

**Home
Groups**

Groups meet at No 17 on Sunday evening @ 6.30pm (God's Big Picture) and on Tues./Wednes. afternoon @ 1.30pm (2 Corinthians). For more details on our Home Groups speak to Andy Wood.

Prayer

We meet to pray on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm: 3rd July, 'Church thanks and needs', at Sue & Kebede's (Geoff to lead).

10th July, 'Christians in Zimbabwe and Kazakhstan', at Diane and Becky's (Geoff to lead).

17th July, 'World Mission', at Steve and Rachel's (Steve to lead).

24th July, 'Prayer for the elderly', at David Wood's (Andy to lead).

Week commencing 28th July, Prayer triplets - 'Family and Friends'.

Leaders

The elders meet to pray every Wednesday morning at 8am & for business on 16th of July at 9.30 am (at David's).

Joint Churches Family Day, Saturday 6th July, Otley (details from Andy Wood).

Please note, from August onwards Andy will be unavailable Friday/Saturday.

Week commencing August 18th, Andy's 'Thought for the Week' appears in the local press.

27th November, 'Day for Praying'.

**Dates for
the diary**

July 2019

July 7th, 10.30am,

Dr. John Keene will be preaching on
Jude 1-11.

July 14th, 10.30am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on
Jude 12-25.

The service includes communion.

July 21st, 10.30am,

Leon Coates will be preaching on
Psalm 133.

July 28th, 10.30am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on
Proverbs 30:1-9.

Communion and Notices - Geoff Wildsmith.

Co-ordinator - Andy Wood.

Requests for intercessory prayer to be given to Andy Wood.

Metropolitan Mission (MM) Children's Home/Ministry - India

Thank you to those of you who contribute to the work of the MM in India through the small collection box (to be found on the literature table by the main entrance to the hall each Sunday). The following report, by Carl Venn, highlights some of the ways in which such gifts have been used this year.

"As usual we had a wonderful time with the children at the MM home in February and it was a pleasure to be able to distribute gifts which your generosity ...had made possible.

Mary has continued to minister to needy women through the distribution of saris and blankets, which are always gratefully received. Vijayamma was one of the ladies who benefited from this. She is a widow, having lost her husband 40 years ago, when he died of a heart attack. Originally she was a high caste Hindu living near the compound at Gunadala next to the canal. Mary had befriended her and when there was a crisis in the family, Vijayamma asked for her prayer support. She was astonished when the prayers were quickly answered and so started to attend the MM church at Gunadala where she was converted and she took baptism in the canal near her home. Life has not been easy for her but she has remained faithful to Jesus and it was great to be able to bless her with an act of generous kindness. She was thrilled to receive her sari!

Some folk had donated money to use as the need guided and when we arrived we were confronted with a request for more sports equipment, especially cricket bats which get a real hammering here! The boys were reduced to using some cheap plastic ones or just planks of wood! We were also able to buy new volleyball equipment and skipping ropes so that everyone could benefit.

Thanks again for making such acts of generosity and kindness possible.

Geneva Bible Notes, John 15:1-8

This passage concerns the vine, the vinedresser and the branches.

"The branches are integral to the vine...the union is intended to be productive...the fruit defines the vine, but can only be manifested by means of the branches. The branches are not exhorted to produce fruit, but to remain in Christ (the vine), and fruit will automatically result...fruit that is ...Christlikeness: the cultivation of godly character is defined in Galatians 5:22-23 and Ephesians 5:8-11.

There must be an active drawing upon resources of the vine for the strength that is necessary to produce fruit. The vine-dresser will remove unproductive branches and nurture productive branches in order to maintain the health of the vine and the quality of the fruit".

The purpose of a hymn is "to express truth as it is grounded in Holy Scripture and to do so in language which, while theological, carries contemporary force and lifts the heart and mind of the singing congregation to God, as it touches them at the deepest level of their personalities", Michael Saward. Three hymns written by Michael Saward appear in Mission Praise, the best known being MP 77, "Christ triumphant, ever reigning".

Church Rota - July

Date	Children's Item	Crèche helper	Inter. Prayer	Refreshments
7th	David	Elke	Jimmy	Jimmy/David
14th		Becky	Geoff	Diane/Michelle
21st	Geoff	Michelle	Steve	Beth
28th		Elke	Beth	Sue Ayano