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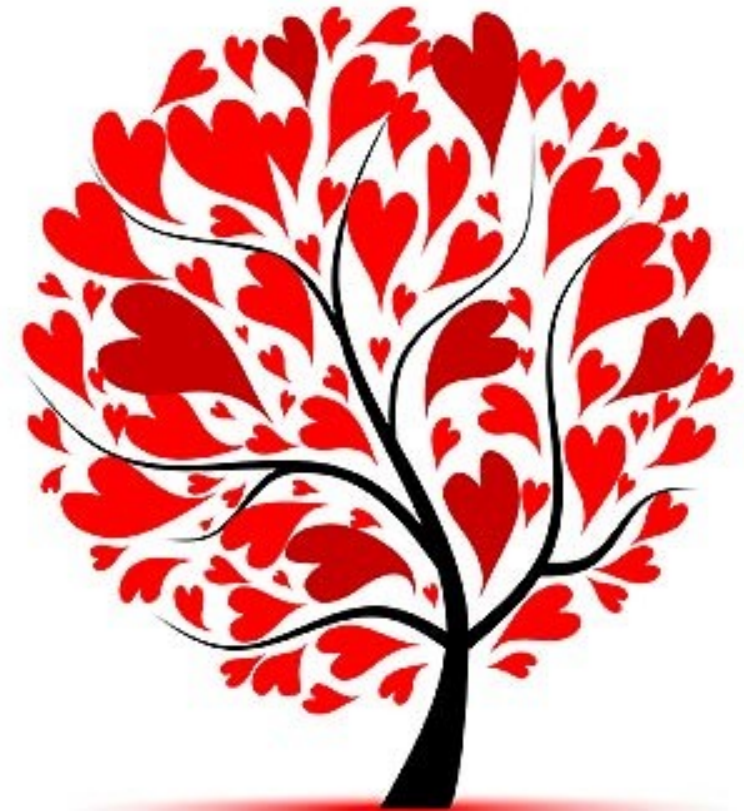
Church Services for July 2017		
Sunday 2nd	THIRD AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 5th	9.15am	Toddler Praise
Thursday 6th	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 9th	FOURTH AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	NO SERVICE
	9.30am	All.together Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW) with Healing Ministry
Thursday 13th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16th	FIFTH AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 20th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 23rd	SIXTH AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	NO SERVICE
	9.30am	Together Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (CW)
Thursday 27th	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 30th	SEVENTH AFTER TRINITY	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
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Thursday 3rd	10.30am	First Thursday Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 6th	EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY / THE TRANSFIGURATION	
	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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PLEASE ask your friends or relations to let us know if you wish for someone to pray with you and/or bring Holy Communion whilst you are ill or in hospital and unable to get to Sunday Worship. In the first instance they should contact the Vicar or Bryan Bunday:

Rev Janice Smith 203 7523, or Bryan Bunday 267 8534

Prayer Schedule for Bramhope

WE pray weekly, in conjunction with the Methodist Church, for all people living in our area. If you know of anyone who especially needs prayer please pass the details on to Janice or any of the Lay Assistants who will arrange for them to be included on the Prayer List.

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As the song says...There may be trouble ahead. As I sit compiling the magazine this month, the dust appears to be settling following the general election and we are picking up the piece following terrible terrorist attacks.



All this uncertainty (and fear, if I'm honest) brought my thoughts to the disciples and how they may have felt in the days and weeks following Jesus' death. They too will have experienced fear, uncertainty and worry for the future. But Jesus guided them through this uncertainty, enabling them to continue our faith.

In the past months there have been many acts of bravery, selfless compassion and solidarity; to me these acts show that Jesus is amongst us. There are too many to list them all, however the story of Steve Jones, a homeless man, who had hoped to receive charity from those leaving the Ariana Grande concert, in Manchester, who ran in after the blast to offer help, cradling a woman in his arms as she died, is the perfect demonstration of the power of love over hate.

His act of selfless kindness was recognised by the world; a JustGiving page was set up to help him, raising \$30,000 and David Sullivan (chairman of West Ham) organised free accommodation for the next six months to help him get back on his feet. Good will overcome evil.

Let us pray for those affected by these attacks and for the politicians who will work together to find a better peace.

Louise

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July 16	Sue Henry Judy Brown	Sara Leefe & Anne Marshall	July 15	Free
July 23	Wedding	Audrey Harrison & Eddie Whitehead	July 22	Ian Skirrow Mike Riley
July 30	Wedding	Nancy Bunday & Jill Perkin	July 29	Free

SUNDAY	8.15am	9.30am		6.30pm
1st	Bill C Steve McGraw	Philip Kendall-Smith	Margaret North	Margaret North
2nd	NO SERVICE	John Grahame Neil Simpson	Mike Riley	Margaret North
3rd	Janet Howard	Fred Archenhold Joan Archenhold	Bob Lewis	Michael Coles
4th	NO SERVICE	Janet Cunliffe Lesley Reeves	Pam Walton	Alan Woodthorpe
5th	John Grisdale Sue Gamble	Sara Leefe Audrey Harrison	Jean Snowball	Pat Gregersen

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From the vicarage

Dear Friends

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Four children later another Smith wedding is about to take place this month at St Giles; I am marrying my daughter. We have just got back from collecting 'the dress', the celebrations are arranged and Lydia and Eddie will be married at St Giles. It's the church where Lydia is one of our musicians and Eddie was baptised and confirmed here.

Churches are so often connected to major life changing events: our baptisms, weddings and funerals. The church building can remind us of happiness but also of great sadness. God however celebrates with us in our happiness and remains with us in the times of sorrow. To ask for prayer you can put your name in the healing prayer book in church or there is a prayer tree on which you can hang your request, or you can simply ask me, or Bryan Bunday. Alternatively, at least once a month following the service of Holy Communion in the side chapel there are two people available from our Healing Prayer team to pray with you.

James 5 verses 13 to 15: The Power of Prayer

If one of you is having troubles, he should pray. If one of you is happy, he should sing praises. If one of you is sick, he should call the church's elders. The elders should pour oil on him in the name of the Lord and pray for him.

For many years now our church has prayed with people after services, the group is our healing prayer group. Healing prayer not just meaning praying for physical healing but prayer for support in sorrow or trouble or to give thanks for blessings received.

Many people have sought out this support and gained much comfort, hope and healing from the prayers. 'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am with them.' Matthew 18:20

Those lovely verses from James affirm to us the only drawback to our prayers is that we cannot pray for you if you do not let us know. He tells you to call the church's elders. It's even easier today you can email or phone. We cannot pray for you if you have not contacted us. If you are in hospital, please ask your relatives to contact me, if you need a listening ear and need prayer, please phone me or Bryan. We are here to pray for you: just let us know.

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Janice



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Sat 1	Cheese and wine evening 7:30 pm
Mon 3	PCC meeting 7:30 pm
Tues 4	Circle Dancing 7:45 pm
Wed 5	Toddler Praise 9:15—10:30 am Mothers' Union Outing
Tues 11	Women's Fellowship 12 noon Lunch at Caring for Life
Wed 12	CATS 9:15 – 11:15 am
Sat 15	Mothers' Union 2—4pm Strawberry Teas with Speaker
Tues 18	Circle Dancing 7:45 pm
Wed 19	CATS 9:15 – 11:15 am
Wed 26	CATS 9:15 – 11:15 am

Parish Register

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CATS

A few weeks ago we'd had a successful session of CATS and were grabbing a sandwich at home before our next commitment when I got a text from a Mum. "Gill, Lucy has left her lamb in the church hall. It's got a baby-gro on. Have you seen it?" Well no I hadn't seen it, but that's not surprising as all the toys get cleared away by everyone so quickly. Something told me that this was an EMERGENCY and that Lucy's sheep should be found before bedtime! After a few further text exchanges I arranged to meet Grandma at Church to do the necessary search. It wasn't difficult – there aren't many sheep in babygro's in Bramhope. Baa baa was tucked away with the dolls and was dutifully returned for the approaching bedtime. Phew!

It reminded me of the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15; v3-7). Finding this precious toy meant the world to a little girl (and her parents no doubt) but it gave us joy too. Our CATS family do look out for each other. Baa baa was having so much fun at Toddlers he didn't want to leave, according to Lucy's thank you letter, but he's now been grounded and has to stay at home!

Gill Pinches

CATS meets on most Wednesday mornings during term time. Call in for a coffee (you don't have to have children) and experience the warmth.

MOTHERS' UNION

Well, we did have cake to welcome Elaine back to talk to us about her post in the NSPCC! It was such an interesting talk and we felt that this charity was doing a remarkable job in helping young people and all without any Government backing. They have also moved with the times and children contact their help line via texts and messaging though there is always someone manning a telephone line. Can you believe a child makes contact every 30 seconds?

It is our summer outing to Sledmere Hall in July leaving the village carpark at 9.15am. Have a lovely summer!

We're back in September. See you then.

Gill Pinches

THE MEN'S SUPPER CLUB

The annual second-hand book sale held on Saturday 13th May raised £270 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who donated books, CDs and DVDs. Many thanks also to Steve Bates and his team who organised the event. Unsold items were once again taken by Martin Lee and Steve Bates to OXFAM in Headingley.

The first event of the 2017/2018 year will be the Ladies Evening organised by Jim and Alison Richardson. This will again be held at Headingley Golf Club. Please make a note of the date and time - Thursday 14th September 2017 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Jim will be sending out details in due course, including the programme of speakers for next year arranged by Jonathan Slater.

I have now retired after 10 years as convenor of the Men's Supper Club and am delighted that one of our younger members, Martin Lee, has agreed to take over. I wish him and his team every success in the years to come.

Fred Archenhold





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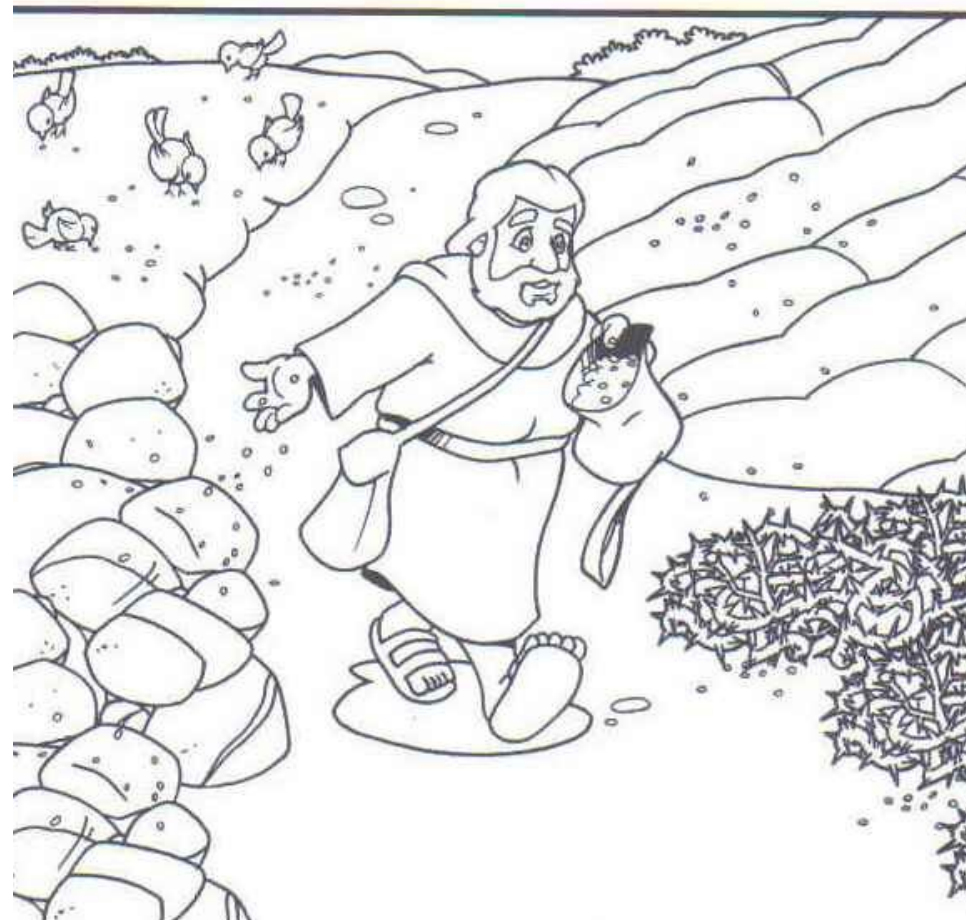
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Children's page

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"





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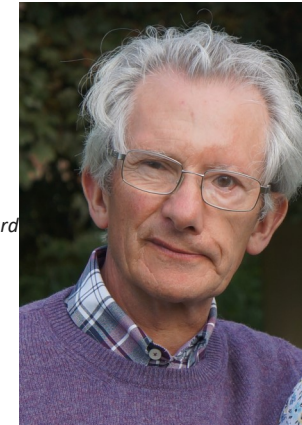
Here are the dates for the PCC meetings for 2017/18. Please note the changes to the November and March dates. All in the Meeting Room at 7:30pm.

Monday July 3
Tuesday September 5
Monday November 20

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Monday January 8
Tuesday March 13

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the time of the building of the new Church Hall. Betty has delivered the church magazine for 45 years (is this a record?) - a great way of getting to know people. She has also been a member of the Tuesday club and a member of the Yorkshire country women's club and was on the Dr Barnardo's committee for 23 years.

For 20 years Betty took great pleasure in examining for the "house orderly badge" for the Brownies and remembers their anxious little faces and immaculate uniforms whilst they tried to make a good impression for the ordeal. Most importantly, she enjoyed their happiness on learning that they had passed. Dudley hastens to add "she never failed anyone."

Having been at home for 18 years Betty took a secretarial refresher course and on return to

work was amazed at the advancement in technology and the lack of formality.

More recently Betty and Dudley have been volunteers at Harewood House for 15 years with Dudley driving the shuttle bus and Betty enjoys meeting visitors as a house steward.

They celebrated their golden and diamond weddings by renewing their vows in services at Ripon Cathedral in 2003 and 2013. Janice gave them a blessing in church on their diamond wedding.

All in all, we give thanks for having known such happy times and lovely people over the past 54 years at St Giles.

Dudley & Betty Reyner

Children's page -The parable of the wheat

Matthew 13:24-30

New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads,

then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

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1582)

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yours are the eyes through which to look
at Christ's compassion to the world, yours
are the feet with which he is to go about
doing good, and yours are the hands with
which he is to bless us now

But she also wrote other prayers and sayings
and here are some of them for you to use, pon-
der and to meditate on:

"Let us make our way together, Lord; wherever
you go I must go: and through whatever you
pass, there too I will pass".

"If the heart can maintain serenity, joy and
peace in the midst of adversity- that is love"

"More tears are shed over answered prayers
than over unanswered ones."

"Even virtues should not be taken to ex-
tremes".

"Sadness and gloom have no place in any
house of mine".

"From sour-faced saints and silly devotions,
Lord, preserve us"

"Lord, you are to be blessed and praised; all
good things come from you: you are in our
words and in our thoughts, and in all that we
do. Amen."

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing alarm you:
while all things fade away God is unchanging.
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DUDLEY & BETTY REYNER



We are Yorkshire through and through, born in Burley, Leeds in 1930 and thus children of the war years with memories of food, clothing and sweet rationing, sirens, gas masks and air raids and Dudley did two years National service with the RAF.

Our first date was at the Capital ballroom, and we were married at St. Matthias's Church, Burley in June 1953.

Dudley was a keen sportsman, playing football, rugby, cricket, golf, tennis and squash. At the age of 9 years his running prowess was awarded with a medal and a £1 War Bond (quite a sum in those days) at a renowned school event. He was signed by Leeds Rugby League; he mainly played for the "A" team, but managed some games for the first team, and was referred to as the flying winger.

Both of us initially worked in insurance, but in 1958 Dudley joined Lombard Banking and became manager at the Bradford branch two years later, until retiring in 1991.

Getting to know...

We moved to Bramhope in 1962 where we have lived on Long Meadows (known in Otley Hospital as "Maternity Meadows" as there were 45 children born from 14 nearby houses). We have three daughters, Carolyne and twins, Anne and Lynda.

Anne and Lynda were christened in 1963 beginning the family's long association with St Giles. Dudley was very supportive of his girls' church activities staunchly attending all the relevant events and church services. All three daughters were confirmed and married at St Giles. Dudley regularly played football for the fathers' team against the choirboys, and transported the Long Meadows flock to Sunday school. Currently Dudley is a member of the Men's Supper Club and runs the bar assisted by his friend of 55 years, Les Barton.

Dudley was head of the totally feminine household - including 2 frequently visiting grandmas and female pets and therefore was more than pleased when of his six grandchildren, 3 were boys - they were blessed with 3 boys and 3 girls.

Betty was also sporty in her youth playing hockey, tennis and a keen swimmer. After the birth of their first daughter Betty became a stay at home mum. Life in Long Meadows and St Giles was hectic, but happy and friendly with lots of get-togethers. She was a member of the school PTA and has been a member of the Women's Fellowship since its early days; many times she has been on the committee, as well as being treasurer and secretary. She is also a member of the Mothers' Union and was involved with the church social committee at

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The Duke of York's Community Initiative Award for OPAL

OPAL is immensely delighted and proud to confirm that in March 2017, it was one of just 42 Yorkshire based community groups who, in its latest round of awards, has been recognised by the prestigious royal reward scheme The Duke of York's Community Initiative. Representatives from OPAL received the official award in April 2017 from Lord-Lieutenant Dr Ingrid Roscoe and were invited to St James's Palace in May to meet HRH the Duke of York.



The Duke of York's Community Initiative is a Royal Award presented to community projects based in Yorkshire.

Sheila Thompson, OPAL Trustee Member and Volunteer said, "It is wonderful that the hard work of the OPAL staff and volunteers is recognised. I was very proud to represent OPAL at the Palace at such a super occasion."

OPAL (Older People's Action in the Locality) is a voluntary organisation, set up in January 2002 to reduce isolation for older people and to ensure that any person over 60 years (and living in the geographical boundaries of LS16), can live safely, healthily and confidently in their own home. They aim to do this by offering a range of services and activities

including advice, information, advocacy, social and health activities and home support.

Ailsa Rhodes, OPAL's CEO said of the award "To be recognised by the Duke of York's Community Initiative is a huge honour. This is the second time we have won this award which is testament to the dedication and hard work of our all volunteers. Being recognised with this award in the same month we opened our new Community Centre has added an even greater kudos to all we have managed to achieve in the last 12 months."

The Welcome In Community Centre, 55 Bedford Drive, Leeds, LS16 6DJ is now open to the wider community to provide a safe, accessible and affordable community space.

The Community Café is open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am-2pm serving breakfast, sandwiches, lunch, fabulous cakes and drinks.

OPAL's Drop In Office has now moved to the Welcome In and is open 10am-1pm Monday to Friday.

Horsforth Hub is a 'Pop Up' Surgery, which is free and open to all every Wednesday 10-11am, offering help with Leeds City Council Enquiries, Employability Support and Library Enquiries.

There is also an Over 50s luncheon club every Friday 12-1.30pm.

All are welcome to come and see the amazing renovation from old pub to vibrant Community Café.

The renovation project is set to continue as more money is still to be raised to cover two large activity rooms which will further enhance the offering of this community space.

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Knitted Knockers

Knockers? No not the door sort but the other. Let me explain. I had just 10 minutes to go into Marks, get what I needed and get back; however, as I ran through I was surprised to see a lady knitting by one of the pillars, surrounded by knitted circles. I didn't know what they were and was curious enough to find out what she was up to knitting certainly, but in M & S perhaps it was a new line...

She explained she was from the charity Knitted Knockers UK who supply, free of charge, prosthetics for ladies post mastectomy and lumpectomy surgery. They are supplied in 15 different cup sizes (if you have complex size needs then this can be catered for), colours and they even have one available which is suitable for swimming. They are made from 100% cotton yarn and made by authorised volunteers on receipt of an order. The water sports one is made from acrylic yarn.



This is a specialist charity which generously provides their goods for free. Ladies you may wish to support them or like me take advantage of their services. For those who crochet rather than knit, they have crochet patterns too.

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Thank you from Christian Aid

Thank you so much to all those people who slogged the pavements and doors to collect for Christian Aid 2017 AND to all those people who donated. THANK YOU.

Our Grand total of £4200 is testimony to the lovely people in our village and beyond who willingly contributed in some way. This total includes the contribution from Gift Aid. For the first time this year we rattled buckets (as much as we dare!) in Morrison's, Yeadon and this produced an extra £240. We only collected on the Sunday and Monday and so perhaps this avenue can be developed in future years.....with willing volunteers. We must express our gratitude to Morrison's who allowed us to do this. Quite a few people indicated that they didn't get an envelope anymore and consequently were very generous in their giving

(including a man who asked if we would receive from an atheist!).

On reflection we would like to know your views.

1. Would it be easier to go from door to door with envelopes and collect at the same time? As a receiver or collector....what do you think?
2. Would collectors prefer to collect at a super-market rather than go door to door?
3. How can we convince people to sign the gift aid forms (Approximately only 10-20% of people did this)?

We look forward to your responses but would like to reiterate how grateful we are to our collectors. They are gems in our midst!

Marion & Gill

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It is our vision to be recognised by the Leeds 16 community as an established and secure resource. We want our members to feel that we offer interesting and enjoyable activities and are reliable, efficient, approachable and accessible.

The principles that OPAL has for how its staff and volunteers deliver services are:

- Continue to be there when our members need us and to always be friendly and compassionate.
- Be a local focus and ensure we are available to older people in Leeds 16.
- Be consistent, honest and open. Our members will feel confident in us and trust that we will treat their issues with confidentiality.

In July 2015 OPAL received The Queens Award for Voluntary Service and was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. In November 2015 an official award ceremony was held at Gustos, Cookridge and attended by the Lord Lieutenant of the county, Dr Ingrid Roscoe, who officially presented OPAL with The Queens Award.

In March 2016 OPAL was named "jewel in the crown" for sustainability in the Citi Microentrepreneur Award.

For further information please contact Ailsa Rhodes at OPAL: ailsa@opal-project.org.uk; 0113 2619103 / 07598256683.

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