

Opening prayer

Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting/project	Presentation: Richard Ashley/Revd Liam Beadle
2. What do you see as your needs and aspirations for the project	Interactive
3. What events/processes do you like (or are unsure of) and what do you think are needed	Discussion: Richard Ashley
4. Review of what we would like to have	Feedback
5. What outcomes do we expect/want?	Discussion: Richard Ashley
6. Next steps and what is my involvement?	Discussion: Richard Ashley

SCIENTISTS IN CONGREGATIONS

Water of Life – Our faith and a changing climate

Templeton Foundation award

HONLEY AND BROCKHOLES PARISH MEETING 17th
January 2017

1. Water of Life

- “The programme seeks to help churches develop a deeper engagement with science, theologically, pastorally or in mission. Projects must be locally based and demonstrate high-level support from church leadership, and involve science professionals.”
- “Our aim is to change attitudes within the church and, thereby, positively to influence the public conversation about the science-religion relationship.”

Why Water of Life?

- ‘Jesus was earthed...his mission was the earthing of heaven...Your will be done on earth as in heaven’ [James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool, 2003]
- ‘Each of us lives out our discipleship, our response to God’s call, in concrete, particular circumstances.’ [Sallie McFague, 2013]

Ethos of Water of Life

- As people of faith we should look to the future with hope and joy. Yet all around us we see threats from changes in society and our environment. How, in this context can we change our mindsets to be people of hope?

Project focus

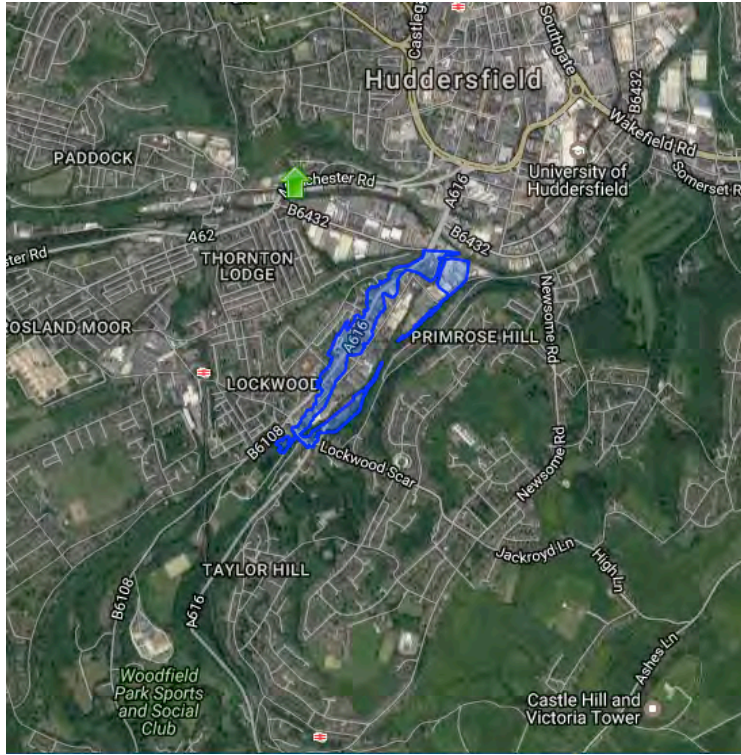
- Changes in the world
 - Climate; people
 - Secularisation of our society – in this ‘science’ is seen as ‘truth’
- How do we strengthen our trust in God in the face of such change?
- River Holme as a linear thread providing a theme
 - changing river – but from threat to hope



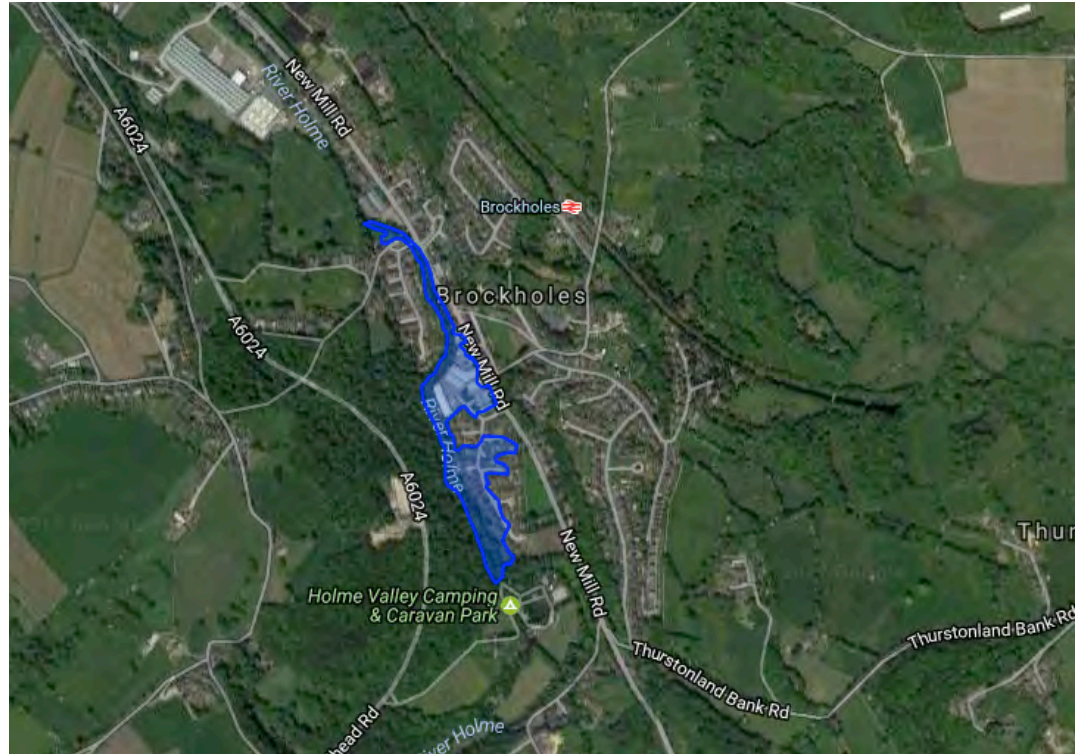
February 2014
“non-acid”
mine drainage



The Holme joins the Colne in
Huddersfield



Lockwood

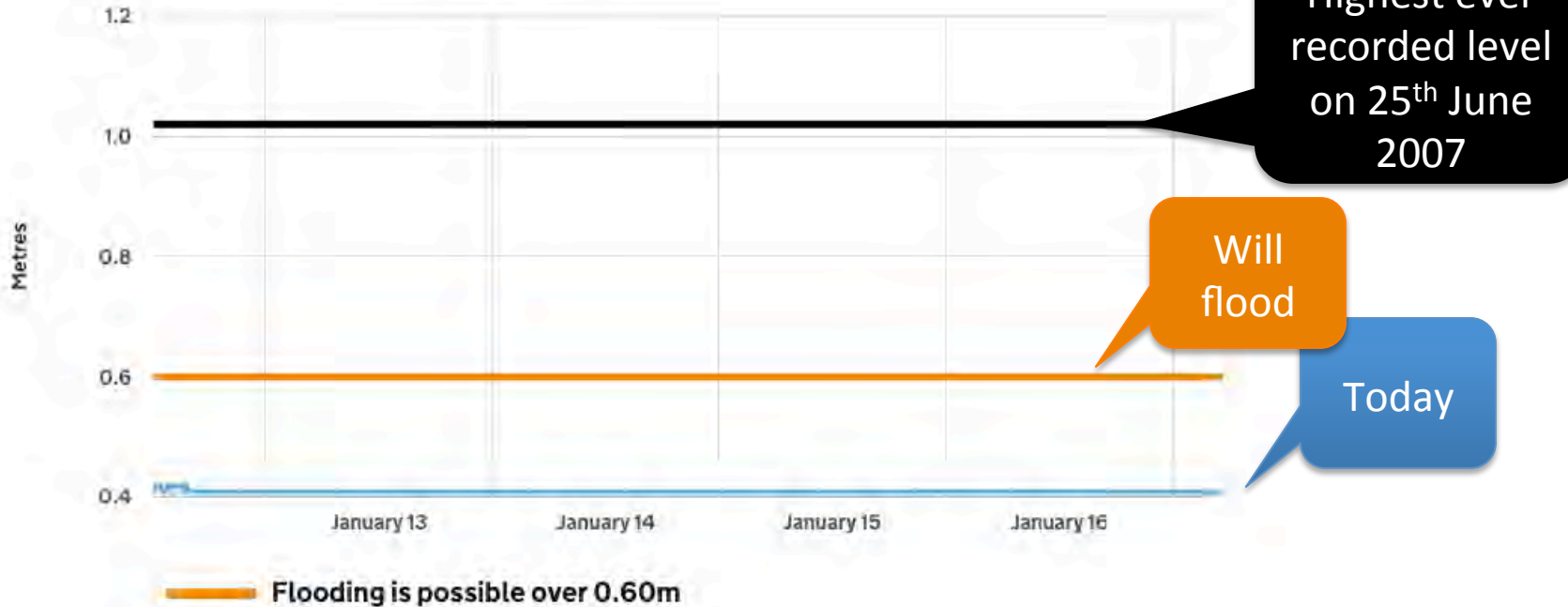


Brockholes

Greatest flood risk areas – warnings are issued

Latest river level information for: the River Holme at Holmbridge 2:22pm 17th January

River levels at this location in the last 5 days



<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/8342>

Objectives

- ‘Our faith’ – learning together to help us to grow in faith in regard to the changes around us.
- Develop and support mutual understanding and action within our community between people of faith and others
 - Establish ‘learning alliances’ to develop understanding of science and faith and our responses to climate change

Revd Liam Beadle

- The project ethos in the context of our faith
- Any questions?

2. What do you see as your needs and aspirations for the project?

- Please let us know the 3 things you would like to see come from the year's activities?
- You are welcome to discuss with others

3. What did we propose to do?

1. Establishment of Learning Alliances

- “ ..(On-going) shared learning together as a means of developing innovation..”
- For us this means continuing to work together to understand God’s wishes as to how to respond to the changing climate

Templeton Foundation 3rd February 2017 at Lambeth Palace - briefing and awards

- 12.45 to 1.15 Arrival and Drinks
- You will be welcomed by 'Scientists in Congregation' project leaders from 12.45 onwards in the Guard Room, Lambeth Palace, London and there will be an opportunity also to talk with members of the other new Scientists in Congregations projects over drinks.
- 1.15 to 2.15 Lunch
- 2.15 to 3.45 Projects are introduced and project leaders have 8 minutes to talk about their project [sum it up briefly, update on progress so far and where the challenges are and only if time answer one or two questions from the floor].
- 3.45 to 4.30 Briefing session with Kathryn Pritchard, Scientists in Congregations Project Leader and David Wilkinson, Project Director for the Templeton-funded 'Equipping Christian Leaders in an Age of Science' project, followed by questions and answers.
- Any (other) volunteers?

2. One day conference

- 10:00 – 16:00 9th March 2017 at the University of Huddersfield (co-hosts), with River 2015 (co-sponsors)
- Keynote speakers:
 - Rt Rev. Dr Jonathan Gibbs
 - Bishop of Huddersfield
 - Daniel Johns
 - Secretary of the Parliamentary Climate Change Commission
 - Mary Dhonau OBE
 - Chair of The Flood Protection Group Property Care Association; Chief Executive of the Know Your Flood Risk Campaign

Conference attendees

- High quality brochures
- Visit every church in the Holme valley
- Newspaper and websites/twitter
 - Advise any names and people

Workshops and other events

- Interactive activities
 - Computer model
 - Build an ark/create a globe
- Talks
- Sermons
- ???

3. Congregational events

- Sermons, discussions and learning alliances
 - St Mary's & St George's C of E
 - Trinity with Brockholes Methodist
 - Mothers Union St Mary's & St George's
 - Outreach across the Holme Valley
 - What type of events?

Non-faith events

- River 2015/ Holme River Connections & Holmfirth Transition Town ✓
- U3A Holmfirth?
- Probus?
- More inclusive/accessible?
- ???

School/academic events

- Our 'own' schools
 - Junior level only?
 - ???
- Other schools/colleges?
- University of Huddersfield events

4. Review of post-its

- What we would like to have

5. What outcomes do we expect?

- Optimistic view of the future through strengthening our faith and trust in God
- Deeper understanding of the place of science in our faith
- Functioning learning alliances to continue to learn
- Greater involvement by individuals in activities related to science, faith and the River Holme
- Written exemplar sermons
- Written guidance documents

6. What happens next?

- Establishment of the (local) Learning Alliance
- Organisational and planning group defined
 - (would you like to be involved?) monthly meetings initially
- Volunteers for the various types of event, please

Closing prayer