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## CALENDAR for July and August 2022

Sun	3 July	10.45am	Rev Dr David Stec - COMMUNION
Mon	4 July	7 pm	Elders meeting
Tues	5 July	10 am	Community Choir
Sun	10 July	10.45am	Rev Simon Copley - BAPTISM
Tues	12 July	10 am	Community Choir
Sun	17 July	10.45am	Worship Group
Tues	19 July	10 am	Community Choir
Thurs	21 July	10 am	Management Team
Sun	24 July	10.45am	Rev Canon Adrian Alker
Tues	28 July	10 am	NO Community Choir until September
Sun	31 July	10.45 am	Worship Group
Sun	7 Aug	10.45am	Worship Group
Sun	14 Aug	10.45 am	Favourite hymns
Sun	21 Aug	10.45 am	Rev Canon Adrian Alker
Sun	28 Aug	10.45 am	Mr Chris Limb

## FLOWERS

Jean Dickson has the flower rota for 2022 ready to be filled. Please have a word with Jean to arrange a date. Providing flowers for Sunday worship can be a fitting way to mark an anniversary or remember someone you love. As well as beautifying the church, the flowers give pleasure to the people who receive them afterwards. You can arrange your flowers yourself or you can ask Jean to do it for you. If you wish, you could tell us what you are commemorating.

## SERVICE SHEET

If you have any notices to go in the service sheet, please send them to the person who is preparing them for that month:

Judith Adam:	January, May and September
Sheila Cooke:	February, June and October
Jean Dickson:	March, July and November
Monica Hanna:	April, August and December

## REFLECTION

*19 June 2022 - on Luke 8.26-39 (the Gadarene or Gerasene swine)*

The dramatic story of Jesus healing a demoniac and sending the demons into a herd of pigs is offered as our gospel, our good news for this Sunday. The story is well known, although unique to Luke's gospel and has many elements of symbolic and theological importance, as probably intended by the gospel writer. Let's touch upon some of them.

Jesus has crossed the Lake of Galilee and is in Gentile territory. Here Luke may be anticipating the later gentile mission which he will record in the book of Acts. The overthrowing of the demons may hint at his opposition to the demonic rule of the Roman authorities, not least hinted at through the declared name of the unclean spirit as 'Legion', a unit of 6000 men in the Roman army. The good citizens in the country of the Gerasenes beg Jesus to leave them after the exorcism. Perhaps they regarded Jesus as a threat to their stability and again we see such situations in Paul's ministry as described in Luke's second book. But if we look afresh at this story and what it might say to us in our contemporary condition, I would like to suggest that throughout the story and its context is one all-important human emotion: fear.

The scriptures might urge us not to be afraid. Our Psalm for today, the well-known Psalm 42, asks why is our soul so disquieted, so full of heaviness, and counsels us to put our trust in God. Perfect love casteth out fear, we are told in the first letter of John. Yet poor Elijah, fleeing for his life from King Ahab and his wife Jezebel as recorded in today's Old Testament lesson, is racked with fear, as he spends the night in that cave.

For life we know is not so straightforward, even for those with faith. First let's look at the gospel story again, this time through the lens of fear. The few verses before today's gospel tell of the disciples with Jesus crossing the lake in the boat when a storm hits them and the boat fills with water. Frightened disciples cry out to Jesus who then rebukes the wind and the rain and challenges the faith of his chosen ones. So we know the context is of our faith at times of fear. In the story of the Gadarene swine fear is everywhere. Clearly the possessed man is at his wits end with fear. He was shackled with chains because the good citizens there were also afraid – afraid of him, afraid of what seems to be a mentally insane person. We know only too well the sad history of society locking up so called "lunatics" because we did not understand mental illness and were afraid of it. What about the poor pigs? If indeed they are feeding on a dangerous hillside and the swineherds also are paralysed with fear, they don't control their herd of pigs, and they run in fear over the steep bank. Everyone is gripped with fear.

There can be nobody reading this sermon or in church this morning who does not experience fear from time to time. Fear over our own health and that of our loved ones. Millions of people in our country and across the world fear about the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. There are families in our city afraid to turn on the cooker because they cannot afford to do so. And across the world people are afraid of their lives - in the war-torn cities of Ukraine, in the Taliban controlled towns and cities of Afghanistan.

Sometimes fear operates in a more complex way. When gay people face hostility or even persecution in many countries, I would want to ask the question of their enemies, "Of what are you afraid? Are you afraid of facing up to your own prejudices?" When governments refuse to be transparent with the public, what are they afraid of? Afraid for their jobs? Again, in the scriptures, Jesus says (this time in the gospel of John), the truth will set you free.

If perfect love does cast out fear, I think we have to move beyond a simplistic acceptance of biblical texts or an infantile attitude to a belief that somehow God will put it all right for us. Rather I see in Jesus of Nazareth love in action, and here I believe is a more helpful platform to handle fear in the context of hope and faith. As suggested, fear has many contexts. Students fear failing in exams and not getting the grades they need. Striking employees may be fearful for their jobs in a changing labour market. Women abused by their partners might be fearing further violence. We might all be living with the fear of a return of a more serious variant of the corona virus. And the list could go on.

Perfect love in action. Think for a moment of a situation, present or past, which has caused you to fear. And now reflect upon how that fear was overcome or lessened. So often it is the support and comfort of a loved one which sees us through these times. The Ukrainian mother and children fleeing in fear are welcomed into the arms of a loving family who open up their own home. The fear which accompanies serious illness is counterbalanced by the professional care of doctors and nurses, by their kindness. Loving parents who support their teenage children through the stress of exams. Helpers at a food bank who help to calm the fear of a family going hungry that day.

This is love in action. This is the true humanity which can set us free. In Jesus we see the love of God personified. The Jesus who touches the leper clean, the Jesus who exposes the prejudice of those who refuse to cross the road to help the man in the gutter, the Jesus who challenges all in power to show compassion to the hungry, the oppressed, the orphan and the widow. The Jesus who confronts violence and hatred by his own sacrificial death on the cross. And the God of love vindicates Jesus by empowering his followers to continue the same work of love in action.

Finally we might think of those men and women down the ages who have shown fearlessness as they speak out and act against oppression, injustice and wrongdoing. I recently saw a film about the life of Siegfried Sassoon who spoke out against the politicians and leaders of the army in how they were conducting the first world war, in which Sassoon fought with gallantry and gained the Military Cross. His fearless accusations were met with scorn and as you know he was sent to Craiglockart War Hospital to cure his so-called 'mental aberration'.

We may not all have the courage to be a Tutu or a Mandela or a Pankhurst but together as followers of the One who fearlessly opposed the unjust rule of the mighty Roman Empire, we can support each other as we seek, fearlessly, to build a more just and peaceable world.

*Revd Canon Adrian Alker*

## FAMILY NEWS

On 10 July Rev Simon Copley (Sheffield Team Ministry) conducted the baptism of Jude Kelly. Jude is the great-grandson of our late member Jean Potts; **Nicola and Rob Kelly** were married by Simon in St Andrew's in 2019. The church was full of friends and family, lots of young couples, friends of Nicola and Rob, and about two dozen (remarkably well-behaved) children aged under eight. It was a delight to see them all.



**Jean Dickson** expects to move to her lovely new apartment very soon. Masses of clearing out is going on and she is making good use of a commercial shredding firm. **Christina Stark** has had hip replacement surgery and is very pleased with the result - very few post-operative problems and very little pain. She feels extremely lucky having got it done quickly as a result of a cancellation.

**Wilma and Alistair Love** are leading a rather restricted life at the moment; Wilma got her driving licence back but is finding her arm painful when driving. She sends her good wishes to us all, as do Fraser McVittie, John Price and Sadie Jones.

Sadly, several members have had falls. **Fraser MacVittie** was painfully bruised and **Barbara Macmillan** is having physio after the family's beloved dog Dexter got too enthusiastic.

Unfortunately, Covid is on the rise again; we all know people who have tested positive and some have had significant symptoms. So yes, we need to learn to live with it but continue to take care.

**Alison Moore** has celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and sent us this account: Following the recent death of a family friend, at much too young an age, I decided that turning 40 was something we must celebrate. We had Covid for Steve's 40th in October, so Steve and I decided to have a joint party on Saturday 25th June with friends and close family. The rain didn't dampen our spirits, the children loved having so much company and every toy out in the house and garden; we also had Ginger grazing company cater for us, and it was so tasty, and based on the minimal leftovers was a good call too.

Our friend also loved colour, and my sisters Fiona & Sarah gifted me an appointment with a personal stylist to assess what colours suit me, which I'm excited about. So here I am gratefully embracing being 40 and hopefully having a lot more colour in my life!

*Happy Birthday, Alison, and all good wishes!*



We were delighted to welcome former member **Dr John Clark** to our service on 26 June. He now lives in Glasgow and was in Sheffield for a medical gathering. His old friends at St Andrew's were delighted to catch up over coffee and he promises it will not be so long before he returns again.

Greetings from **Sarah Hall** who sends her love to everyone. She says: 'Each time I read the Messenger I am reminded of all I appreciated about the church, and I keep St Andrew's in my prayers.' **Robert Beard** also sends his best wishes and has sent us another instalment of life on the NHS 111 frontline. (See page 13.)

**Michael Bayley** is doing remarkably well after his dreadful accident with unquenchable spirit and determination. It is good to know that he is getting back in action and will hold an exhibition in October. **Hope, Art & Sanctuary** is an exhibition of carvings and pictures by Michael and photographs by Kevin Bonnett which is being held at Highfield Trinity Church from **Wednesday, October 5th to Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Most of the items will be for sale and all the profits will go to Assist, the Sheffield-based charity which does a remarkable job supporting people who have been unsuccessful in their applications for asylum and as a result have been made destitute.

## **STOP PRESS**

Good news! Planning permission has been given for us to proceed with the ramp. There are still some bureaucratic hoops to jump through but we can get quotes and bring them to Church Meeting.

## **THE WIDER CHURCH**

The **URC General Assembly** annual meeting took place at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, 8 - 11 July. A summary of the decisions made there is available on the URC website.

### **Greenbelt festival:**

The URC returns to the Greenbelt Festival of faith this year with a new café tent as a welcome spot for everyone and the theme of 'Revolting Christians'. Throughout the bank holiday weekend, they will have a full programme running of worship, discussion, music, bedtime stories and superb crafts combined with great coffee and tea, delicious treats and affordable meals.

On Sunday 28 August there will be a special communion service to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the URC, and a special 50th birthday party that reflects its rich diversity.

### **URC Jubilee**

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the United Reformed Church is being marked in October. A special Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving will be held at Methodist Central Hall Westminster, London, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, where the launch service was held in 1972. Free tickets to the event are available.

At our service on 2 October, Jenny Carpenter will lead worship and celebrate the URC and David Stec will conduct the communion.

## A Recipe for a Queen

by Ahatty Tesfa, age 6

A handful of humility  
A spoonful of care  
A dash of money  
And a splash of responsibility  
Perfect for a queen.

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Ahatty wrote this poem as a classwork competition at her school and won 1st place and was awarded a Platinum Teddy. She sat with the Queen and her Corgi on top of the poem.

## PUZZLE

See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common:

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters.

## ORDINATIONS

Kirsty Massey, who has led our worship several times, was ordained as a deacon at Sheffield Cathedral on 26 June 2022 as part of their Petertide ordinations. Kirsty grew up in Glasgow attending Hutchisons Grammar school, as it was then called. She studied Mediaeval history at St Andrews University. She did a couple of years doing voluntary work for a church in Dewsbury which included helping out in a couple of infant schools. Kirsty then trained as a primary teacher. She met her husband Paul there and they got married in 1995.

They spent a few years in Devon where she taught a Class Two. They moved to Sheffield and Kirsty became the Reception teacher alongside me at Birkdale Prep School. They worship at St John the Baptist, Owlerton, where Kirsty will be doing her curacy. She has been a licensed reader since 2015. While still teaching Reception she studied part time at St Hild College.

Kirsty has preached a few times at St Andrew's and we hope we will see more of her now that her studying is over. We wish her well in her new career move.

### *Sheila Dunstan*

Also being ordained as priest in the same weekend was Amy Hole, daughter of Fleur and Walter Houston, who attended the ceremony.

In all, 8 priests and 18 deacons were ordained at the Cathedral.



## AN APPRECIATION OF BILL MACDONALD

*Bill's funeral was taken by the Revd Cindy Kent MBE, who said:*

William Symon McDonald, known as Bill, was born on the 19th of April 1927 and brought up in Brighton. He always had a remarkable array of talents: deadly accuracy with a rifle, great skill on the ice rink, and the ability to spot the winner of the Grand National when just 8 years old. After National Service and the London School of Economics, he decided to go into the business world, specializing in marketing. He joined A C Nielsen where he rolled out the Nielsen Overnight Ratings for TV across the USA. Promotion came quickly and by about 30 he was a director of his company.

This was about the time also of an even more important step, when he married Lillemor, a film and TV actress and one-time Miss England. It seems they were both pretty nervous, or to put it another way, terrified, so they decided to marry as quickly as possible in case either of them got cold feet. It didn't come to that and in time they celebrated a diamond wedding. Eighteen months after getting married the young couple, together now with a child, emigrated to the United States, to New York, where they spent four wonderful years and a second son was born.

But then there came an approach with a job back in London, with significantly better pay and prospects, although for some reason less was said about the significantly worse cost of living and taxes. Anyway, they did return to England, within the year having a third son, and for several years Bill worked mainly in the newspaper business.

Then came the opportunity to become involved in something completely new in Britain: commercial radio. His time in America meant he was one of the few people in Britain with any experience of this. He became one of the small group who started the commercial station in Sheffield, Radio Hallam Limited, in 1974, and was appointed Managing Director. Hallam quickly became the most popular station in South Yorkshire & the North Midlands. In time Hallam amalgamated with Bradford station Pennine Radio and Viking Radio in Hull to create the Yorkshire Radio Network.

Bill retired as managing director in 1990 but not completely; he continued with consultancy work and a working interest in the high quality broadcast engineers Audionics, and was involved in setting up new, ultra-local, stations of a kind that could scarcely have been conceived back in 1974. One way and another he carried on working well into his eighties. He was highly regarded by his staff, as shown by the many tributes, praising him as a person who was kind, generous, warm, intelligent, thoughtful. What a huge loss for his colleagues and everybody who knew Bill professionally and personally.

## ST ANDREW'S

Bill is remembered with great fondness and respect at St Andrew's Church too. Bill and Lillemor joined the church soon after arriving in Sheffield, when the Rev Ernest Marvin was minister, and the two became great friends. Bill was interested in the wider church and expanding faith in an ecumenical way, and his experience of working with the media gave him a good sense of the ways in which the church might better engage with the wider world of Sheffield. He initiated Ernest's weekly Sunday morning broadcast on Radio Hallam.

We appreciate the way Bill put his professional skills and contacts at the service of the church. He was at one time convenor of the Publicity Committee and was on the committee which set up the Child Contact Centre. He was also St Andrew's link with the Sheffield branch of the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ). Bill and Lillemor made a memorable trip with other church members to Israel and Palestine.

They were regular attenders on Sundays, friendly and interested in everyone. We remember Bill as a most kind, genial example of practical Christianity. They have both been sadly missed since mobility problems prevented them from coming to church, but they were still interested to hear about people and events here, and we kept them in our prayers.

We send our sincere sympathy to Lillemor and their sons Roderick, Neil and Craig.

*(Thank to Cindy Kent and members for this appreciation.)*

## LECTIONARY READINGS for July and August 2022

July 3	Isaiah <b>66</b> : 10-14; Psalm <b>66</b> :1-9; Galatians <b>6</b> : (1-6), 7-16; Luke <b>10</b> : 1-11, 16-20
July 10	Deuteronomy <b>30</b> : 9-14; Psalm <b>25</b> : 1-10; Colossians <b>1</b> : 1-14; Luke <b>10</b> : 25-37
July 17	Genesis <b>18</b> : 1-10a; Psalm <b>15</b> ; Colossians <b>1</b> : 15-28; Luke <b>10</b> : 38-42
July 24	Genesis <b>18</b> : 20-32; Psalm <b>138</b> ; Colossians <b>2</b> : 6-15, (16-19); Luke <b>11</b> : 1-13
July 31	Ecclesiastes <b>1</b> : 2, 12-14 and <b>2</b> : 18-23; Psalm <b>49</b> : 1-12; Colossians <b>3</b> : 1-11; Luke <b>12</b> : 13-21
August 7	Genesis <b>15</b> : 1-6; Psalm <b>33</b> : 12-22; Hebrews <b>11</b> : 1-3, 8-16; Luke <b>12</b> : 32-40
August 14	Jeremiah <b>23</b> : 23-29; Psalm <b>82</b> ; Hebrews <b>11</b> : 29 – <b>12</b> :2; Luke <b>12</b> : 49-56
August 21	Isaiah <b>58</b> : 9b-14; Psalm <b>103</b> : 1-8; Hebrews <b>12</b> : 18-29; Luke <b>13</b> : 10-17
August 28	Proverbs <b>25</b> : 6-7; Psalm <b>112</b> ; Hebrews <b>13</b> : <b>1-8</b> , <b>15-16</b> ; Luke 14: 1 and 7-14

## BROOMHALL CENTRE JUBILEE

The Broomhall Centre hosted a Jubilee celebration for the Queen's Platinum anniversary on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. They invited users of the Centre to run stalls and activities. As word spread, other local groups offered to join in. Members of the Board distributed leaflets and advertised the event on social media. They fed over a hundred people a meal of Coronation (halal) Chicken with baked potatoes and rice and many more had cake, samosas, tea and squash. The weather was lovely, so they were able to have stalls and games and dancing in the yard.

Over 25 people were involved in running stalls, many of whom also helped to set up the hall and yard. Over 20 people volunteered to decorate, prepared and serve food, make cakes, clean up afterwards. Over 300 people, including lots of children attended throughout the day.

Several St Andrew's members helped on the day and it was a most enjoyable and successful event, as these pictures show.



## THE END OF THE LINE – 2

It's not a job for those who don't like Beethoven. Whenever I put callers on hold in order to consult with, or transfer the call to, a clinician, I'm treated to the opening of the second movement of the "Emperor" concerto. Fortunately, I find this entirely agreeable, and preferable by far to the jangly guitar music I endure while waiting for a Language Line interpreter for a non-English speaking patient.

The variety of situations presented to me never ceases to throw up surprises. Alongside the expected range of physical and mental illnesses and injuries, I've been required to assess symptoms arising from pushing sweetcorn up the nose, swallowing Milton sterilising tablets, and overdosing on Lemsip. Other callers have included a homeless Russian-speaker, a newly arrived asylum seeker, a very hot curry-eating competition survivor, an officer in the Cuban embassy, and a partygoer who was too drunk to remember his own name. Sometimes the assessment and outcome are fairly straightforward, but on other occasions I've found myself trying to persuade a reluctant patient presenting with immediately life-threatening symptoms to accept an emergency ambulance, or explaining to an insistent caller that NHS 111 is not a taxi-booking service.

NHS 111 is extremely popular, handling approximately one million calls every month. Contrary to stories propagated by certain news media, the great majority of callers are appreciative of our work, thanking us for "always being there", "staying up all night" or "working on bank holidays". It's all the more frustrating, therefore, when the current pressure on public health services means that we have little to offer. Often, these are cases in which the caller is in pain, but not in any immediate danger. For instance, the difficulty in many areas of finding a local dentist who is taking on new NHS patients, especially outside London, often leaves me trying to explain to callers that their conditions must become significantly worse before they can be referred to the few emergency dental services available.

The problem is not limited to dental calls. Priority for emergency ambulances is rightly given to those who are unconscious, bleeding heavily or struggling to breathe, while a non-emergency ambulance for a patient without immediately life-threatening symptoms can take up to 20 hours to arrive in London, although not usually so long in other regions. Having no alternative but to leave a caller in severe but non-life-threatening pain is both distressing for the patient and stressful for call handlers, who are not – as some have portrayed us – low-skilled employees robotically following an on-screen script, but highly-trained and caring human beings making on-the-spot decisions in order to connect patients with the best and most appropriate resources available.

There is seemingly unending controversy about NHS funding: not only the amount of public money made available by successive governments, but also the distribution of taxpayers' money across geographical areas, balance between investment in different kinds of therapy and research, and, increasingly, the amount spent on contracts with private sector providers.

Although our contracts are for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, West Essex and parts of London, the national pressure on NHS 111 services means that I sometimes find myself answering calls from exotic, far-flung places, whose names often begin with L – such as London, Leeds, Lostwithiel and Llantrisant. The names given by callers are even more diverse, reflecting the marvellous melting pot of cultures and ethnicities that has characterised England throughout recorded history, and I often find myself having to ask, courteously, to have these spelled out to me: and, oh, the joy of receiving a call from someone familiar with the international phonetic alphabet!

*Robert Beard*

## THOUGHT

During a recent bedtime devotional, I came upon a comment on a verse by the apostle Peter. I thought it was an important reminder to me in these days of sometimes personal and worldwide concerns. You may be interested to read it.

1 Peter 5.7

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.*

Whether they are large or small, we all carry various cares and concerns. They may be focused on health issues for ourselves or those that are close to us. We may be concerned about the future, money, or what is happening in the world today. It is impossible to avoid a whole range of concerns, so the question isn't whether we've got any, but what we do with them. If we hug them to ourselves, the likelihood is that they will turn into anxiety and end up dominating our lives. Peter encourages us to take decisive action by handing our worries and cares to God. God's passionate care for his people is the central theme of the whole Bible. It is a fact that God cares for us, and so we have no need to be anxious. Our responsibility is to ensure that we keep passing our concerns and cares on to the Lord, knowing that he will always be more than willing to hear of our burdens and help us cope with them.

*Raymond Smyth*

## THREE RING THEATRE

A theatrical first in Sheffield.

**Rock/scissors/paper** is really one story which yields three plays, acted in the three Sheffield theatres at the same time. Written by Sheffield playwright Chris Bush, we see the same cast perform in the Crucible, Lyceum and Studio simultaneously. Individual and interwoven, you can enjoy one show or see all three! How do they manage this ? With great difficulty, I think, though the joins do not show. Dashing between scenes, when a character exits one stage, they arrive on another. But see them all and be part of the biggest theatre event of the year!

The story concerns a Sheffield maker of high quality scissors, who has died leaving no will. His sister, his stepdaughter and her same sex partner, and the factory manager all have claims and each has different ideas of what should happen. The sister, an IT girl of 30 years before (modelled on Marti Caine?) is determined to convert the works into a nightclub. The stepdaughter wants to sell to a developer with plans to totally redevelop the site. The production manager aims to continue making quality scissors.

All three had independently called in expert help in the form of a photographer, a band, a property developer and a politics student with enough computer knowledge to get into the late manager's computer. Much of the humour derives from mistaken identities, as they don't know each others' plans. That some of the identities were already ambiguous adds to the confusion. The production manager has given up a finance job in the City to enjoy the luxury of creativity and making things. The band consisted of two women without instruments, but with an ability to pose on demand. The poseurs were outplayed in the music game by the apprentices who gave an impromptu demonstration of the *rock* of the title.

The ending is left undecided, but we realize that there will be a transformation. However, along the way various models are projected and references made to famous Sheffield past heroes and past dramas. There is music and dancing. There are laugh out loud jokes galore, often arising from the failure to recognize the various visitors. There were themes of Yorkshire favouritism of sons over daughters, celebrity culture, local politics and strikes.

Sheffield people have witnessed similar events over the last fifty years or so and will have friends or business acquaintances with such experiences, but the arguments are still valid, and each must be discussed and even fought over.

The plays are highly entertaining and have had rave reviews. The run at the Sheffield theatres has now ended, but they will be back, again and again. Not to be missed!

## **FOOD BANK**

Thank you to everyone who contributes so regularly to the S6 Food Bank. Jean Dickson has a great weight of goods to take to the Broomhall Centre every Monday from our box in church. They provide three days of emergency food to local individuals and families in crisis who have been referred by a care agency.

Between April 2021 and March 2022 the S6 Foodbank supported over 50,000 people for the first time in its history, 50,828 to be exact, of which 19,837 were children. These figures equate to 1,152,000 meals, or 484 tonnes of food distributed by the charity. The figures represent a 28% increase in the number of people accessing support compared to the previous 12-month figure.

The most urgent needs are:

Long life fruit juice, UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned veg, washing machine tablets, washing up liquid, toiletries, biscuits, chocolate and treats, nappies (size 6 and above).

## **CAFE KALYNA**

You may like to try this new café on Abbeydale Road next to the Broadfield pub. It is run by Ukrainians who have fled the war and was set up to help them find work, funded by a crowdfunding appeal. To help Ukrainians develop their English, the founders have assembled a variety of community resources, including volunteer teachers. Additionally, refugees should have access to CV workshops, assistance with job applications, and references.

## **Remember WATERAID**

There is still a constant need for provision of clean water in many parts of the world. We may not realise just how fortunate we are to be able to turn on the tap whenever we wish. Every day 800 children die because of dirty water and poor sanitation. But it's not just about saving lives. With clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, children can go to school regularly, women and men can earn a living, and whole communities can start to thrive. Already the lives of over 28 million people in the world have been transformed with clean water.

But there is still more to do. Wateraid says that for every £1 it receives, 74 pence is spent on providing clean water, toilets and hygiene. 24 pence goes on fundraising, and for every £1 spent on fundraising, they raise £4.16p.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parking charges have gone up all over town. It is now **90 p per hour** in the Broomspring Lane car park.

**ANSWER** to word puzzle: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.