983)

25 January: At the home of Kathryn Ritson, The Manse

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### Liverpool District Newsletter - December 2011

Dear Friends,

There's one member of my family who insists that none of us must start thinking about, and certainly not doing any preparation for, Christmas before, at the very earliest, the 1<sup>st</sup> of December! This is difficult when the shelves of the shops and supermarkets begin, each year earlier than the last it would seem, to be decked with Christmas goodies and, as I write this (still in November) the Christmas lights are already strung up across the streets of many towns. And I am thinking about Christmas and the New Year as I write this letter which you will read around Christmas time or early in the

New Year! And I'm thinking that, whilst we might deplore the way that commercialism takes over and so, we would say, hides the heart and true meaning of Christmas, it's too easy to be over-critical of the ways of the world. We overlook too quickly, I think, the fact that for many businesses a good Christmas - that is, an economically productive period up to Christmas - ensures profit, continuance in business and employment for a lot of people! And that, in the current economic state of the world and its economies, we should be wary of criticising. And then again, however much we might want to question what Christmas is presented to the world as being about, we must also acknowledge that it is the one time of the year when a major Christian festival - recognised or not, distorted or not - is the centre of the whole country's attention. For the Church, this should be seen as an opportunity to offer the truth of the hope which is ours because of God's love for the world expressed in His coming to us in Jesus.

And for the Christian, just as nothing makes sense without the events of Easter, equally, there could be no Easter without Christmas. The truth is that the whole of life, every day, every moment, is shot through with the reality of God incarnate - love made flesh and coming to dwell among us. So, in a very real sense, Christmas (and Easter and Pentecost too) are whole year, every day celebrations, because together they are the events that make sense of life for us all.

For us within the Methodist Church of this Liverpool District, we have been seeking to address the challenge of the General Secretary's report to Conference in Southport. In that report, Martyn Atkins challenged the Methodist Church to become more truly 'A Discipleship Movement shaped for Mission'. Many Circuits, I know, are asking what this might mean in their local context. It will certainly mean change and a willingness to do things differently. Increasingly we are seeking ways of working more effectively across the District boundaries of the North West, using better the resources of people's gifts and time more effectively. As some of you will know we will be bringing proposals to next Spring's Synod for a covenant relationship between the Districts of the North West. This will offer different ways of working and so engaging more effectively in mission.

I should also be grateful if you would take especial note of two January dates. On the 14<sup>th</sup> January at Old Roan in the Liverpool North Circuit and on the 21<sup>st</sup> January at Heswall on the Wirral, we will be holding the second and third of the training events 'Getting it right for God's sake'. These events follow on from the first such event at Formby in October and there will also be a fourth event on 9<sup>th</sup> June in the Sankey Valley Circuit. Whilst

these events are deliberately aimed at particular parts of the District, each is open to all. My hope is that all those for whom this training is intended - a wide range of people in leadership in the local Church and Circuit - will make sure that they attend one of these events. Each event covers sessions focussing on ministry, governance and safeguarding. Please do watch out for fuller information in your local Church and Circuit.

I pray the blessing of the Incarnate God upon you all through this Christmas Season and the New Year.

With every good wish. Jim Booth

**RECYCLE FOR CHARITY BRING YOUR OLD LASER & INK CARTRIDGES**

**PUT THEM IN THE GREY BIN IN THE CHURCH HALL THANK YOU**

*(Wendy Lunt)*

### Flowers

I have put a copy of next years flower list in this edition of the newsletter so I would be grateful if you could please take a look at it and maybe make a note of your particular date. The flower envelopes will be handed out as usual during the course of the year.

I would also like to let you know that we now have a 'new' flower lady. Her name is Ann and she approached me a few months ago to see if she could help out, so I wasted no time in putting her skills to the test. You would already have seen some of Ann's work because she has already done two window sills for the harvest weekend and the pedestal on another occasion.

I would like to welcome Ann to our band of flower arrangers and hope that she will enjoy doing the flowers as much as we do.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has donated towards the flowers during the past year and to wish you all a happy and enjoyable Christmas. Vicky

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER** will be published on **SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY**.

Items to the news team by **MONDAY 23 JANUARY**. Please include with each item submitted for publication your name and telephone number.

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**Hard copy items**, for inclusion in the next issue on the Sunday prior to the deadline may be given to Jean Horne or Olva Clayton.

**N.B. Each newsletter costs AT LEAST 32p PLEASE TAKE AN ENVELOPE AND BECOME A SUBSCRIBER. Thank you.**

## Sunday Morning Crèche Rota

### December

4 Karen & Mo  
 11 Lynda & Jenny  
 18 Sybil & Kari  
 25 Janet & Margaret

### January

1 Karen & Mo  
 8 Lynda & Jenny  
 15 Janet & Sybil  
 22 Margret & Kari  
 29 Karen & Mo

**February 5** Jenny & Lynda

### December

## Church Diary Edna Gilmour

Monday	5	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
Tuesday	6	12.30pm	Carols at Lunchtime
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (Circle)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
		7.30pm	Badminton (Hall)
		8.00pm	Bible Study (Church)
Wednesday	7	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm	<i>Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	8	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
		2.30pm	Ladies fellowship - Lyric Singers (Hall)
Friday	9	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Support group (MLR)
Monday	12	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
Tuesday	13	1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (Circle)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
Wednesday	14	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm	<i>Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	15	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
Friday	16	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Group (MLR)
Monday	19	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
Tuesday	20	1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
Wednesday	21	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>

## January

Tuesday	3	8.00pm	Open House-'Reminiscences of the Holy Land'- Rev.Derek & Mrs Janet Bowker (MLR)
Wednesday	4	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	5	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
Friday	6	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Group (MLR)
Saturday	7	10.00am	Skipton Christian Aid Coffee Morning (Hall)
Monday	9	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
Tuesday	10	1.30-3.30pm,	<i>Jewellery Making (Circle)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
Wednesday	11	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
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Thursday	12	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
Friday	13	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Group (MLR)
Monday	16	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
Tuesday	17	1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (Circle)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Sefton Ladies Choir (Circle)</i>
		8.00pm	Open House-'Formby on Sea-1876'-Dr. Reg Yorke (MLR)
Wednesday	18	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm	<i>Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	19	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
Friday	20	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Group (MLR)
Monday	23	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		8.00pm	<i>District Scout meeting (SMR)</i>
Tuesday	24	1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (Circle)</i>
		1.30-3.30pm	<i>Flower Arranging (MLR)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Sefton Ladies Choir (Circle)</i>

Wednesday	25	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm,	<i>Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	26	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship-Rev. John Ritson (Circle)
Friday	27	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Group (MLR)
Monday	30	3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
Tuesday	31	1.30-3.30pm	<i>Jewellery Making (Circle)</i>
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		8.00pm	Open House-'The Art of Beekeeping'-Trevor Williets (MLR)
<b>February</b>			
Wednesday	1	12.00-2.00pm	Getting Started (Circle)
		1.45-4.45pm	<i>Sefton PCT Creative Alternatives (MLR)</i>
		3.00-6.00pm	<i>Kumon (Circle)</i>
		7.30pm	<i>Emotions Anon (SMR)</i>
Thursday	2	9.30-11.30am	Toddlers (Hall & Circle)
		2.30pm	Ladies Fellowship (Circle)
Friday	3	2.00-4.00pm	Carers Group (MLR)
Saturday	4	10.00-12noon	Open House Coffee morning (Hall)

**Door Duty**

Roy Allan

**December**

11 Margaret Carleton & Peter Warren

18 Ken & Barbara Giles

25 Roy & Jean Allan

**January**

1 Brian & Pam Ashworth

8 Trevor & Chris Hanson

15 Terry & Beryl Broughton

22 Pauline Fitzgerald & Liz Morris

29 Graham & Lin Marks

**February** 5 Val Moore & Phil Morgan

**Flower Rota**  
Vicky Jenions

**December**

4 Mr & Mrs Cant Barbara  
 11 Mrs Tripp Eve  
 18 Mrs Horne Margaret

**February**

**January**

8 Rev & Mrs Watts Margaret  
 15 Mrs Groves & Mrs Barbara  
 Woodward  
 22 Mr Yarnell Vicky  
 29 Mr Harrison Eve

5 Mrs May Ann

**Flower Distribution**  
Margaret Tate

**December**

4 Ron Taylor  
 11 Margaret Tate  
 18 Janet Bowker

**February**

**January**

8 Christina Clarke  
 15 Ron Taylor  
 22 Margaret Tate  
 29 Janet Bowker

5 Christina Clarke

**Sunday Refreshments**  
Margaret Carleton

**December**

4 Open House  
 11 NO COFFEE  
 18 Water Filter  
 (V Jenions and M Simpson)  
 25 NO COFFEE

**February**

**January**

1 NO COFFEE  
 8 M & J Bromiley and  
 M Carleton  
 15 Water Filter  
 (V Jenions and M Simpson)  
 22 W Lunt, C Shanks, O Clayton  
 29 M Simpson, K Huntley, L Marks

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### Flower List for 2012

Week No.	Month	Date	Name	Arranger
1	Jan	8	Rev. & Mrs Watts	Margaret
2		15	Mrs Groves and Mrs Woodward	Barbara
3		22	Mr Yarnell	Vicky
4		29	Mr Harrison	Eve
5	Feb	5	Mrs May	Ann
6		12	Mrs Lunt	Margaret
7		19	Mr & Mrs Morgan and Mrs Kemp	Barbara
8		26	Mrs Bousfield	Vicky
9	March	4	Mrs Douglas	Eve
10		11	Mr & Mrs Honour	Ann
11		18	Mrs Caldwell	Margaret
12		25	Mrs Clayton	Barbara
13	April	1	Mr & Mrs Swain	Vicky
14		8	Mr & Mrs Shanks	Eve
15		15	Mr & Mrs Domville	Ann
16		22	Mrs Tripp	Margaret
17		29	Mr & Mrs Tulley	Barbara
18	May	6	Ms Carleton	Vicky
10		13	Mr & Mrs Allan	Eve
20		20	Mr & Mrs Broughton	Ann
21		27	Mr & Mrs Gilmour	Margaret
22	June	3	Mr Taylor	Barbara
23		10	Mrs Davenport	Vicky
24		17	Mr Warren	Eve
25		24	Mrs Horton	Ann
26	July	1	Mrs Hawgood	Margaret
27		8	Mr & Mrs Hanson	Barbara
28		15	Mr & Mrs Hunter	Vicky
29		22	Mr & Mrs Pickering	Eve
30		29	Mr & Mrs Shewring	Ann
31	Aug	5	Mr & Mrs Marks	Margaret
32		12	Mrs Crompton	Barbara
33		19	Mrs Walton	Vicky
34		26	Mr & Mrs Giles	Eve
35	Sept	2	Mr & Mrs Campbell	Ann
36		9	Mr & Mrs Almond	Margaret
37		16	Mrs Lunt	Barbara
38		23	Mr & Mrs Ellard	Vicky
39		30	Mr & Mrs Howden	Eve
40	Oct	7	Mrs Hodson	Ann
41		14	Mr & Mrs Nicholson	Margaret
42		21	Mr & Mrs White	Barbara
43		28	Mr & Mrs Ashworth	Vicky
44	Nov	4	Mr & Mrs Bromiley	Eve
45		11	Mr Sullivan	Ann
46		18	Mr & Mrs Simpson	Margaret
47		25	Mrs Lawson	Barbara
48	Dec	2	Mr & Mrs Cant	Vicky
49		9	Mrs Horne	Eve
50		16	Mrs Tripp	Ann
51		23	Mrs Lawson	Vicky

**You recall we sent £800+ to DEC African Appeal** - this is some idea of how specific help has been delivered by member agencies and their partners using funds from all sources :

[Action Aid](#) has reached 86,615 people across affected areas of Kenya through school feeding programmes, help with bore holes, water trucking and by buying cattle.

[Age UK](#) partners have helped 33,600 people in southern Ethiopia with cash transfer which were mostly used to buy grain or in some cases to pay for healthcare.

The [British Red Cross](#) is helping support the ICRC which has distributed food to 162,000 people in southern and central Somalia, and is scaling up food programmes to reach 1.2m people.

[CAFOD](#) has worked through partners in north east Ethiopia and have constructed four deep wells and veterinary facilities that will benefit 120,000.

[CARE](#) Kenya is helping provide food and water over 400,000 refugees in the Dadaab camps.

[Christian Aid](#) has worked through partners to help 113,875 people in northern and central Kenya by tankering water, rehabilitating boreholes and feeding livestock.

[Concern Worldwide](#) have reached over 200,000 people in Mogadishu and southern Somalia with food vouchers, emergency nutrition and clean water.

[Islamic Relief](#) has worked in Mogadishu and southern Somalia to give food aid to 160,000 people and truck water to 120,000 people

[Merlin](#) has worked in northern Kenya. Merlin has screened 7,960 children for malnutrition and has provided therapeutic feeding to 993 children who were severely malnourished.

[Oxfam](#) has worked through partners in Mogadishu to provide clean water and sanitation to 250,000 displaced Somalis in the growing camps, which will help contain the current cholera outbreak.

[Plan International](#) has worked in affected regions of Ethiopia to provide food, sanitation and other aid to 181,768 people.

[Save the Children](#) is treating over 7,500 acutely malnourished children every month in Somalia and providing support to breast-feeding mothers.

[Tearfund](#) is supporting its partner World Concern in north east Kenya and southern Somalia to provide water, toilets and health care, household items and livestock support to help 33,620 people.

[World Vision](#) has helped 250,000 people from pastoralist groups in the north of Somalia with cash for work, water trucking, rehabilitating earth dams and assistance to run small businesses.