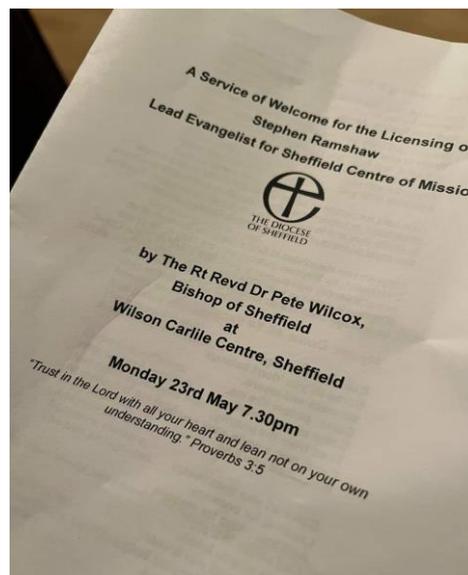


# Sheffield City Centre of Mission

## Newsletter June 2022

Greetings everyone I do hope you are all **Good** and life is treating you **Well**.

Since Lynn and I moved here to Sheffield in January, it seems as though time has just flown past. I can't believe that we are into June already. It's amazing how quickly we have come to feel at home and how much we love this amazing, vibrant city, God has really blessed us.



*The Order of Service for my Licensing a really Special Night.*



*A few of the people from various churches and organisations welcoming me to Sheffield at my licensing service.*

Now what have I been up to since landing here in Sheffield?

For a start I've been getting to know the city and making myself familiar with as many of the locals I can. Getting to know the churches, the church leaders, and secular organisations in the City Centre and surrounding areas. Looking to take Sheffield City Centre of Mission right into the beating heart of this lively city.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May I was officially licensed as Lead Evangelist for the Sheffield City Centre of Mission by Bishop Pete. This was an amazing night full of welcome, love, unity, worship, and of course the Holy Spirit. It was a really special night; I could sense God's blessing on the Centre of Mission and our work in Sheffield.

Two of the first people I started working with were Jonathan (Methodist Minister) and Huggy (Salvation Army). I started working with these two great lads at a church they were running called Oasis.



*Huggy and Jonathan in 35 Chapel Walk*

Oasis runs on a Sunday evening 6-8 and is aimed at the homeless, the vulnerably housed, people with addictions, street people, ex-offenders; everyone is welcome at Oasis. I knew from first going that this was something I just had to be involved in.

There is also a Bible Study/Prayer group for the Oasis community on a Tuesday afternoon, and on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of May we started a Drop-in from 10 am - 12 midday again for the Oasis Community. The Drop-in

and the Bible Study will run from 35 Chapel Walk our shop right in the Heart of the City. I will explain more about 35 Chapel Walk in up-coming Newsletters.

As a way of getting to know the city centre community I have been going out on outreach with the St. Matthew's Parish Nurses. I help out as they check if any of the homeless have any medical, housing, all kind of issues they can help people with as well as giving out sandwiches and hot drinks. I am also part of the Sheffield city centre multi agency outreach network. I'm really getting to know the city now and getting a real feel for it as I listen to God and see where he is leading.

A real highlight of my time so far in Sheffield has been Holy Week - let me explain: during Holy Week, the city centre churches arrange to have a massive steel cross erected outside the Town Hall. On Palm Sunday we have an ecumenical service of public worship around the cross (which is huge.)

Then from Palm Sunday through to Easter Saturday we have a team of volunteers offering prayer and talking to the people in the city centre from 11-3. We have lollipop sticks for people to write their prayers on and we also gave out Palm Crosses, there was some good and interesting conversations to be had. In total at the end, we had 1,122 prayers wrote on lollipop sticks and put in the sandbox around the cross and gave out over 500 Palm Crosses.



*City Centre Outreach with the St. Matthew's Parish Nurses Team.*

We had a team of 19 volunteers across the week from many different churches and denominations. I even got to do the talk on Good Friday when we had another ecumenical service around the cross. This was an amazing opportunity to engage with the public, and for an evangelist like me it was simply perfect, a brilliant week - I was buzzing. Praise the Lord.

As part of my time is working on some of the estates surrounding the city centre I have been and will continue to work with St. Leonards in Arbourthorne. This is a Church Plant in what used to be the local pub for the estate, and now the city

centre work is starting to gel I will be getting a bit more involved there. I have spoken at one of their services as well as being the bingo caller for a pub night they had. Exciting stuff.



*The Steel Cross outside the City Hall during Holy Week*

Me and Lynn have also found a lovely local church to go to St. Aidan's which is less than a 5-minute walk from our house, which is something we had both been praying for. We will of course get involved with the whole life of St. Aidan's and I have been co-opted onto the PCC. But I'm sure there are plenty of adventures to come at St. Aidan's.

I have tried to condense what we have been up to in Sheffield in this newsletter there has been a lot happening since January and I sincerely apologise for not getting a newsletter out quicker.

With my licensing on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, I see that as the Sheffield City Centre of Mission has been well

and truly launched, and ready to serve, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in Words, Actions, and Presence in the City Centre and Surrounding Communities. **Praise the Lord.**

## GET INVOLVED

### PRAY

Prayer is such an important part of your support. We need God's help in every aspect of our work:

- Please continue to pray for everyone here at the Sheffield City Centre of Mission as we continue to share the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in the City Centre and Surrounding Estates.
- Pray for me and Lynn as we continue to settle into Sheffield and make it our home.
- Pray for all the work the Centre of Mission will continue to do in partnership with other Churches, Agencies, and Individuals throughout Sheffield City Centre, the Surrounding Areas, and the Sheffield Diocese. For our work with St. Leonard's.
- Please pray for the Oasis Community, for the start of our work at 35 Chapel Walk, and for all the future events, and activities we can run there.



*Receiving my License off Bishop Pete and the Official Launch of the Sheffield City Centre of Mission.*

We want to pray for you also so please let us know how we can, by emailing Stephen Ramshaw CA [stephen.ramshaw@churcharmy.org](mailto:stephen.ramshaw@churcharmy.org)

# VOLUNTEER

If you would like to come along and get involved, then again please get in touch.

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God bless,  
Stephen

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