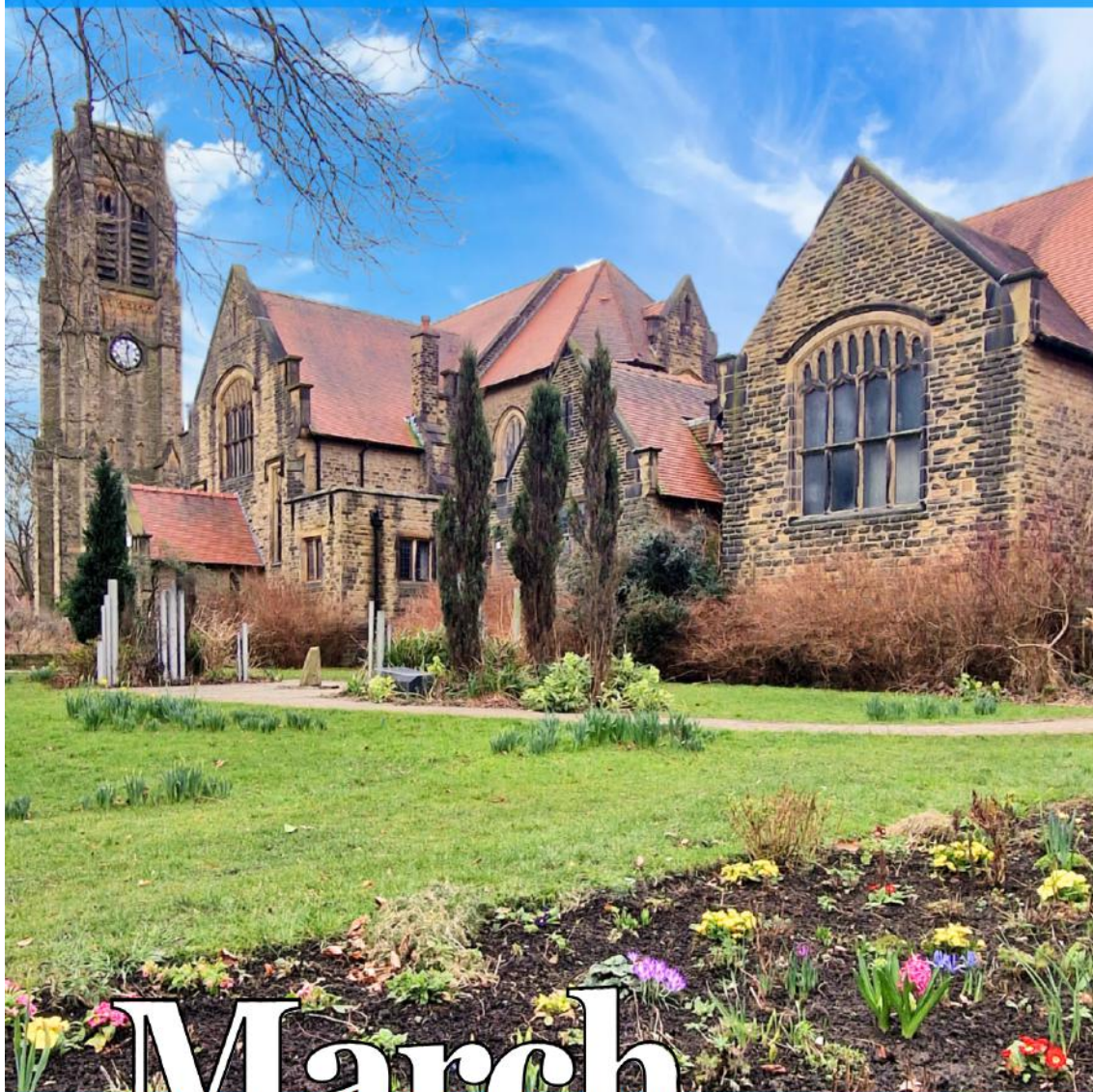




# St Andrew's Roundhay

Loving God  
Following Jesus  
Serving Community



# March

## 2025



Hello Readers!

Here we are marching into March. There is so much in this issue I don't know where to start!

First and foremost, we start with information about the Leeds Partnership Lent Course which looks really interesting. 'Let's Celebrate' is John Haywood and 'Spotlight on' is The Snowdrop Tea. There is also Part One of Jo Mary's review of her trip 'up the mountain!' Part two will be in April's magazine.

*Claire xx*

Magazine Editor

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For handwritten or typed articles please contact the Editor (Claire Westgarth) - details in the directory.

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# GOD ON MUTE

*"I believe in the sun even when it isn't shining.  
I believe in love even when I'm alone.  
I believe in God even when he is silent."*

Those words may sound familiar to you? They were found in 1945 on the wall of a basement in Köln, Germany, where a Jewish believer was thought to be hiding from the Gestapo. It is quoted by Pete Grieg in the opening pages of his book, 'GOD ON MUTE', which we will be using to guide us through Lent this year as the core resource for our Lent study groups, both for our Roundhay Covenanting Churches and across the eight churches of our Leeds URC Partnership. You can find details of times and place we are meeting during Lent 2025 in this magazine, on our website or in our online notices. If you have never joined in with a Lent course before, well, maybe this is the year to do so. It's really not as scary as it might sound and it will help you take a deeper look at the most fundamental period in the Christian Calendar. The time we spend together will take us through the key days of Holy Week, leading up to and including Easter Day.

Whilst you do not need to purchase the book in order to take part in our Lent course, I am assured by several people that it is a very good read. Justin Welby, in his foreword for the book, said: "once you put the book down, you end up trusting God in Jesus Christ more than when you started. Even more than that, the book is pastorally sensitive and does not peddle trite or harmful theories... This is a profound book, simply and accessibly written, suitable for the person in distress, for the pastor or minister of a church who deals constantly with people in distress, for the person outside the Christian faith who is baffled by people relying on what someone described to me as 'the fairies at the bottom of the garden', and for that matter for those studying the issues of suffering and God's relationship with it."

Pete Grieg is the founder of the well known 24-7 Prayer movement, a pastor and an author. He wrote 'GOD ON MUTE: engaging the silence of unanswered prayer', whilst reflecting on the time when his wife was fighting for her life, but also whilst reflecting on the wonder of watching the prayer movement they had created deeply affecting people's lives the world over.

Pete's book looks into the darker moments of life and prayer, and comes out with a message of hope, comfort and biblical insight. Its themes reach out to anyone who has struggled with prayer in the darkness of life, to anyone who has suffered in silence. This year we are given a chance to come together and realise we are not the only ones who struggle with prayer when life is hard. As Pete himself says in the dedication of his book:

*"If you are hurting and secretly wondering 'Where is God?'  
and 'Why is this happening to me?'  
and 'How come my prayers aren't working?'  
then I dedicate this book to you."*

As the world news scene seems to become more baffling and unbelievable with each passing day, now more than ever we need to honestly search our own feelings and ask: where is God in all this? If you are prepared to be brave enough to be that honest (and we all should be!), then come join us in one of our sessions this Lent. As the psalmist writes:

*"out of the depths I have cried unto thee oh God,  
oh God hear my voice."*

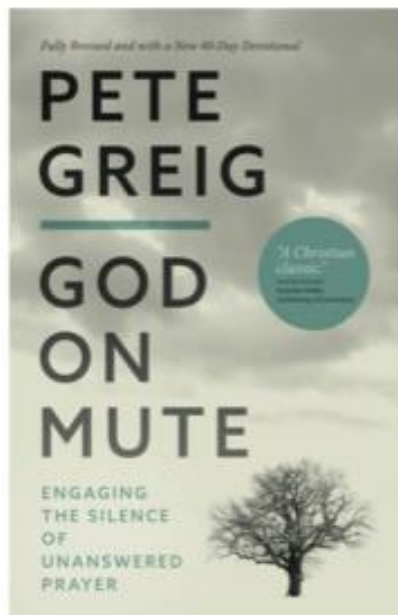
May God's peace surround you. May you pray honestly and earnestly. And may you be enabled with a spirit of bravery to face the world head on during this coming season of Lent.








# LEEDS URC PARTNERSHIP LENT COURSE



A 5 week course  
exploring the  
themes of Holy  
Week and how  
prayer can help  
us process life's  
hardest  
questions.

Beginning on:

**Tuesday** 11 March, 10:30am, URC in South  
Leeds, Dewsbury Road, LS11 5HR

**Tuesday** 11 March, 7:30pm, St Edmund's  
Roundhay, Lidgett Park Road LS8 1JN

**Wednesday** 12 March, 7:30pm, Zoom,  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7019277749>

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# News of our church family

*Correct as of 23 February 2025*

## Congratulations to

Ellen Peel on her 101st birthday this month

Barbara Mary's daughter Jo Mary who succeeded in climbing to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, 4,600 metres high in Tanzania on 9 February. Jo did this to raise money for three projects that provide safety, education and support to disadvantaged children in Tanzania and Uganda.

Before leaving for the climb, we raised nearly £350 for Jo at the Clocktower Community Café with coffee and cakes on Wednesday 5 February.

Katie Lambert's daughter Heidi who was chosen at school to undertake a scholarship and had to complete an essay on Pythagoras theorem. She got her results and has absolutely smashed it, gaining a 1st! She will be heading to the University of Leeds in March to a graduation ceremony. Katie is a very proud mummy. Maybe Heidi is taking after her great grandma! (Sheila McKenzie whom some people will remember).

## Sending good wishes to

Emma Lowe, Tim and Rachel's elder daughter, who is moving to live just above Tobermory on Mull. Emma is taking up a new job in a cheese factory there. We wish her well on her new, exciting adventure.



## Unwell in recent weeks/ recovering at home

Veronica Hood, Robert Morley and Carol Parfitt

## Sadly missed:

Mick Brown and Derek Scott-Taylor

*Dear Lord,*

*We watch, we wait, we dream, we hope.*

*Sometimes these feelings and longings are met with disappointment when we do not get what we want. At other times, when they are, do we always remember to give thanks?*

*You have surrounded us with people who look out for us. You have given us family and friends who bless us every day with kind words and actions. For this we are eternally grateful. Thank you Lord.*

*Amen*

## Weekly Zoom Prayer Times

Tuesday Prayer Time:

7pm for 7.15pm

Meeting ID: 889 2560 5594

Passcode: 795269

Thursday Time with God:

9.15am for 9.30am

Meeting ID: 890 2016 7098

Passcode: 307533



I was born in my grandmother's house in Normanton near Wakefield in 1945 and first saw my dad Harry, after he was demobbed from the army. I was 2. Unfortunately I didn't get much time to be with him, being a miner he spent a lot of time underground. I can't remember my mother, Margaret, ever going to work and as she was often unwell I spent many happy days living with my grandparents. I was christened as a young child at Normanton Parish C of E church, Sunday School was in the local Methodist chapel, really boring, but I remember better times in Holy day parades on horse drawn carts.

My early years were spent having fun with my three cousins, running free through the fields, getting into mischief, being warned off the crops by the farmer, fishing in streams, building dens and playing games. We were let go on a fairly long leash, only returning to whoever's house we were eating at when we heard the call for dinner or tea. I learned to coarse fish with my grandad. My eldest cousin and I were regularly off by train to Uleskelf and York to spend a day sometimes actually catching fish, sometimes trees! One of my cousins lived next to Normanton Railway Station and shunting yard so over the next 10 or 12 years trainspotting became a favourite pastime: several famous named trains came through Normanton including Nigel Gresley and Mallard.

Despite her illness, Mam did manage to take me to see the Coronation on a small black and white TV upstairs in the town furniture store. Sadly, soon afterwards she died from a congenital heart defect when I was 7.



Dad soon remarried and I gained a 6 year old sister who very annoyingly played chop sticks without music (on discovering this my

face fell: 'oh no I'm going to have to live with this girrrrrll!'). I'd been having piano lessons since I was 6, learning to play 'proper' music! I sympathised with Just William! I moved to live with my new family in Altofts and went straight into the Martin Frobisher Primary School



(named after the Altofts born North West Passage explorer Sir Martin Frobisher).

The 11 plus intervened and those carefree days seemed to change as I went to Normanton Grammar.

The best times were playing for school rugby union teams, singing in the choir (I was a sister, cousin or an aunt in the all boys Gilbert and Sullivan HMS Pinafore) and acting (I starred as the handsome Mr Wemmick in a rewrite of Great Expectations). I learned to play the Euphonium and was selected to join the newly formed Yorkshire Schools Brass Band, which played around Yorkshire and was recorded for Leeds Radio.

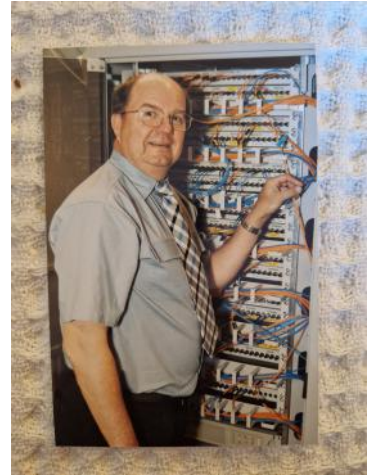
Alongside my love for music and acting I discovered my interest in electronics when a friend of my dad's agreed to make me a crystal set like the one he had made for his son. Much to mam's annoyance my bedroom was a jungle of wires after that!

Having had enough of schooling, I left school after GCEs at 16 and took a job in R S Electronics in the County Arcade Leeds earning £4.10s p/wk. Better prospects beckoned, and in 1962 I started work at the LGI as the Electronics Technician to the Thoracic Surgeons. I was soon spending my days developing, building, maintaining and repairing ECG equipment, external pacemakers, defibrillators and a host of other devices. I remember well scrubbing up in the operating theatre preparing the first



implantable pacemakers. Oh yes, and having said I'd had enough of education, I went back to school or rather College gaining an HNC in electrical and electronic engineering in 1967.

In 1971 I became involved in the X- Ray department's activities, which I found really exciting. I remained there until retiring in 2005. My job took me to company manufacturing sites, hospitals, image testing centres, and conferences in this country, Europe and the US. Highlights include leading a small maintenance team, assessing new equipment for the DHSS, being trained on the first EMI CT head scanner installed at LGI, and realising with a research team the practicalities of new technology that could replace X-ray film. In conjunction with Philips Medical Systems, in 1997 we were the first major hospital in the UK to introduce new digital imaging equipment to replace X-Ray-film. My final years at work were largely taken up with designing rooms for specialist equipment – for example I designed the Radiology Department Equipment Room layouts in the Bexley Wing Cancer Centre. I enjoyed my work and am proud of what we achieved.



I am blessed with a wonderful family from 2 marriages, the second of which brought me to St Andrew's where my wife and I were married and became members. It has not always been easy and there are many things I regret, but I remain good friends with both my ex-wives. I take tremendous pride and joy in what our children are achieving in their careers and in their personal lives. I have 5 grandchildren and it is a pleasure and a privilege to watch their parents help them grow into kind, respectful, honourable, loving people.

Singing and acting remained a love of mine, and I became principal tenor for Leeds Gilbert and Sullivan Society for many years. I also took non singing and straight acting roles in various dramatic societies. I used these skills at St Andrew's: our previous minister Rev David Miller and I made a never to be forgotten appearance together as ugly sisters in ROCO's pantomime Cinderella! More seriously, David introduced the Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM) after a visit to the States and I was part of the team that helped organise and run the children's activities every Sunday. This ended when I was needed to help with playing the piano during worship after our Music Director and Organist Una Robertson moved away from the area. Since last August I have volunteered in our Forget-Me-Not Cafe for people with dementia and their carers - a delightful, happy and fulfilling experience.



Many times I found and find myself asking 'what would Jesus do?' Trying to put Jesus at the centre of every situation brings me strength and comfort. I get things wrong, but I learn from them and try and grow and become a better version of me. I think that is a journey that as Christians we are all on. I am very grateful to be where I am today with the many blessings I have in my life.

## John Haywood



# Charity Mount Kilimanjaro climb update!

How I reached the rooftop of Africa and got back down again for disadvantaged children in Tanzania and Uganda – **Part 1**



In February 2025, I climbed the world's highest freestanding mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, in Africa, with a group of forty odd people from all walks of life, sharing our commitment to helping to improve the lives of the children in the projects we were supporting through the charities 'Last Night a DJ Saved My Life' and 'The Tribe Experience'.

Before the climb, I visited two of the three projects I am raising money for: Feathers Tale Village for children with special needs and Angels Gate Home for street involved boys, in the town of Moshi, Tanzania. I was left in no doubt that all of my fundraising is being put to good use. These are truly grass roots projects with grounded, sensible, intelligent and incredibly caring and loving people behind them.

So, when I started on the mini bus journey (on roads where there absolutely did not seem to be any kind of highway code!) to the gate of Mount Kilimanjaro National Park, I felt a strong sense of purpose and drive in my heart, as did all of us in the group, singing, joking and soaking up the sights of Africa.

Climbing a mountain like Mount Kilimanjaro is a very personal experience. I believe that everyone who does it has a different story to tell. And although I did make it all the way to the top, I don't think that that is the most important thing about it. It's about the journey you make, the experiences you have along the way, what you do it for, who you share it with (whether they are loved ones and your supporters with you in spirit, or the people walking right next to you), and what you learn about yourself.

Our climb up and down the mountain took seven days in total, on the Machame route. This route is known for helping people to acclimatise to the high altitude, which can have a massive impact on your body. As you climb higher and higher, the air becomes thinner with oxygen and so everything feels more difficult to do (sleeping, eating, walking, talking) and some people can get really ill with it.

For the first five days, we climbed around 1000 metres a day (starting at 1800 metres at the gate of the national park) and at night we camped on the mountain side with the snow covered peak in our sights and with very basic provisions. We climbed the final 1200 metres over six / seven hours from midnight so that we got to the summit, which is at 5895 metres, at sunrise. We then walked back down the mountain over the final two days.



A whole team of experienced guides and porters from local towns around Kilimanjaro were climbing with us. They were absolutely amazing and we couldn't have done it without them.

As I began my ascent on the first day of the climb from the gate, on a windy steep path through rainforest, with my day pack on my back (weighing probably around 8 kgs), I felt incredibly emotional. I couldn't quite believe that here I was, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro!



It was very hot and sweaty on our first day of climbing and we were caught in a torrential rain storm as well! I had felt reluctant about leaving behind all of my creature comforts the night before (my make-up and other luxury toiletries) but I am so pleased that I wasn't wearing any makeup as it would have melted down my face within the first half hour!! And by the time I arrived at our first camp site, Machame Camp at 2835 metres, I was pretty much covered in mud!



On the second day of the climb (up to Shira Camp at 3750 metres), the terrain changed dramatically the higher we got. We literally began to get nearer to the clouds and the tops of the trees, and we were climbing over rocks and up steep inclines. The views were amazing! But this was a challenging day for me as it was physically not an easy walk to do. I wasn't as fit or experienced with climbing over rocks as a lot of the people in the group, but I was determined to keep on going at my pace. It meant having to let go of any feelings of competition with myself or others and just find my rhythm.



The third day of the climb, when we walked up to 4600 metres and then back down again to sleep in a camp called Barranco camp at 3900 metres, was a kind of test to see how we coped with the high altitude. By that stage, the terrain was volcanic. We were walking in the clouds, the ground was black and stony, and it got much colder. It felt as though we were walking on the moon as the atmosphere was so unlike anything I have ever experienced before. The only vegetation were these very strange looking trees called Senecios, and the only wildlife we saw were mice with four black stripes on their backs and large ravens with white necks.

Getting to 4600 metres was such a good moment of the climb and we all exchanged hugs and congratulations when we got there. Feeling that kind of support and loving encouragement from the group of people I was climbing with and our guides was such a big part of my experience. People in the group told me that they felt inspired by my emotional strength and perseverance, as





the oldest woman of the group, travelling on my own and with less fitness experience than some of the younger members. This is a good reminder for me to have greater trust and confidence in my own abilities.

We all have mountains to climb in our everyday lives, and sometimes those mountains feel frightening, insurmountable and that they will break us. Having love and support around us is so important to help us face them.



The children I have been raising money for also have had and do have their own mountains to climb. Coming back from starvation, abandonment, and / or emotional trauma at such a young age requires so much strength and they are in so much need of ongoing specialist care, shelter and safety.

I would like to thank you, therefore for all your very generous donations towards my fundraising. I have so far raised £2163, and I am still accepting donations, which can be made by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/watchvyewsn-lkcem#supportersList>



Or you can just scan the following QR code with your phone to be taken to the link:

*Part Two to follow in April .....*





6 March	Partnership Prayers on Zoom
7 March	World Day of Prayer
29 March	Family Fun Day
2 April	African Children's Choir at St Edmund's
3 April	Online Pfalz meeting
13 April	Palm Sunday
18 April	Good Friday
20 April	Easter Day
27 April	Church Parade
30 April	Church Meeting
28 June	Family Fun Day
July	Leeds Youth Opera (to be confirmed)

For more information on any of these events please email  
[info@standrews.cc](mailto:info@standrews.cc)

# Worship Dates

## March

Sunday	2	10.30am	Family Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Tim Lowe
Saturday	8	3.30-5.30	Messy Church	
Sunday	9	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Dr Rosalind Selby
Sunday	16	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	23	10.30am	Family Worship	Sheila Telfer
Sunday	30	10.30am	Cafe Style Worship	
		6.30pm	Ecumenical Evening Service	
			at Lidgett Park Methodist Church	

## April

Sunday	6	10.30am	Family Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Tim Lowe
Saturday	12	3.30-5.30	Messy Church	
Sunday	13	10.30am	Palm Sunday Family Worship	Mark Grant
		6.30pm	Evening Service	Rev Tim Lowe
Mon -	14 -	7.30pm	Holy Week Reflection	
Wed	16			
Thurs	17	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Ecumenical Communion Service	at St Andrew's
Friday	18	7.30pm	Good Friday Service	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	20	10.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Rev Tim Lowe
Sunday	27	10.30am	Cafe Style Worship and Parade	

## Patricia's Journey of Faith

Patricia Inch was born in 1927 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where her parents were missionaries. At the age of 4, Patricia and her older brother Stacey were sent to South Africa to be cared for by a willing Christian family. After a stint in Cape Town, they moved to Durban to stay in a Bible College, where they started school. Three years later, her parents came for a family holiday to Cape Town – where she met her three new younger sisters.

Shortly afterwards, aged 8, Patricia was sent to England, setting sail from Cape Town on the Union Castle Liner, accompanied by another missionary as a guardian. A year later, her parents came to visit while on furlough. Her father used his time back in Europe to go to a conference in Switzerland to raise funds for the Congo mission. However, while there, he caught influenza and died at the age of just 42. Patricia's mother was expecting her sixth child at the time.

In response to a plea from people in the Congo mission, a year later she returned – leaving four of her six children in England. Patricia's brother stayed with his grandmother in Yorkshire, while the three girls were left in the care of a children's mission home in Worthing.

When Patricia was 13 her mother returned to England. Happy times followed and all the family went to live in Scarborough,

Patricia, then aged 17, went to study photography at the London School of Photography. She then joined a fashion studio, before returning to Yorkshire to join the staff of the Yorkshire Evening Post in Leeds as their first female photographer. She lived for her work, enjoying all the challenges in what was a tough man's world. In 1950, Patricia was offered a job in London with the *London Illustrated Magazine* but soon returned to Leeds where she had met her soon-to-be husband Douglas, a newly-trained GP. They were married in September of that year at Burnsall Parish Church in Wharfedale. Two daughters soon followed – Elizabeth in 1951 and Jeannie in 1953.

In February 1970, a traumatic experience changed Patricia's life. A young teacher was brutally attacked nearby and came to her door for help. After the police had gone, Patricia lay in bed in shock and made up her mind to discover



who or what was greater than the evil inflicted on this poor girl. She eventually came across a book by Rev David Watson entitled *My God is Real*, and in January 1971 she knelt beside her bed and committed her life to Jesus.

The next year, after a week of outreach, worship and prayer in Roundhay, Patricia had a revelation that she was called to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, to comfort and share the gift of God's salvation with her Jewish friends and neighbours. In the early 1980s, Patricia started weekly Prayer for Israel meetings in her house. The prayer group is still meeting 40 years later!

Douglas passed away in 2013, and in 2015 Patricia moved into sheltered housing. In 2022 she fell and broke her hip. She had a replacement hip at the age of 95 and then moved into a Christian care home in Harrogate. It was a special room with a bay window allowing the sunshine to flood in, and Patricia spent the last two years of her life sitting in her chair overlooking the entrance gates to Valley Gardens, watching the families and dog-walkers go by. She felt called to pray for them and found no end of blessing doing this. She had regular visits from Elizabeth, Jeannie and the rest of the family, and met her two young great-granddaughters last summer.

Eventually, Patricia was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Despite her confusion, her love for the Lord and for others never dimmed. Almost to the very end of her life, she would always want to talk about her faith and sing hymns with anyone she met.

On 28 November 2024 Patricia passed away peacefully in her sleep, at the age of 97. Hers was a life well lived, always witnessing about her Heavenly Father. Patricia chose Psalm 71 to be read at her funeral, since – in her words – “It expresses so much of my Christian beliefs and faith – and how they influenced the whole of my wonderful, full life.”

To God be the glory.

Jeannie Cobbold abridged by Carol Parfitt

# WHO PAYS FOR THE CLIMATE CRISIS?



Greenpeace would like to encourage people to have conversations about the Big Oil companies like Shell and their effects on the rest of the world, especially those who are responsible for only a tiny fraction of global emissions. They hope that a ripple effect will finally demand that Big Oil is held to account.

Think/Speak :

- Did you hear what Greenpeace did outside Shell's London office?
- What is the most cherished item in your home? How would you feel if it was lost in a flood?
- When you see wildfires, floods and other weather extremes, do you wonder who's paying for this damage?

We are now at breaking point. 2024 was the hottest year on record. The Philippines has always been hit by typhoons but as the climate emergency worsens, floods are more frequent, winds and storms more violent.

Last year, 6 typhoons, supercharged by climate change, drove 650,000 people from their homes, destroyed livelihoods and cost an estimated \$500m.



Greenpeace placed display boxes containing flood damaged items around Shell's headquarters. These were filled with water to highlight the damage caused by the supercharged typhoons. Activists smashed the glass display boxes to emulate the aftermath of the floods. Brooms were left so that Shell could do a clear up.

The action was entirely peaceful.

No members of the public were inconvenienced.

No damage was done to the building.

Big Oil companies like Shell are driving climate change but pressure on governments is not strong enough to make them pay for their climate damage. A people powered movement demanding justice is needed, and that is why Greenpeace encourage having conversations with friends and family and then giving feedback.

Anne Hardiman

If you would like to read the whole Greenpeace article please email [magazine@standrews.cc](mailto:magazine@standrews.cc) and I will email it to you - Ed



Radio destroyed by Typhoon Rai in Bohol between 11th and 21st December 2021 – supercharged by climate change. Owned by Rickcel Inting. © Elizabeth Dalziel/ Greenpeace

# St. Andrew's has been lit up over the last few months for the following special people

## 2024

20 December "In loving memory of **Frank & Nancie Stirk**,  
from John & Jean"

## 2025

20 January Elizabeth Breckin "In ever loving memory of  
**Tony**"

23 January Margaret Milne "In loving memory of her  
father **Norman Ward**"

20 February "In loving memory of **Ivy Miller** from Lesley,  
Allison, Heather and their families"

25 February "Karen Lamb, Andrew, Rhiannon, Carys and  
the family in memory of **Keith** on his birthday"

Light of the world  
May your light shine on all those,  
dearly loved in life,  
who now share Your everlasting Peace  
Amen



Dear Friends

Can I say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the expressions of love, concern and support, that I, along with Rachel, Jonathan, their families and also Lewis received, during the Summer and Autumn months when my dad, Stephen, was so unwell, and then especially from 11 November (when he came home from hospital with an increasing care package of support), until he passed away on the 17 December when I made many road trips and phone calls to Scotland often at very short or no notice.

One highlight of that time was being able to take his first great granddaughter Maisie on a road trip aged just 7 weeks old to meet Dad; to have the 4 generations together was a truly special moment. Waiting in an emotional bubble until his funeral and then the public memorial service on 15 January left me very

disconnected, and I apologise to the entire congregation for things that have not been done in such a timely manner as both you and I would wish. As winter moves into spring and with lighter nights, I look forward to better days ahead, and thank everyone for everything.

With much love

Jane Bunyan



Dear Friends,

As I have not been able to get back to church after my hip operation and also due to Jack being unwell since January, I wanted to thank those who sent Jack and I Christmas Greetings and good wishes. All much appreciated. I hope to be around again very soon.

Best Wishes and thanks

Margaret Jowett and  
Jack Webster



## This month 'IN THE SPOTLIGHT' is the Pastoral Care 'Snowdrop Tea'



In the early days, the Pastoral Care Group took what was called "Christmas Cheer" (a tin of biscuits) at Christmas time and gifts from the donations given to the Harvest Table at Harvest Time to our over 80s. After doing this for many years, we

realised that what people really wanted was friendship, interaction and company rather than gifts. The Teas that the Pastoral Care Group put on today in the Memorial Hall or Roundhay Room started from that awareness.

Where people are too ill or infirm to come to the Teas they are sent a special card, hand made by Helen Lewis, to let them know that they are remembered.

I am really sorry for those of you who do not qualify as you have missed a delightful afternoon! A warm welcome, a beautifully decorated table, delicious eats, attentive staff and a challenging quiz! What could be better on a dreary afternoon?  
Lisa Large

A really enjoyable afternoon with the usual delicious eats. The 'Name that Hymn' organised by Tim went down with much laughter.  
Pat Walkden





A wonderful afternoon of  
food and fellowship.  
Carol and Neil Parfitt

Whether it's Snowdrops or Daffodils, our Teas are such a happy occasion for the Pastoral Care Group who prepare and bake for our more senior guests.

Several members of the Pastoral Care Group meet in the morning to prepare the sandwiches (with the favourite still being date and cream cheese!) and set the tables, etc.

It's so lovely to see the guests arriving and greeting one another, in some cases perhaps not since the last afternoon tea. For some of our elderly friends, getting to church for 10.30 am is no longer possible but 3pm is!

We often sing songs together which they all enjoy but most of all, they just like to CHAT!

Sheana Dudley



As usual we had a most enjoyable afternoon with no entertainment this time which allowed time to circulate and chat with friends.

Brenda Casey

Having been advised there would be fewer people at this year's Snowdrop Tea the room was well filled and a rich few hours ensued with savoury and sweet items to enjoy along with cups of tea brought to us by a wonderful, caring Pastoral Team. The entertainment too was different with Tim leading us in a quiz to test our Bible knowledge. A good time was enjoyed by us all.  
Alex Jowitt

Great food, great company,  
great afternoon!  
Anne Lintott

A glorious party, everything was perfect - thank you.  
Gwenda Rudkin

What can I say about the Snowdrop Tea? It was truly lovely, especially with the beautiful snowdrops on each table, the wonderful eats, the quite stimulating company. The joy of being at an over-eighties celebration tea party is that we all know what we are talking about, apart from some of us being a little deaf.

We didn't have a set piece entertainment but what we did have was Tim secretly giving each table a well-known hymn which we had to hum or 'la, la' and everybody else had to guess the title and the first line and join in, so we had a sing-song too!

It goes without saying that the service was immaculate; the only thing missing was the tiny frilly pinnies and mob caps! We were never left with nothing to eat or drink but served with love and smiles.

I should mention the inevitable quiz, as usual, stimulating; memory and old age has dimmed this, I am sure it was enjoyable!

Diana Sutherland

Technically I'm not in the over 80s group I go as a 'plus one' but I really enjoy meeting all the people who go.

Brenda Porter





# PARTNERSHIP PRAYERS

A short time to pray together by  
reading the Bible and sharing the  
joys and challenges in our lives,  
churches, communities and world.



1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

7:30PM

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/7019277749](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7019277749)





Volunteers are desperately needed to join the rota to serve coffee after the Sunday service.

There are 6 Sundays between now and the end of June where we currently

have no volunteers at all, and another 6 Sundays where we only have one person instead of 2. As a consequence there may unfortunately be some Sundays when no coffee will be served after the service.

If you would like to volunteer to join the team, please contact Viva Baillie either by email

[viva.baillie@ntlworld.com](mailto:viva.baillie@ntlworld.com) or mobile: 07732691340

The African Children's Choir is coming to St Edmund's Roundhay on the 2nd of April. Tickets are very reasonably priced. To obtain your ticket please contact St Edmund's directly.

*Save  
the  
Date*

On Thursday, 3 April 2025, 7.00 to 8.30 pm we will be holding an online meeting of all those involved in partner churches with the Pfalz. Our good friend Martin Henninger will join us alongside members of

URC Mission Staff. The aim is to share news and ideas concerning the Pfalz partnership. Please reserve the date in your diaries. More details to follow.





# Clocktower Community Café

## Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00

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## **Regular Worship**

Sunday Worship	Sunday 10.30
Messy Church	2nd Saturday of the month 15.30
Evening Service	2nd Sunday of the month 18.30
Communion	1st Sunday of the month 10.30
Prayer Time	Tuesday 19.00 for 19.15 (zoom)
Time with God	Thursday 9.15 for 9.30 (zoom)
Bible Reflections	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 14.00

## **Other Church Activities**

Badminton	Monday 9.30 and Thursday 19.30
Stage Crew	Monday 13.30
RoCo	Monday 19.30 and Thursday 19.30
Junior RoCo	Monday 18.00
Toddlers	Tuesday 10.00
Forget-Me-Not Cafe	1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 12.30
Clocktower	
Community Cafe	Wednesday 10.00
Table Tennis	Wednesday 13.30
Twins and Multiples	1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 10.00
Indoor Bowls	Thursday 13.00
Roundhay Singers	Thursday 19.30
Knit and Natter	2nd Saturday of the month 15.00

### **Girlguiding**

Rainbows (age 4-7)	Monday 18.15; Tuesday 17.00; Wednesday 17.00 and Thursday 17.00
Brownies (age 7-10)	Tuesday 18.15 and Thursday 18.10
Guides (age 10-14)	Monday 19.30 and Tuesday 19.30
Rangers (age 14-18)	Tuesday 19.30

### **Scouting**

Beavers (age 6-8)	Tuesday 18.00
Cubs (age 8-10)	Tuesday 19.15
Scouts (age 10-14)	Friday 19.15
Explorers (age 14-18)	Thursday 19.30

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