

Journey



The continuing story

of

The Church at Carrs Lane

October 2014

Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

Throughout my thirty+ years in active ministry, a constant mantra has been the fact that the nature of stipendiary – paid, largely full-time – ministry is changing irrevocably, and that it would be far more helpful to churches if they embraced this fact in a proactive, rather than a reactive way! I concur entirely with the reality of sustained change (and I don't see this disappearing); I do not think that congregations have acknowledged this fact fully even now, however, let alone embraced it and responded to it creatively. There are honourable exceptions, of course...

I know that some folk struggle still to understand what all the fuss is about, but many things are beyond question: within the URC, smaller congregations mean that multi-church pastorates are the norm – and that denominational commitments outside of the pastorate could well be numerous and growing. Structures have not adapted fast enough to cope with deep-rooted changes in every level of church life. In the local church, active volunteers are likely to be fewer and older – and yet the fact that 'one-size-fits-all' worship on a Sunday morning is unlikely to represent a way forward for some congregations means that the spiritual/worshipping 'diet' of churches is likely to be more complex than it was even ten years ago: these facts impact directly on the life and work of the minister. There are still many small churches struggling to be the 'big' churches which they once were – which leads to frustrations and a sometimes exaggerated sense of failure – and issues over 'succession' in key roles may mean that the minister ends up having to take on even more.

Very few ministers set out with a greater love for management than for mission, but more and more have to settle for an acute imbalance in their work...and, over time, the effects of this are detrimental. Whilst many may disagree with me, my own view is that the current speed of communication – and the perceived need for immediate responses – actually makes for less efficiency rather than more: we spend more time dealing with processes than we do with people. It is a daily source of frustration for me that I am able to spend comparatively little time on what used to be called – and probably should still be called – pastoral visiting, but I am conscious that I probably only undertake a third of the visits that I did thirty years ago. This is not from desire or choice: it is the direct result of the responsibilities placed on me, only partly by the local church...and frequently by the wider church (in its broadest sense).

Do I see a way forward? Yes, though I am doubtful as to whether it will happen during my time of active ministry! There needs to be a far greater emphasis on team ministry, where ministers are encouraged to minister according to their strengths; at a local level, the URC needs to follow through its avowed commitment to ecumenism rather more frequently than is the case; we need to free ourselves from some of our buildings – with more worship taking place elsewhere; we need to put an end to all single-pastorate ministries, irrespective of the size of the church...largely for the *benefit* of the local church (I know that I need to expand on this, but that will have to happen elsewhere!); we need to face up to the responsibility of church 'planting' –

what is now often called 'pioneer ministry'; we need to order both Elders and Church Meetings in the ways suggested in our founding documents (and beyond) – and we need to stop the creeping clericalism which, ironically, seems to be more prevalent in these times of fewer resources. For myself, I have no theological or practical objections whatsoever to frequent lay presidency at communion, provided that appropriate training has been provided.

That's probably enough for now! I could say more here, but if I have started a conversation, then I am more than happy to share in talk in the days ahead.

With much love in Christ,



Sunday Worship during October

Sunday 5 October

10.30am Morning worship, including the Lord's Supper, led by Neil Riches

Key passage: Matthew 21.33 – 46

Worship will be followed by First Sunday Lunch – all are welcome to stay to share in a light lunch together

Sunday 12 October

10.30am Morning Worship led by Keith Dennis

** Please note that there will not be a church meeting today, since this is the weekend of the CL Walking Holiday, and nearly 50 folk will be sharing in this!*

2.45pm for 3.00pm Children's Church Theme: Moses and the burning bush

Sunday 19 October

10.30am Morning worship led by Neil Riches Key passage: Matthew 22.15 – 22

Noon Church meeting – all welcome

4.00pm Street Banquet: worship, food and fellowship for Birmingham's most vulnerable people, based on Jesus' story of the Great Feast

Sunday 26 October

10.30am All-age Morning Worship led by Neil Johnson

6.00pm Radical Worship: Messages from the World Church – Syria



Notices

Junior Church If you have any toys that your children/grandchildren have grown out of, we would be very pleased to add them to our resources for the pre-school group at Carrs Lane.

Tuesday 7 October at Carrs Lane Taizé Prayer followed by meal and discussion 7.00pm

Sunday 19 October Prayer in the way of Taize 6.00pm at South Aston URC, Upper Sutton St, B6 5BN

Tuesday 7 October URC Israel / Palestine Day at URC Church House, Tavistock Place, WC1H 12.00 - 4.00 pm. 'The Kairos Palestine Document in the Light of Current Developments' with Rifat Kassis (Kairos Palestine General Coordinator) Lunch £5.00 (pay on the day) Register with Helen Garton 020 7916 8654 or helen.garton@urc.co.uk

Wednesday 3 December - Email, Social Media & Conflict in the Church - A Bridge Builders' Open Workshop 9.30-4.30 St Michael's House, CV1 5AB. Electronic media has taken over communication, resulting in email & social networking becoming an everyday part of church life. There are benefits, but problems too. Misunderstanding can spring up where communication is careless -this presents challenges - spiritual and practical - for people in pastoral leadership. Programme includes worship, presentations, case-studies, and hands-on skills training. £60 per person including training materials, refreshments and buffet lunch. Tel: 0845 241 0393/ 0191 383
1031.colin@bbministries.org.uk,
www.bbministries.org.uk.

Carrs Lane Lived Community Film Club
Prayer at 7pm followed by a film.
Thursday 23rd October - Five Broken Cameras (E); **Thursday 27th November** - City of God (18); **Thursday 18th December** - It's a Wonderful Life (U). Please let us know in advance if you are coming to ensure enough space!
info@carrslanelivedcommunity.org.uk

Saturday 1 November 75th Anniversary Concert Quinborne Choir 7.30pm at St Hilda Church Smethwick. Details and tickets -Kay Chambers 0121 422 5794

Saturday 21 February 2015 at Coventry Central Hall The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will give the keynote address at the 'Love your neighbour: Think, Pray, Vote' conference organised by the Joint Public Issues Team of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church. Details call 020 7467 5223 or collinsm@methodistchurch.org.uk.

Friday 27 February – Sunday 1 March 2015 Christian Women's Fellowship 88th Annual Convention at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AU 'Stepping Out in Faith'. Friday – Welcome and Fun quiz with friends, Saturday - Guest speaker – Margaret Barker and Evening Concert, Sunday - Bible study and Worship, Daily Quiet Time & Morning Meditations. More information from Linda Hind, 52 Cantrell Road, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 9HR or email to linda.hind@gmail.com. Price - standard room £112 (en-suite room £137). Day visitors for Saturday is £40 which includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. (Breakfast and evening meal available at £6 each).

Carrs Lane Lectures in Radical Christian Faith

Re-imagining God

Saturday 18 October 10am - 4pm, £15

Speakers David Boulton and Donald Horsfield

Programme for the day:

10.00: Registration and welcome refreshments

10.30: Introduction to the day,

10.45: Lecture: Who or what is God? - Donald Horsfield.

11.30: Lecture: The Trouble with God - David Boulton

12.30: Reflecting and preparing questions. 13.00: Lunch.

13.45: Lecture: Tell me the New, New Story! - David Boulton.

14.45: Question Time. 15.30: Closing remarks. 16.00: Finish
Coffee and tea will be available; please bring your own lunch



Radical Worship 2014 – 2015

Given the nature of our plans, changes in what follows are almost inevitable from month to month...but our hope is to have a series of acts of worship broadly entitled 'Messages from the World Church' at 6pm on the fourth Sunday evening of each month at Carrs Lane.



Worship will be focussed on a fairly short, radical liturgy of communion, incorporating prayers and other elements from the particular area on which we are concentrating; we will then consider Christian life in that part of the world...causes for celebration and challenge, the ways in which Christians there contribute to our life of faith in the UK; these reflections are likely to be helped by sharing in food (read, snacks!) from that part of the world.

We are hoping to visit the Caribbean, Syria and Scandinavia before Christmas 2014...unless world events necessitate a change in our thinking.

Neil

Aston and Nechells Foodbank

Dear Church Donor Partner

We are grateful to you that you collected food for us last year.

We have fed 563 adults and 355 children since April 2014 giving out 6581.2kg of food. We are opening a third distribution centre in Ward End in November. We are serving a wide range of ages and ethnicities. *Families are desperate - many not having eaten for a few days before they come to us*- understandably they see the Foodbank as a last resort. The commonest reason for food poverty is still benefit sanctions or delay- you are probably aware how the benefit system has continued to be harsher and less flexible since April 2013. Our Food is donated by local schools, churches and our monthly Tesco food collections and hope that you will continue to support us.



Best Wishes, Rosemary Cripps

On behalf of Aston & Nechells Foodbank.

For further information contact Christine or Simon Rowntree. There is a list of food and other items required, by the box at the back of the Church on a Sunday morning.



Return to Iona

When Murdoch McKenzie was our minister at Carrs Lane he took a group of members and friends on a week's visit to the island of Iona. His enthusiasm for the community, as an active member there, encouraged me to take some of my family along. We enjoyed it so much we went back four more times in succession, taking along a different friend each year. There was one year when I met a colleague from school coming up from the ferry for a day long trip. She told me afterwards how she was impressed by the calm and peace which she found there.

Spending a week at the Abbey in glorious weather, worshipping, studying, walking and sharing in the common daily life of the community once again, I too enjoyed the calm and peace of being there. I'd joined a group of URC and Methodists – mainly from Coventry and Nuneaton churches - to share in the week. My roommate was from Cotteridge church! We explored Symbols and Images of Christianity in our three morning sessions. The daily tasks of cleaning communal areas and setting tables, as well as sharing in the washing up after regular morning worship in the Abbey, enabled us to get to know each other well. There were two opportunities for singing and music making, also craft sessions and a concert at the Macleod Centre, and a ceilidh in the village. I left the island refreshed and inspired once again by the natural beauty, and a sense of belonging to a group of people who, since Columba's time, have been privileged to live in community and worship God as a part of daily life at Iona Abbey.

Pat Davies

Learning curves...

For the last year or so, folk at Carrs Lane enjoyed the company and conversation of Hastings, a postgraduate student at Queens and a pastor from Zambia. He shared enthusiastically in a number of aspects of the life of the church, and was taken to heart by members of the Harborne House Group. On Sunday 24th August, he said 'thank you' – very graciously – in morning worship for all that he had been able to give and receive during his time with us, and talked about his experiences in terms of 'Ubuntu'. He had already shared similar thoughts with members of the house group, and flew 'home' on 29th August. Whilst I had heard the word before, I knew very little about it...and it struck me that even as he talked, a number of folk at Carrs Lane were nodding their heads, clearly familiar with...and supportive of...the concept.

No simple definition can do justice to the word. Originally, it was a Nguni Bantu term roughly translating as 'human kindness'. In the whole South African region, it goes way beyond this, however: it speaks of our underlying 'human-ness' and is often rendered, 'humanity towards others'. In a philosophical sense, it means, 'the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity'. To hear Hastings speak of his time in Birmingham – and at Carrs Lane – in these terms was profoundly moving; it said something about welcome, and acceptance, and appreciation, and much more besides...and I suspect that some of us didn't warrant inclusion in the use of the word.

For me, though, there is more to all of this than a treasured visitor and a word from around the world. Given our growing diversity, we may need to make a greater effort to see the world through the 'givens' which have not grown up in Western Europe. More than this, we should acknowledge our need to learn from, and to be enriched by these things. To learn to receive is not simply about the warmth of the welcome which we offer – it is about our ability to be moved by, and enriched by all that people bring.

Neil

For where two or three gather...

A few weeks ago I was leading Sunday morning intercessions when the gospel reading was the passage from Matthew 18 ending "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them".

It is a verse which, during a year of being a community of two, I grew to love and value. But further reflection did set me thinking about just what gathering in God's name can look like, and how often we do indeed gather in God's name ... but to do things which seem to be contrary to the gospel. It was this reflection on how we gather in God's name and where God might be in such gatherings which inspired the following.



Afterwards, one or two people commented that they would like a copy – so here it is in print for you.....

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Where two or three gather in your name to kill and to maim

The name of God hijacked by violence

Where terrorists prey on the desperate with the promise of paradise.

Where a military establishment justifies its right to kill in church memorial services.

In Syria, In Iraq. In the Central African Republic. In Israel and Palestine. In the US and in here

We gather in your name to set Jesus free, to recall your promise of a gospel of peace

When two or three gather in your name to declare their riches a blessing

The name of God hijacked by wealth

Where economic myths hide a painful reality of growing inequality.

Where personal comforts and preferences are prioritised over shared resources.

In banks and in boardrooms. In stock markets, in thinktanks. In political assemblies and in here

We gather in your name to set Jesus free, to recall your promise of a gospel of hope

Where two or three gather in your name to exclude or divide

The name of God hijacked by fear

Where politicians play on ignorance to draw tighter borders which keep the desperate away

Where walls of separation are constructed with bricks and mortar or with words and pictures

In the media and politics, in borderlands and conflict zones, in countries, in communities, and in here

We gather in your name to set Jesus free, to recall your promise of a gospel of love

Where two or three gather in your name to impose or dictate

The name of God hijacked by rules

Where individuals and institutions claim a monopoly on truth

Where scriptures are selected and interpreted to suit the message of an elite

In places of prayer and places of education, in books and declarations, in hearts, in minds, and in here

We gather in your name to set Jesus free, to recall your promise of the gospel of God.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Stephanie Neville

Commitment for Life: Israel/Palestine

from Moving Stories 174

Khalid Mansau is a PARC (now called the Palestine Agricultural Development Association) staff member working out of the Nablus office in the West Bank. He oversees the many reclaimed land projects supported by PARC in this area. Land that was considered infertile is cleared of rocks and planted with fruit trees and vegetables.

Khalid's family were originally from Haifa but settled in a refugee camp in 1948 (following the declaration of the state of Israel). Khalid was born in the camp and still lives there today with his wife, two daughters and two sons. He is proud of what his children have achieved. One son is an engineer whilst the other is still at school. His daughters are in college studying engineering and multimedia. He still remembers when the camp was full of tents in straight rows. It took until 1949 before the UN started building houses for the refugee families.

Having trained as an agriculturalist in Nigeria he returned home to work for PARC in 2002. He would love to return to his original village in Israel one day, "I have refugee papers, it gives me a status; it means we are not forgotten. The world cannot forget." Part of Khalid's work is to build good relationships with local councils. He is confident this has been achieved because they can see the good work PARC is doing with farmers. Long term development means building trust and showing by example, change does not happen quickly. He said, "There is always hope but we need help from the world. Thank you for your support."

PARC is involved in many irrigation and agricultural projects across the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. Their work sends out a positive message of hope to Palestinians living and working under Israeli occupation. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.'

Mamoud is one of nearly five million exiled Palestinians, the third generation of refugees who are exiled from their land, their homes, their communities, since 1948. Mamoud was born in Aida refugee camp, near Bethlehem. Without citizenship, work, nor the right of return, Mamoud and millions of others like him are in limbo. They dream of a time when their rights will be recognised and fulfilled, yet they know in their hearts that there is no hope of returning at the present time. So the camp grows, life is normalized, houses are built, services set-up, and the thousands of inhabitants wait to go home.

The YMCA works with children and young people in Aida refugee camp to deal with the trauma that builds up of growing up with despair and poverty, and tries to help them to express their feelings in non-violent and healing ways.

From the Christian Aid web site

Britain's largest trade union, "Unite", has condemned Israeli crimes in the occupied Palestinian territories and stepped up to join the international campaign for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel.

Teachable lessons from resilience of GAZA ... Greetings from Gaza

As I see, one of the most challenging issues towards Gaza "crisis" at this critical moment is the Response Approach?! I do understand the entire need "at least during the first three months" to continue with intensive emergency/relief responses (mainly consumable aids) under humanitarian umbrella, but what is importantly expected by Gaza population and ...Palestinian People is not only to deal with their case as a 100% humanitarian aid ?!

Could be the right moment for different relief and development actors to make the best use of their power spaces to advocate and work for this issue of high concern, to start planning/taking real participatory actions for reconstruction and rehabilitation based on Resilient Development Approach, an approach that is driven by human rights, dignity, sovereignty and emancipation from the occupation.

Recent war days of Gaza have witnessed a great internal social and family solidarity movement, a spontaneous but deeply rooted movement in Palestinian social fabric and culture of resilience. This scene of social solidarity activism has been almost touched and seen in all besieged neighbourhoods of cities and Refugees Camps of the Strip, where thousands of Palestinian families opened their doors to host thousands of Palestinian displaced people, sheltered them and offered them almost everything. This is one of the most important and teachable lessons emerged from under the fire of war, a lesson of how local positive coping mechanisms could work and operate within local community under such protracted crisis conditions, it showed also importance of such local resilience strategies like; home gardens, processed/dried foods, innovative substitutions, family soft lending, high spirit of community voluntarism... etc.. I do think and believe, like the majority of Palestinian people,...it is time not only to respect such community values (strategies) but also to defend and build on them IN JUST PEACE & DIGNITY

Ahmed Sourani (programme officer for OXFAM in Gaza)

Traidcraft are in regular contact with both of their producer groups based in the West Bank region, Holy Land Handicrafts and Zaytoun. Despite very difficult times, both groups are doing their best to remain positive. Basma Barham from Holy Land Handicrafts says "We are trying as much as we can to keep our organisation active. Now our salvation is to increase our orders from customers and to work on exhibitions outside the country." Nasser Abfarha, founder of Zaytoun's primary supplier, Canaan Fair Trade, believes that a change will come through civil society campaigns. Zaytoun's resolve to support Palestinian farmers grows deeper and they thank Traidcraft for working with them. We are asked remember them in our prayers and to continue to support their work through promoting sales of their goods.

Contributed by Wendy Firmin

On This Day ...

From the London Missionary Society Chronicle October 1914

Some fairly brief items, reflecting one financial and several non-European consequences of the war. Carrs Lane members had the opportunity to read this detailed and copiously illustrated Chronicle along with the C.L Journal, and so could potentially learn a surprisingly large amount about the rest of the world for the time.

The Consultative and Finance Committee have instructed the Editorial Secretary to insert in the Chronicle an expression of their deep gratitude to the Secretaries and Agents of the Society for their spontaneous act in sacrificing a portion of their salaries during the present year of war. Those concerned are paying back anonymously and voluntarily a proportion of their salaries approximating to 10%. A number of missionaries at home on furlough have already acted in a similar way, while some have seized opportunities of taking up other work temporarily in order to relieve the Society until it becomes possible for them to return to the field.

The fact that the cannon of this war are reverberating on the shores of China shows that those who only know of Europe cannot begin to see the ultimate significance, even politically, of the war. The new study text-book, "The Regeneration of New China," by the Rev. Nelson Bitton, has in it that significant photograph of a great cannon, manned by Chinese gunners, which was reproduced in the September Chronicle. The call, then, is greater at this stage rather than less that we should turn to a deeper understanding of the awakening nations of the East, on whose truly Christian character will depend the peace of the world in the future and the continuance of what is best in Western civilisation.

At this time when for a number of reasons the Sunday schools are particularly open to the story of the missionary enterprise of Universal Peace, we are sure that our superintendents and teachers will desire to make use of the Society's very varied and fascinating apparatus and literature for this purpose.

The seizure of German Samoa by an expeditionary force from New Zealand has placed the large missionary staff of the Society there under the British flag.

A German force has attacked Abercorn, N. Rhodesia, which is thirty miles south-east of the southern corner of Lake Tanganyika, and the administrative centre of North-eastern Rhodesia. On September 9 the Germans opened shell fire upon Abercorn, but afterwards retreated fifteen miles to the east. Kawimbe, where the L.M.S. has carried on work for more than a quarter of a century, is ten miles direct east of Abercorn and on the road between it and the frontier of German East Africa, and there can be no doubt that the German force must have passed through it. No direct news has yet come to hand from Kawimbe, but a cablegram three weeks ago stated that the ladies and children connected with the mission had gone to one of the mission stations to the west, farther away from the German frontier. The telegraph line through Northern Rhodesia ends at Abercorn. It is possible that it may have been cut, and there may be considerable delay in getting any direct news.

From the Carrs Lane Journal October 1964

My memories of Autumn leaves include piles which insisted on blowing into the doorway of the house, a slippery layer on a pavement which led to a fall and two rather spectacular black eyes, and the changing rural scenery enjoyed during pony rides. I wonder how often we stop to think of the beauty in which God clothes the preparation of our deciduous trees for the rigours of winter, or ponder the splendour and variety of the trees which provide so much of the oxygen we breathe.

Bits and Pieces (by S.H. Oldham)

This "bit" would hardly be seasonable if it contained no reference to Autumn, which, to me, with the possible exception of Spring and Summer is the most delightful season of the year. What is there that is more typical of Autumn than leaves? What joy it was in childhood to hear the shush-shush of the leaves as we waded through them ankle deep on the footpath in the wood!

Time was when I might have joined our rambles and experienced all the autumn tints in the Forest of Arden; but now, getting short of puff my range has become more circumscribed, and I have to be content with the trees that grow within the bounds of the city. There is a wealth of fine trees to be found in Birmingham, their conservation due to a large extent to the Calthorpe Estates. Oak, elm, lime, ash and sycamore trees are everywhere, but there are several trees which are more uncommon. Acacia may be seen here and there. A fine tree of this species adorns the front garden of our friend Mr. J.E. Payne at Moseley. By far the largest mulberry tree that I have seen is as high as the house in the garden of which it stands in Billesley Lane, Moseley. In another part of the same lane a walnut tree overhangs the pavement.

Now is the time to glance at the fallen leaves in the gutters. In Augustus Road, Edgbaston, you may find some large leaves with a peculiar bird's mouth indent, which have fallen from a lofty liriiodendron or tulip tree, which vies in height with native competitors. There is a much smaller tulip tree in a garden opposite the school in School Road, Moseley; and only a short distance away in the same road is a healthy specimen about thirty feet tall of a gingko, popularly known as the maidenhair tree, owing to the shape of its leaves, which resemble the fronds of maidenhair fern. The gingko is the last survivor of the trees which grew in China 250 million years ago, but in this country have only been known for a millionth of that time. As one authority says, "It is perhaps the most interesting tree in existence."

The largest tree of this kind was planted at Kew in 1754, but there is another, almost as big, in the garden of Peckover House, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, now owned by the National Trust. It was this particular tree that first aroused my interest in the gingko. My uncle had a cutting from it in his own garden which was the height of a walking stick when I first saw it some sixty years ago. The only other tree I have encountered is growing beside the kerb in the main street of Chipping Campden. (Strangely enough since writing the above a letter has appeared in the Birmingham Post referring to this very tree.)

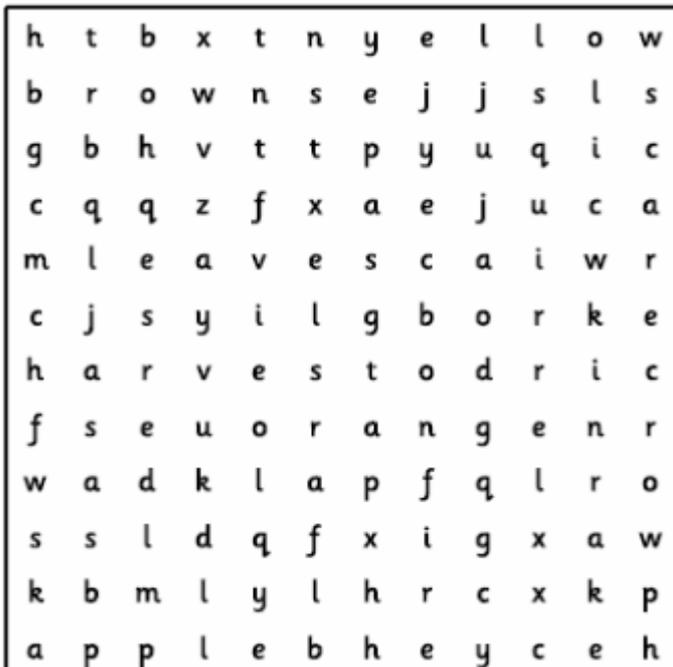
Contributed by Wendy Firmin

Kids Page

A page to colour for World Teachers Day – October 5 2014



Autumn Word Search



rake	scarecrow
squirrel	leaves
bonfire	harvest
orange	acom
brown	yellow
apple	red
fall	pear



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The Church at Carrs Lane Regular Activities

SUNDAYS

Morning Worship	Every Sunday at 10.30am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month
Children's Church	Second Sunday at 2.30pm
Radical Worship	Fourth Sunday at 6.00pm
First Sunday Lunch	First Sunday each month at 12.30pm
Church Meeting	Second Sunday at 12 noon
Singing Group	Third Sunday 9.45 – 10.15am

WEEK DAYS

Carrs Lane Lived Community meet for Prayers -

Monday to Friday 7.30am and 7.00pm, all are welcome to join them

Lunchtime Healing Service Every Wednesday 1.15pm

Prayer Group First Wednesday at 7.00 pm

Thinking Allowed First Thursday at 10.15 am

Harborne House Group Fourth Tuesdays 2.00pm (various locations)

Central House Group at Carrs Lane Third Wednesdays at 6.30pm

Carrs Lane Choir Practice Fridays at 7.00pm

Carrs Lane Players (drama group) Fridays at 7.45 pm

Charity Knitting Circle First Tuesday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Carrs Lane Walking Group usually meets monthly, see notice board

Fair Trade Shop First and Third Sunday after morning worship
and Tuesday - Saturday 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Counselling Centre Monday - Friday 11.00 am - 1.30 pm
and Monday to Wednesday evenings 7.00 - 9.00 pm

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