

### Regular Pattern of Services

	9.00am	10.30am	7.00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Joint Holy Communion at St Columba	All Age Worship at St Columba Morning Worship at Stephen Hill	SacREd Space at St Columba
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday		Joint Holy Communion at St Columba	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Holy Communion at Stephen Hill	Morning Worship at St Columba Morning Worship at Stephen Hill	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Joint Holy Communion at Stephen Hill	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		Holy Communion at St Columba Morning Worship at Stephen Hill	

During the week there is also a short Prayer Meeting each Tuesday morning at 9.30am and a Service at 12 noon each Wednesday at Stephen Hill and a Holy Communion each Tuesday at 11.15am at St Columba.

Next Sunday at St Columba's: 10.30am - Morning Worship  
 Next Sunday at Stephen Hill: 9.00am - Holy Communion led by Revd. Wildgust  
 10.30am - Morning Worship led by Maureen Owen

#### This week at Stephen Hill

Mon-Fri	10.00	Coffee in the Forum, To noon church open
Mon	6.30pm	Cubs
	8.00pm	Scouts
Tues	9.30am	Pastoral Prayers
	10.00am	Bumps, Babies and Bairns
	5.30pm	Beavers
Wed	12.00noon	Midweek Service
	12.30pm	Luncheon Club
	5.30pm	Rainbows
	6.30pm	Brownies
	7.45pm	Guides
Thurs	6.30pm	Junior Badminton
	7.30pm	Scouts
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Sat	9.30am	Coffee Morning

#### This week at St Columba's

Mon	9.30am	Playgroup
Tues	9.30am	Prayer Meeting
	11.15am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Lunch Club
	6.30pm	Brownies
	7.30pm	Guides
Wed	9.30am	Playgroup
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs	10.30am	Keep Fit
	12.15pm	Yoga
	7.30pm	Lent Group
Fri	1.45pm	Stepping Stones

Please send any news or notices for the notice sheet by Lunchtime on Wednesdays.

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The Beacon at Stephen Hill



St  
Columba's  
Church  
Crosspool

WORSHIPPING GOD // INCLUDING ALL // SPACE TO EXPLORE // PROMOTING JUSTICE

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

At St Columba this morning

10.30am Joint service of Holy Communion followed by soup & bread lunch for Church Action on Poverty  
 Revd. Linda Furbey



**Church Action on Poverty**

building partnerships of hope and transformation

Church Action on Poverty has a vision of a more equal society,  
 with a narrower gap between rich and poor.  
 Happier. Healthier. Safer. Fairer.

Through our campaigns and our work in communities, we aim to achieve  
 the significant changes in policies and practices that are needed to  
 Close the Gap.

**IT'S TIME TO**   
**CLOSE THE GAP**  
 BETWEEN RICH AND POOR

**Ash Wednesday Service** @ 7.30 pm at St. Columba on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**Pancake Party: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at St Columba's. 3-5pm. Bring your own fillings!

**St Columba's Community Lunch Club 'G' Team.** Due to Gill stepping down from Lunch Club help is needed to run this fortnightly club after Easter, specifically to do the administration, shopping and to cook the main course. There is a team of good volunteers to prepare, serve and wash up. Please contact Gill Wright on 0114 3273268 for details.

**Open Doors Organisation for persecuted Christians.** Peter Wright is stepping down as the church rep due to failing health can anyone consider taking on this very important position. Please contact Peter on 0114 3273268 for further details.

**Ageing Gardeners:** We extend a big Thank You to our 4 church gardeners: Heather Cousins, Bob Townrow, Bob Hodges and John Smith. For years they have kept our gardens neat and tidy but now wish to take a back seat. It is time to consider employing a gardening company. A proposal is that Church Members, if they wish, contribute say £4 per month (£48 yearly) into a Stephen Hill gardening fund. If you wish to contribute (Cheques to The Beacon Methodist Church) or ask any questions, please contact me on 2306834 or email [twilson14@sky.com](mailto:twilson14@sky.com). Your donation would say thank you to our gardeners and let them take a well deserved garden rest. Thank You. Trevor

**Stephen Hill pantomime tickets:** Tickets are available for Wed/Thurs/Friday 21 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb with possibly a few for Saturday evening 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Let Bob Hodges know if you would like to come. Tickets cost £5 or £4 for under 12yrs. Bob is at [ginaandbobh@hotmail.com](mailto:ginaandbobh@hotmail.com) or 2303207. Or buy online at [www.jumblebee.co.uk/aladdinstephenhill](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/aladdinstephenhill) (booking fee).

**Aquabox:** Another box is completed and a donation from a friend for a complete box means that we have started 2018 in fine style. A list of only 16 items is now on the church life noticeboard. If you would like to contribute please sign the list and add a tick when it is in the box. Thank you once again for your generosity and compassion.

**Creating Safer Space:** We have spare places on a CSS Refresher Course on the 19<sup>th</sup> February at Gleadless MC at 10am until 12.30pm. Booking through the circuit office.

**Sunday Lunch:** For your diaries, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February the morning service at Stephen Hill will be followed by a discussion on 'Our vision for the future'. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Beacon Church Weekend at Willersley Castle. Day visitors on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
See Mary Parker asap if you would like to come (£31-50 including lunch & dinner).

**Praying for Crosspool:** This week we pray for the residents of Barholm Road.

**Streets Ahead Surgery,** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10.30-11.30am at Stephen Hill. Claire, your Community Steward for the South West will be available for you to ask any questions about the Streets Ahead highway works.

**Save the Date: Roger Jones' musical Mary Magdalene** is being performed at St Luke's Church on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Stephen Hill Pastoral:** Our thoughts and prayers are with Cliff Aspinall, John Banham, Margaret Bevan, Mollie Cook, Eileen Inman, Ray & Vera Morris, Eileen Pool, Mavis Sanderson, Joan Slater, Marjorie Wardle and all the other members of our Church family and the community who have special needs.

**Gideons International:** A cheque for £50 has been sent to Gideons International being the proceeds of the Mite Phials etc i.e. lots of small change collected by many people over recent months The Gideons will use this to place New Testaments in schools, prisons, hospitals, doctors' and dentists' waiting rooms etc. Malcolm Clements had been a Friend of the Gideons for many years and their Treasurer here at Stephen Hill until he asked me to take over several years ago. During the hours before he passed away at the end of December his family read to him from the New Testament placed by the Gideons in the drawer beside his Hospital bed!! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the work of The Gideons. Maureen Owen

**Lent Groups:** Churches in Crosspool are putting on two Lent study/discussion groups, one in the evening and one in the day. The evening group will be at 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm @ St. Columba on the following dates: 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March. This group will be led jointly by Suzanne Nockel, from Tapton Congregational, and Iain Lothian, from St. Columba. The study will be based on the recent BBC drama series BROKEN, which looks at life in an inner city community. The series is 'gritty' and rated 15; it may include scenes that some people may find disturbing.

The day time Lent group is on Thursdays during Lent starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ Stephen Hill: 10.30 am - 12 noon. This will be led by Will Fletcher, from Stephen Hill, and is based on the film 'The Theory of Everything'. It will include themes of wonder, encounter and hope.

**Crosspool Luncheon Club** meets every Wednesday at 12.30pm at Stephen Hill Church. We are a friendly group of people in our 70s to 90s. We enjoy a homemade two course meal followed by a cup of tea for £4.00. We have a number of vacancies. If you, a relative or friend are interested please contact Kathryn Smith on 2667089.

**My sister and brother-in-law** and their baby are moving to Sheffield having both secured jobs in the hospitals. They are looking urgently for a house to buy or rent in the local area. If anyone knows of any 3 bed semi-detached properties that are available please get in touch on 07903 403961 or [Claire.furbey@gmail.com](mailto:Claire.furbey@gmail.com) thank you. Claire Furbey

**To all at St Columba's:** Thank you all for the kind messages and support through cards, phone calls and prayer for our family following the passing of my father Revd Eric Clarkson. St Columba's was his last parish before retirement and always had fond memories of his time as your Vicar. He would often talk about his time there and had affection for the parishioners of Crosspool. Also the tribute on your website was very moving, my mother Laura, Paul and I were very happy to read it and see the affection you had for my late father. I had the privilege of attending St Columba's 60th anniversary in 2015 representing my parents as they were unable to travel and was nice to see familiar faces and the warm welcome I received by all. Best wishes Ian Clarkson

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