

Keeping it simple!

proverb...

You don't go far carrying two water melons under one arm.

In church terms: we need a single, united, mission and purpose.

As we enter 2012 let's keep our mission and purpose simple and clear.

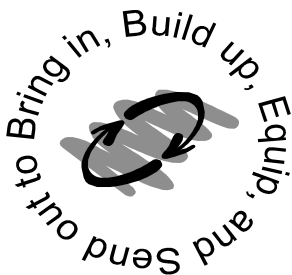
Our mission is: to know Jesus and make known his transforming power.

Our purpose is: to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family, teach them to worship and magnify the Lord, develop them to Christlike maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and a mission in the world.

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With thanks, love and blessings

David—and the team!



New Year letter

Jan 2012

from David Casswell, vicar of Clifton
...and the team

Dear family and friends,

...this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

Praying for love to abound, depth of insight, discernment, purity, and Jesus' righteous fruitfulness—giving glory and praise to God. That's a good prayer!

It's Paul's prayer for the Christians in and around Philippi—why not make it your prayer for Christians in Clifton, Rawcliffe, Clifton Moor, York and beyond!



Any and every endeavour in 2012 needs to be preceded, covered, smothered—in expectant, faithful prayer. It so good to hear of people in the churches stepping up to take up this prayer challenge. Thank you!

2011 has great memories!

The **Dick Turpin Ride** and other events
to support **Tubakunde...**
BBQ's in abundance
The First **Christianity Explored** Course
Tea & Carols on the Green
Young at Heart
Soul survivor
Messy Christmas!
...and more!

In **2012**—as well as a call to **pray,**
pray and pray—we want to
encourage the mission events:

An **Alpha Course for men** starting
at the end of Jan

Hope Invasion for young people
in March/April followed by a youth Alpha.

More than Gold at the end of May
followed by an enquirers course.

The **Big Lunch** for the Queens Jubilee
3rd June

Possible **Olympic Cafe**—end of July

Yes, we do need to pray!!
...and be expectant...



*People get ready, there's a train a-comin'
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin'
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord*
Curtis Mayfield



Curtis Mayfield wrote this song as part of the response to the segregation in the USA in the 1960's. It was written a year after Martin Luther King's famous "I have a dream" speech.

Our mission dream is to get people on board—onto the Gospel train; on the Kingdom journey! People can wander and experience the five carriages, as they are brought to Jesus, taught to worship, grow as disciples, get released in ministry and mission—and get other people on board...

Jesus calls this 'fruit that will last'—John 15:16

Everybody can be involved in this—in fact we need everyone involved—doing what they're gifted at, and like doing, so that together we enjoy seeing people added to the church.