



## Welcome to the Christmas 2013 Edition of Ignition News

### News in Brief...

As 2013 draws to a close we reach the end of our Ignition Phase 1 Construction stage and begin the exciting task of running our new Coffee Shop.

The following is an in brief roundup of our current position and then over the page we introduce our new Coffee Shop manager and tell you a bit about our official opening.

### Coffee Shop

The finishing touches are almost complete and the training of volunteers is scheduled to start at mid-day on 6 January. We could always use additional volunteers – whatever time anyone is able to offer. We hope to start trading in mid-January with our formal opening ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Our final hours of opening are still to be confirmed, though we hope to be open 6 days per week.

Further publicity will follow in the New Year.

### Construction Work

“Practical Completion” is now signed off by our Architect but there are still a number of bits and pieces to be completed early in January. The final bill is forecast to be within budget!

### Access arrangements

Though we now have several new doors, prime access still via the Church Hall. Our new front doors will be opened as needed from inside so key-holders will not need extra keys.

The Coffee Shop can be booked for evening use - details about how to do this will be explained early in the New Year.

### Car Park

You will probably have been making use of the resurfaced car park now with marked parking

bays! There is a separate handout available in Church for car users. Please park considerately!

### Outcomes

We are in the process of building up a programme of community events to run in conjunction with the Coffee Shop, essential to develop the community links central to the Ignition ethos.

### Fund-raising

We still intend to hold (less frequent) fund raising events after the Coffee Shop opens so that we will have a sound basis for applying in due course for further external funding for Phases 2 & 3.

### Christians Against Poverty

Our “CAP” service is now up and running, full details about the service are on the new CAP page of our website, see:  
[www.anlabyparkmethodistchurch.com/christians-against-poverty](http://www.anlabyparkmethodistchurch.com/christians-against-poverty)

# Introducing our Ignition Coffee Manager

Ignition News caught up with our new Coffee Shop Manager and on your behalf posed her a few questions!

**Q.** We are really excited to hear we have appointed a manager for our Coffee Shop. Could you tell us a bit about yourself?

**A.** My name is Gill, I am married with four grown up sons and daughter. I was born in Hull and brought up in the Catholic faith. My background is in HR and admin management but I have been running pubs and restaurants for a number of years until now. I am also a trained chef and a qualified baker. I have a very caring nature and am always happy to help people in any way I can. Working in

the licensed trade has meant relocating around the country every couple of years but my heart is in Hull and I will never leave my hometown again.

**Q** What was it that attracted you to our project?

**A.** I was very impressed that a church could be so forward thinking as to believe that they needed to be proactive in reaching out to the wider community rather than just opening their doors. I think making everyone welcome in the Coffee Shop is a fantastic way to share God's love to church members and non-members alike. I love the idea that the Coffee Shop will become a meeting place for people to find companionship.

**Q.** When do you hope we will be able to open the shop?

**A.** We hope to open the shop around the middle of January.



**Gill Mowlem**  
*Barista with a mission!*

**Q.** Is there anything the church can do to support you?

**A.** I think for the Coffee Shop to achieve its aims it is crucial to encourage brand new customers. Some of these will want to participate in other activities and groups and may even ultimately become members of the church. I need the church to understand that the wider community will not want to be pressurised in any way and will come into God's love in their own way and at their own pace.



## Opening Ceremony



Though we are hoping to begin trading in January our Coffee Shop "Official Opening" will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. On this occasion we will be recognising the contribution of the various external bodies and people outside the church that have helped bring our plans to fruition. The Rt Hon David Davis MP has agreed to carry out the formal opening. The reason we have asked David is because our project is about inviting the local community to engage with our church and in a democracy an obvious symbol of that community is the elected Member of Parliament.

Having the constituency MP open the shop is a powerful symbol that what we are about is for the benefit of our locality, not just making church more comfortable for ourselves.