

Reasons why we support the food bank. (This message from CAP)

January always brings us a financial reckoning, but this year things look especially grim for many people in the UK. Recent research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has found that one in five people in the UK are living in poverty. In real terms, that's a staggering 13.4 million people.

Some recent sobering statistics from **Christians against Poverty**:

- 56 per cent of clients had to borrow money to pay for food, clothing, or other living costs.
- 61 per cent of clients could not afford basic toiletries like soap, toothpaste, or sanitary items.
- 66 per cent of clients had fallen behind with one or more household bills.

No wonder that a recent national poll by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) found that the majority of adults (88%) think more needs to be done to tackle poverty in their area.

Lyn Weston, director of church partnerships at Christians Against Poverty, asks: "With so many in our society struggling with severe financial challenges at this time, how can we support those being overpowered by poverty without losing *our own peace of mind*? Instead of us feeling propelled and activated, sometimes the enormity of demand can leave us feeling overwhelmed, helpless and even despondent."

But she believes that "if God is calling us to respond with Him, then somehow He will provide us with the help, agency and power we need to problem solve and create change." Basic to our response, she says, is a heart of compassion, based on God's love.

CAP has a range of resources to help local churches who want to help local people. Please go to: www.capuk.org

If you are able to, please donate to the food bank.



Sunday 28th January 2024

EPIPHANY 4

Septuagesima

Homeless Sunday
World Leprosy Day



10.30am - Morning Worship

Readings - revelation 12:1-5 and Matthew 20:1-16

6.30pm - Taize in St Philip's, Scholes

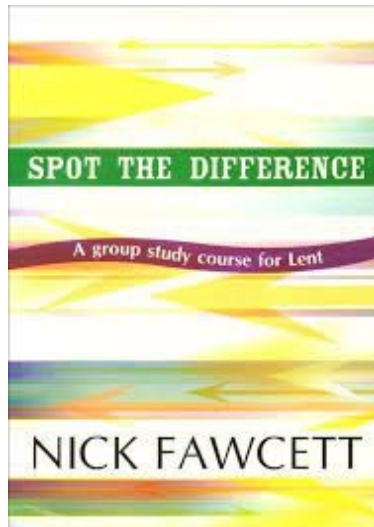
Tuesday 30th January 9.00am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 31st January 10.30 Holy Communion



**In God alone my soul quietly rests,
for my hope comes from Him. Ps 62:5**

Ecumenical Lent Study Group 2024



Wednesday afternoons at
Barwick Methodist Church

2-3.30pm.

All are welcome

February 21st, 28th &

March 6th, 13th 20th

“SPOT THE DIFFERENCE”

by Nick Fawcett

For more details please contact Jonathan
Rev. Jonathan Brennan - Rector - 0113 289 2437
0748 006 5354 - jonathan.brennan@leeds.anglican.org



Barwick Monday Ladies Fellowship

Monday 12th February

2.15 - 3.30

“Church Architecture - 2000 years of change”

by Revd. Jonathan Brennan

All Welcome

£3 including light refreshments

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sunday at 8am

4th Feb Holy Communion

11th Feb no service

18th Feb Holy Communion

25th Feb no service

Sunday at 10,30am

All Age worship

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

Morning Worship

Wednesday at 10.30am

7th Feb Morning Worship

14th Feb Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday

21st Feb Holy Communion

28th Feb Morning Worship