

# IN TOUCH

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Otley Parish Church

## Who are we?

**Otley Parish Church** is the oldest building in Otley. It's at the heart of our town and, for over 1,000 years, people have been gathering here for worship, with significant family as well as community events.

We are a gathering place for pilgrims on a journey of discovery, kindling hope as we go, helping one another to be more fully alive to the wonders, joys and sorrows of life. We'd love you to share the journey with us. We want to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to Christ,

and in service to our local community. Join us in worshipping God together on Sundays and in daily life; be with us as we study and discern how to use the Bible in the 21st century; also learn with us what it is to be 21st century disciples following Jesus and help us, with other churches in

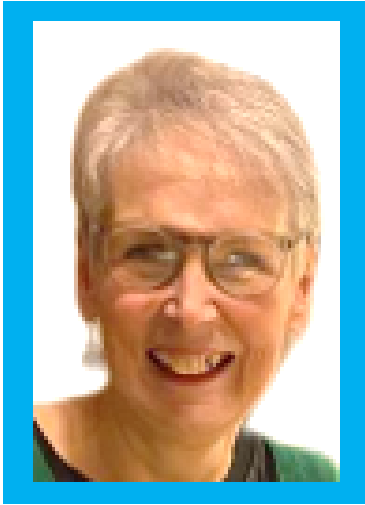
The town, to bring good news to Otley and far beyond.

***"There is a place for everyone, with Christ at the centre of it all."***

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## Letter from Jackie Hird, Licensed Lay Minister at Otley Parish Church

# *Dear Friends...*

Recently I have become interested in the Enneagram and was able to attend a day's workshop looking at it from a Christian perspective. If you haven't heard of it, the Enneagram is a tool to help you understand your personality. Other tools are available! What attracted me was that as well as helping you to understand more about your personality, it gives insight into how you are likely to behave when living your best life and conversely what may be your downfalls at times of stress. It

focuses on helping you on a journey of transformation.

That's a theme we have been learning a lot about in church recently. Our series on "The Good and Beautiful God" and The "Good and Beautiful Life" have been about helping us, as disciples of Jesus, become more like Him. Following Jesus takes us on a journey of spiritual transformation. We have been introduced to a word that has fallen out of fashion – Sanctification - being set apart for

a special purpose, being Holy. I am sure this is something most of us want.

However, **you** being transformed and becoming holy, will look different from me and from your best friend and from Aaron. I wonder, if like me, you ever look at another Christian and think, “if only I was like them”? Aspiring to follow good examples is fine, but thinking I can be just like them when my personality is completely different will never work. What I need to be is transformed into the best version of me, not someone else.

Of course, we do not all have to have a Myers-Briggs Profile or know which Enneagram number we are, but understanding ourselves and appreciating who God has made us to be is necessary if we want to grow and develop and progress on our spiritual transformation. We are all, “Fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139 verse 14). We are all made in the image of God; all unique, special and loved by our Heavenly Father. You may be meek and mild and gentle. You may be loud and boisterous and challenging. You may be

brimming with confidence or be fearful and hesitant. God made you and loves you and will not change you into someone else. But he can help you be the best version of you.

I recently heard the process of sanctification described in this way: a skilled artist painted a beautiful picture, a masterpiece of dazzling beauty. It was hung on a gallery wall and was admired. Over time the picture collected dust, then grease and grime. The sunlight damaged it and it got a tear in the corner of the canvas. Those who saw it still thought it lovely. One day a restorer took it down and started work. She painstakingly stripped away the layers of dirt and repaired the damage and revealed its original beauty. People gasped when they saw its beauty, saw the picture as the artist had intended it to be. They had always thought it beautiful but now, wow!

I expect the removal of my dirt and grease and the repair of my tears will be painful but worth it to reveal what I was created to be. Maybe I am a Monet, you might be a Van Gogh or a Picasso. We are definitely not all the same, but we are equally precious.

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023



**ONCE AGAIN, in December 2023, the Church was full of Christmas trees. Forty trees were decorated by local charities and organisations to create a truly fantastic Festival of Light.**

The first thing to say about the Christmas Tree Festival is that it is a team effort. Allan, Barbara, Margaret, Beryl, and Stephen are supported by an army of volunteers from both the church and the charities helping out both in the church and in the café. The festival couldn't happen without this army of volunteers, so a big thank you to everyone who helped!

The Christmas Tree Festival means different things to different people. For many of us, it is our Festival of Light celebrating the arrival of the light of Christ into an often dark world at a dark time of the year. The work done by the forty

organisations that decorated the trees this year is a practical example of the fulfilment of Christ's commandment for us to love our neighbours as ourselves. For the charities involved, the festival provides an opportunity for them to tell people about the work they do and to raise funds to carry out that work. We were delighted that, despite appalling weather and the cost of living crisis, over £4,000 was raised for the charities involved over the four days of the festival. This is slightly more than we raised last year.

One of the most notable features of the festival is the number of visitors it brings into the Church. We gave out over 1,000 programmes, many of which were shared by couples or families. In addition to these visitors, children from all the schools in Otley came and sang, including all the children and all the staff from St Joseph's. It was especially pleasing that the Christmas Tree Carol Service was very well attended including many people from the charities with their families. Perhaps even more pleasing were the many positive comments about the service and what it had meant to the people who came.



**The Prayer Tree**

Many visitors also took the opportunity to put a prayer on the Prayer Tree, underlining the need that some people had for spiritual solace, perhaps not available to them elsewhere.

The comments of one visitor were especially moving. This visitor admitted that she was finding it hard to make ends meet and wasn't looking forward to Christmas. She noticed the Christmas Tree Festival was free, so she called in and was absolutely enchanted. She also noticed in the programme that there were going to be performances from school choirs, so she came back to hear a couple of them. To add to her pleasure, she was able to enjoy a coffee and a mince pie at an affordable price. The most important thing for this lady, however, was not the way in which the festival enabled her to enjoy some of the magic of Christmas but, rather, the way in which it boosted her self-respect. As she went round the trees, she was able to put small amounts in the collecting buckets of the charities she most wanted to support, and it was hugely important to her to be giving rather than receiving.



Experiences like those of this visitor make the time and effort organising the Christmas Tree Festival very worthwhile.

**Allan Boddy**



# When Father Christmas came to call!



It was Friday morning, the third day of our Christmas Tree Festival, when who should walk through the church door but... Father Christmas and two of his elves! I couldn't believe my eyes. At the time there were only a few people in church, but two of the families that were there each had a young child with them. The look on those children's faces was wonderful.

Not long after, St. Joseph's Primary school came with one of their choirs, and as they walked up the side aisle to the stage, who was waiting for them there but Father Christmas. There were many young children in the church by this time and to see their faces was just magical. The whole atmosphere in the church was so special, and for me it was quite emotional. At the end of the concert Father Christmas sat on the stage with the children and had a photo taken with them.

I'm sure this will be a memory some of them, including me and all in church at that time, will never forget. Thank you, Lord, for bringing such joy into our church that morning.

**Barbara Nicholls**

# **Christingle Service December 2023**



**Otley Parish Church held two very popular  
Christingle services on Christmas Eve.**

**The first one was at 12 noon,  
and then there was an afternoon one at 4pm.**

**Large numbers of people attended with over 400 at the earlier  
Christingle, and over 600 at the later one,  
so more than 1,000 throughout the day.**

**An amazing sum of £1,499 was raised at these services for  
The Children's Society.**

# Otley Parish Church

# FAMILY news

## KAREN O'HARA



Karen was taken very peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus at home with her family by her side, on 22nd December 2023, aged 74 years.

She was the much-loved wife of Des, devoted mum of Emma and Beth, and a cherished grandma of Harriet and Jack.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Karen's life was held at Otley Parish Church on 23rd January, followed by a committal at Rawdon Crematorium.

Karen will, of course, be very sadly missed by everyone who knew her at Otley Parish Church.

● *In the July/August 2017 edition of Otley Parish Church's magazine (now known as **IN TOUCH**) Karen was featured "In the Hot Seat". For those of you who are fairly new to OPC it was thought that it would be helpful for you to find out about Karen's life story by featuring it again in this month's edition (page 16).*

# TRISH OUTTERSIDES



**TRISH died very peacefully at home in Otley on 29th November 2023, aged 77. She was a loving mum to Chris and Robin, and the much-loved wife of Robert whom she married 56 years ago at Otley Parish Church in July 1967 when she was 21.**

**She was involved with OPC in many ways throughout her life. She attended Brownies and Guides, and went to Confirmation classes while still a teenager. Later, she was a teacher for over 20 years at All Saints Junior School here in Otley. She was a great supporter of the Children's Society and helped with many of our church Christingle services. She regularly played the horn in the church band (and Guiseley band) and was a member of our Steel Magnolias' fellowship group.**

**Trish regularly helped with our Saturday Café, volunteered at the local Oxfam shop as well as with Otley Action for Older People, often working on people's gardens.**

**Trish will be very sadly missed by so many people here in Otley.**



**Sheila and Harold Simpson**

**Sheila Simpson and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for attendance at Harold's funeral service at Otley Parish Church on 23rd November 2023, and for all of the messages of sympathy received following their very sad loss.**

**A special thank you to all the church congregation who helped to prepare the refreshments for after the service, and who looked after everyone so well. A final thanks is extended to Rev Graham Buttanshaw for conducting the service, and to Richard Pickles and his staff for the funeral arrangements.**

**Harold very sadly died on 24th October 2023 at the grand old age of 103, following an unfortunate fall. He and Sheila started attending Otley Parish Church together 63 years ago! Sheila, now aged 97, started attending when she was just a child!**

# **EILEEN ARMSTRONG**

**celebrated her  
97th birthday on  
21st December  
2023**

**Eileen is seen here  
celebrating her special  
birthday with a lovely cake  
where she lives at Wharfeside  
Care Home in Westgate in  
Otley. The evening before,  
Otley Parish Church choir  
sang Happy Birthday to her  
after their Carol Concert for  
residents.**



# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

# **CONGRATULATIONS**

**to Sylvia Johnson  
on the birth of her new  
great-granddaughter,  
Callie Rose.**

**She was born on  
15th November 2023.**

**Callie's sister Anya  
is 5½ years old.**

**Sylvia will be 85 years old  
on 19th February 2024**





*Stewards*  
**OF GOD'S  
CREATION**



**IN NOVEMBER as part of National Tree Week, the Carbon Net Zero group at Otley Parish Church organised a Churchyard shrub pruning morning under the expert guidance of our tree expert Keith Wilson.**

Despite the cold and frosty conditions that morning, we were heartened to have 18 Church members volunteering at various times, and by lunchtime (with a lovely coffee break provided by Martin Hird), we had reduced the cotoneaster close to ground level and removed most of the potentially problematic ivy from the south wall. Around the south-east corner of the Church, a yew and buddleia were also pruned, as well as the conifers next to the east steps. Finally, to complete clearance all around, some willow and yew on the north paths were also pruned.

Following the work party, it was observed that the south side of the Churchyard was full of blackbirds, tits and wrens feeding from the bare soil dug out by Barry Milner while clearing the trench that runs alongside the wall. The sun on the wall now looks good and draws the eye down the path as well as providing extra light and warmth, and preventing the build-up of damp which was the main aim of the work.

Many thanks to all those who took part with such enthusiasm and energy. As stewards of God's creation, it was wonderful to work together to rediscover the south facing wall and to allow in more light and warmth. It was a small and quick win towards reducing our carbon footprint.



**ABOVE.**  
**Keith Wilson**

**LEFT.** Before the pruning started  
*(photo by John Simkins)*

**BELOW.** After the pruning was finished  
*(photo by John Simkins)*





# In the Hot Seat



## **A Look Back at the Life of Karen**

**(She appeared 'In the Hot Seat' in 2017)**

**Karen very sadly died in December 2023.  
For more details see Family News on page 10**

### **When were you born and where did you grow up?**

I was born in 1949 in Selby, North Yorkshire, and lived there until I was 7 years old. As a family, we then moved to Ripon where we stayed until I was nearly 15.

### **Where did you go to school and college?**

My secondary education was at Ripon Grammar School and later at Prince Henry's Grammar School here in Otley. Then, to Harrogate Secretarial College.

### **When did you become a Christian?**

I used to go to Otley Parish Church youth club in Burras Lane Hall which was across the road from the church, now converted into houses. In my late teens, one autumn, I with some great youth leaders from the youth club and youth fellowship group went to Parceval Hall. A week later at home, I decided to ask Jesus to come into my life. I couldn't wait to tell my youth leader, but when I did, he said, "I know! While driving down the motorway this week I had this incredible urge to sing at the top of my voice, and I knew that you had actually asked Jesus into your life!"

### **How and when did you meet your husband Des, and where did you get married?**

My elder brother Stuart used to sing with me at Otley Parish Church and other venues from retirement and nursing homes, other churches and youth centres. One of his friends asked if I would like to join a band called 'The Moldy Warp'. So with trepidation I joined them and we became known as 'Karen and the Moldy Warp'. Des later joined the band to play bass and suffice to say we got to know each other very well and eventually married in Otley Parish Church in 1971 by the vicar, Canon John Clayton.

### **How many children have you got?**

We have 2 daughters, Emma and Beth, two grandchildren, Harriet and Jack, and since a year ago we now have 8 step-grandchildren.

### **What was your occupation?**

After leaving college I worked locally at the mill in Pool-in-Wharfedale. I always preferred numbers, so I dealt with the Stocks and Shares there. Later, I became Credit Controller. After having our children, I mainly worked in crèches and then part-time in a walking/outdoor shop where eventually I got to do a lot of the paperwork. I am now happily retired!

### **Do you have any brothers and sisters?**

I have two brothers. My elder brother Stuart lives here in Otley, and my younger one Nigel lives in a little village called St. Verand, near Lyons in France.

### **Why did you choose to live in Otley?**

We came to Otley when my dad became Police Sergeant here in 1964. I was in tears when we moved because it meant leaving school and all my friends behind in Ripon. But I began to settle here and made new friends, and soon grew to love Otley. Thankfully, Des and I chose to live here when we got married.

### **Where did you worship before coming to Otley Parish Church?**

I worshiped in Selby Abbey, Ripon Cathedral and Holy Trinity Church in Ripon, and attended Sunday Schools there too.

### **When did you first start worshipping at Otley Parish Church?**

When we moved to Otley, I first went to WEFC (Weston Estate Family Church) which later closed and became part of Otley Parish Church. While at WEFC though, I used to sing in the main church with my elder brother and my husband Des during the late '60s and early '70s.

### **Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture? If so, what is it?**

So many scriptures that I love. Can I suggest two? Romans 8:38-39 – what amazing love! Also, Zephaniah 3:17 – God singing over us!!

### **Do you have a favourite Christian hymn or song?**

Singing and music have given me so much pleasure in my life and I never stop thanking God for giving me a voice, though it is thinning and weakening now. I love to learn new worship songs, so it is very hard just to pick out even a few. Here are some of them: *The Splendour of a King* (How great is our God), *Endless Hallelujahs*, *Bless the Lord O my soul*. I also love the albums by Adrian Snell, especially *The Passion* and *Alpha Omega*.

### **Do you like classical music? Do you have a favourite piece?**

Here again, so much glorious music. I love strings, brass, piano, wind instruments... the list is endless. Perhaps, *Gabriel's Oboe* - Ennio Morricone, *La Califfa* - David Garrett, and *In Paradisum: Gabriel Fauré's Requiem*.

### **What about modern songs or music - anything in particular?**

My favourite is Soul music, then Tamla Motown and '60s songs by artists such as George Harrison, Joni Mitchell, Paul Carrack, Colin Blunstone, Ry Cooder, Eric Clapton, Delbert McClinton... if I go more modern, then Amy Winehouse, and Adele. I cannot pick out just one song!

### **Do you play a musical instrument?**

No, not really. I can play the recorder badly(!) – does that count?

### **A book you really enjoyed reading – any special reason?**

You may have noticed I don't do anything in 'ones'! Books by David Rhodes, *Faith in Dark Places*, *Lenten Adventure*, *The Advent Adventure* – moving stories or meditations from the inner city. Couldn't put them down – very precious books. I even wrote to the author to thank him! I do also like to curl up with good fiction. The list is endless – historic or detective or just girly, but not sloppy. I have read most of C. J. Sansom's books.

### **Do you have a hobby or something you enjoy doing to relax?**

Gardening when it's not too cold and wet, and spending hours on the computer doing goodness knows what, and certainly reading a good book or watching a film.

### **What would be your favourite meal – 2 or even 3 courses?**

Lightly spiced carrot soup; a fillet steak with lots of veggies (including cauliflower cheese), roast spuds and gravy; and a chocolate brownie with raspberries and ice cream.

### **If you were to spend a whole year on a desert island on your own, what luxury would you take with you?**

A photograph album filled with photos!

### **Which one word best describes your life right now?**

Thoughtful.

# DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

MARY PIKE

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith... <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.  
Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)**

**Running with  
perseverance the race  
marked out for us**

Last Summer I agreed to take on the leadership of OPC's Sunday Club for children up to the age of 11. Over the holiday period, when I had been praying about the Sunday Club and the task ahead, some verses from Hebrews came to my attention. I found I kept coming back to them. The verses seem so relevant to our task in Sunday Club but are true for any of us, for any task, that God calls us to do.

There are times when you know God wants you to do something - even though you are thinking it would be easier not to get involved. There is no point arguing though - just think of Jonah and the huge fish! Also, God always knows what is best for us. We should trust his plan. Experience has shown me that there is a real joy in serving him.

I love these verses because I know how easy it is to get distracted by other things when there is something a bit more challenging that needs attention - in my case Sunday Club preparation. There often seem to be so many displacement activities such as tidying, sorting, emails, cleaning jobs and other things that need doing instead of the preparation. This passage reminds us to 'throw off everything that hinders' but more than that, it encourages us to make sure we are 'fixing our eyes on Jesus'. This reminds us to keep our eyes on the destination - to be his hands and voice in the world, to walk where Jesus would have walked, to act as he would want us to do. This is where you find the joy.

However, 'joy' can be, and often is, very different from 'enjoying' something and this is where the third verse encourages us: 'Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart'. When you respond to God's calling to do something, you have set your foot on a path that will often be challenging. It is easy to become weary and lose heart. This verse reminds us to turn our eyes back to Jesus and draw strength from him. He raises us up and gives us the strength and skills that we need to do his work.

## **PRAYER**

**Dear Father God, thank you that you know us inside out and have a plan for each one of us. Help us to be willing to listen to your voice and take the path you want us to take. Help us to keep looking to you and not to lose heart. Help us to know the joy of serving you. Amen.**





Otley Parish Church are planning a weekend away at The Hayes Conference Centre on the 21st to 23rd June 2024 as an opportunity to get to know each other and God more deeply and away from our normal environment. Everyone is welcome to join us and enjoy convivial company.

## **“The Hayes”**

**by Trevor Williams**

### **Where and What is “The Hayes”?**

Nestled in grounds of 100 acres on the edge of the pretty Derbyshire village of Swanwick, The Hayes was the first Christian Conference Centre in the UK. The centre’s stunning gardens, peaceful setting and spacious interior attract groups and organisations from across the UK, with many coming to the centre to share ideas, meet fellow Christians and enjoy a thoughtful and reflective retreat in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside. However, what many of today’s visitors may not know when they set foot in The Hayes is that they are actually walking on a piece of history. Having played a role in some of the important events of the last century, the centre has a rich and fascinating past.

## Early History

The Hayes was built in the 1860s as the home of Mr Fitzherbert Wright, a wedding gift for him and his new wife from his father, Francis Wright. Fitzherbert Wright had interests in local coal mines and later became Managing Director of the Butterley Iron Company, which provided the ironwork for St Pancras Station in 1868. He is also the maternal great, great grandfather of Sarah Ferguson, the current Duchess of York. On the death of Fitzherbert Wright in 1910, the estate was sold to a company that then adapted it for use as a Christian Conference Centre.

## Second World War

This peaceful rural retreat was transformed during the Second World War by the arrival of German prisoners of war (POW), known as Camp 13. The Hayes was the site of one of the most daring escapes of the war when five German prisoners, including ace fighter pilot Franz von Werra, built a makeshift tunnel and successfully escaped out of the camp while the POW choir distracted the guards.

While on the run, Von Werra managed to convince locals he was a downed Dutch pilot. He was in the cockpit of a plane at a nearby airfield preparing to fly home when he was discovered and re-arrested. The events were later turned into a film *"The One That Got Away"* starring Hardy Kruger.

The entrance to the 30-metre long escape tunnel was discovered in 1980 behind a fireplace in room number 102, which was in the former Garden House building.

## Modern Day

Today, The Hayes remains the biggest and most popular Christian Conference Centre in the UK. Over the years, several notable people have attended conferences here including T.S. Eliot, Sir John Betjeman and C.S. Lewis. Countless others have benefitted from the experience of attending events at The Hayes and meeting with people from around the world. Terry Waite, an envoy for the Church of England, was the guest speaker at a special centenary celebration held at The Hayes in May 2011.

As well as providing a large acreage of outdoor space to explore, there is an indoor lounge with a quiet reading area. Other indoor facilities include a clubhouse with a children's soft play area, table tennis, pool table and a gym. A large sports hall facilitates indoor ball games while a croquet lawn and football pitch can be found outdoors.

The Hayes also has a Chapel which can seat up to 350 people.

● In next month's edition of **IN TOUCH** there will be a list of interesting churches and local places to visit nearby to The Hayes Conference Centre.

# LOCAL TO GLOBAL

Towards the end of last year, our Parochial Church Council decided that Local to Global should very definitely continue to support both a local and a global charity. It was also decided that as some members of Otley Parish Church are directly involved with Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda this should continue to be our Global Project. However, it was felt that as 'Caring for Life' is now very well supported in many ways by other groups and organisations, a different small local Christian charity should be chosen.

In January this year the PCC formally adopted 'Leeds Faith in Schools' as our new local project.

## **LEEDS FAITH IN SCHOOLS**

### **Mark Atkins**

To the wonderful members of the Churches in Otley, it really is my privilege to write to you in my role as Schools Worker with Leeds Faith in Schools, and to update you on the incredibly exciting work that is happening with young people.

For 25 years or more LFIS have provided schools workers, based in Prince Henry's, seeking to be a Christian presence in the school and living out our vision of being 'Good News to the school', its students, and the staff.

As a team of 6 we have schools workers based in 10 different schools in and around Leeds and for the past 2 years I have worked in Prince Henry's on a Tuesday doing several things, including: 1-1 mentoring, boys' groups, a lunchtime club as well as the after-school drop-in youth club at The Bridge Church.



In schools, the demand for mentoring has grown significantly. In the wake of the pandemic and with school budgets becoming increasingly tighter, we have been able to offer to take on some of the burden of schools' enormous backlog of students needing extra pastoral support. These students are referred to us as they may be struggling with their mental health, their behaviour, and issues both at home and within school itself.

Mentoring provides the unique opportunity to build strong, trusted relationships with some incredibly vulnerable students. We are often the first people to hear the deeply personal and, unfortunately, tragic reasons why these young people have been 'acting out' or showing other negative behaviours. Mentoring enables us to show God's love to them in a practical way. Many of the lads I see in Prince Henry's on a regular basis are at risk of permanent exclusion – many of them are involved in anti-social and/or criminal behaviour out of school. All have a lot of difficulty fitting in at school. Some of them struggle with substance abuse and all of them have experienced some kind of major family breakdown.

At LFIS we are passionate believers in creating joy and fun wherever we go which is why we create spaces for young people to thrive in, as we know how important it is for their development. Not only this, but it also helps them open their hearts to us as followers of Christ. *Drop-in* provides an incredible safe space for young people to come and meet new people and enjoy themselves away from the pressure of school. I'm incredibly blessed to have a team of volunteers from Otley Parish Church (including Maria O'Hagan, the new youth worker), The Bridge Church, Otley Methodist Church, New Life, and Otley Catholic Church, to help me run it.

I believe God's Kingdom is ready to break-through in Otley, and especially in the lives of the young people here. The churches have such an open heart to them, and we are praying for God to do more.

If you'd like to hear more about the work we do, how you can get involved or how to support us, please feel free to contact me at [mark@lfis.org](mailto:mark@lfis.org) or visit the website [www.lfis.org](http://www.lfis.org)



**Y**OU usually see me lurking behind the sound desk at church! But for those of you who don't know me, my name is Chris. I have recently lost my job designing and creating motorhomes and have now taken the leap into my own business.



I am a designer and maker with over 30 years' experience. With a career spanning architectural model making to designing and



creating award winning motorhomes; creating incredible spaces, is my passion. I am now undertaking any kind of home improvements, small jobs to larger renovations and I would be really grateful if you would consider me for any work you may need carrying out in your home.

**Chris Dening**



# Home Improvements

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**IN TOUCH**

**We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you would like to see in YOUR monthly Church magazine.**

***Yes, it is yours!***

Please send us your suggestions as to how we can make **In Touch** even better than it is already. And let us know if you would like to contribute something.

What about "**In the Hot Seat**", or "**A Day in the Life of...**" or "**My Favourite Bible Verse**"?

Maybe you'd like to write a poem or a prayer or something in our new series about "**God's Wonderful Creation**"?

We would also love to hear your family news such as birthdays and anniversaries or anything interesting; also, to see some of your family photographs.

■ Whatever you would like to share with us please bear in mind that for it to be included in next month's **In Touch** we must hear from you as below:

*Keep in Touch*

We would love you to keep in touch and tell us what you'd like to see in *your* monthly Church magazine.

If you've got something you would like to share with us in the February edition of In Touch, please send it to our editor,

**[stephenhey01@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhey01@gmail.com)**

no later than

**Wednesday 14th February**



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*see our website for details of Church services  
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**Account name:** Parochial Church Council of Otley

**Sort code:** 20-37-13

**Account No.** 10088811

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