

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S

Newsletter




## Sunday Worship

<b>10.30 Parish Communion</b>	Reader	Veronica
	Drinks	Carol
	Communion Assistants	David & Kim L
	Prayers	Della
	Junior Steward	Lydia & Molly
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Music	Jon, Jess, Veronica

Today's service is specially themed around the work of Christian Aid. We welcome Robert Spooner, our guest preacher.

The service is followed by a shared lunch – stay and eat even if you haven't brought anything – there will be plenty.

**'Praying** and expecting everything to come from God and not doing anything yourself is not praying. This is laziness; this is alienation. This is passivity, conformity. This is not the time, dear brothers and sisters to say: it is God's will. Many things happen that are not God's will. When people can contribute something of themselves to improve the situation and ask God for the courage to do so, then there is prayer.'  
Oscar Romero, 1979

 Christian Aid week is 13th-19<sup>th</sup> May.

If you would like someone to pray with you after the 10.30 service please feel free to approach anyone with a prayer badge or ask the clergy.

## Collect For 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Easter

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## This Week At St Marys

<b>Parent &amp; Toddlers</b>	This <b>Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am</b> in the hall.
<b>Women Exploring Faith</b>	<b>Thursday 9.30am</b> in the Parish Room. Looking at Pilgrim's Progress
<b>Morning Chapel Prayers</b>	<b>10am</b> on Friday
<b>Little Lights</b>	<b>Friday 1.30pm – 3pm.</b> A special time in Church for all children under five. With singing, Bible stories, simple crafts, and play.

## News From The Centre

From the St Marys website:

### **Samosas - the real thing from Arshi's Food**

Regular visitors to St Mary's will have noticed our new authentic samosas.

Handmade by local Asian Women these Samosas set your taste buds dancing with delight. The recipe is just as they would use at home. With locally sourced vegetables and suitable for vegans. The Samosas are being made and sold under the name of a new enterprise "Arshi's Food Factory": soon to be at a Farmers Market near you.

You can even buy them to take away - they come frozen in boxes of 12 and may be oven cooked or deep fried.

### **Mentoring**

We have been bowled over by the reaction to our new mentoring programme. It is so simple, and so life transforming: just helping people to talk to each other- it really is making a difference. We are recruiting for a new programme to be launched at the end of April, so if you're interested please give us a call.

### **Coming soon:**

Green Fair and Abseil - **Saturday 7th July 2007.**

Once again St Marys will be hosting the excellent Green Fair which has a great range of entertainment, information and (though we say it ourselves) quite fantastic food. This year there is another opportunity to abseil from St Mary's tower for the charity of your

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choice. Places are filling up fast, so if you're interested don't hang around (boom boom!).

## Benjamin's Baptism

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*Giles, Rachel and Benjamin write:*

Benjamin will be baptised during the service on the **29th April**. After the service you are invited to join us for lunch in the Hall. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will be able to stay to celebrate with us.

## Climate Change News

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Some events at St Marks Broomhill, arising from the 'Omega' Lent course on climate change which St Mary's also followed: this **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** there will be a 'hustings' in the Upper Room at St Marks, where some of the candidates for the Council elections will face questions from the public, particularly about environmental issues.

Then **next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**, the congregations of St Marks and St Marys are invited to reflect on what they have learned from the 'Omega' course and to decide what we can actually do about climate change: individually, collectively, and politically.

## St Mary's Window

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*Julian writes:*

We are looking forward to our reception and preview of our window design by Helen Whittaker on **Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm**.

Food and drink is provided by the centre, with several centre people coming. This is a great occasion for the parish and an opportunity for members of the congregation to mingle with guests including Bishop Jack and people from Sharrow, the city and region.

Please make this a priority and let Julian know if you are coming.

## Annual Meeting (APCM)

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*Julian writes:*

You will notice the signs on the door which remind us that our annual meeting is approaching on **Sunday 13th May**. It is a time to review various aspects of church life at St Mary's.

Come and take part. If you are writing something for the booklet, it would be helpful to have this

asap, by email to Julian if possible.

## Electoral Roll Review.

This year we are reviewing our membership roll which involves everyone filling in a simply form to indicate a wish to remain or become a member of St Mary's Church.

We are giving out these forms at services for you to complete. Eunice B (our Electoral Roll Officer), will collect them from you and answer any questions you may have.

## 'Sharing Music, Sharing Lives'

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This **Tuesday 24th April**, 7.30pm: Sheffield-based refugee musicians from all over the world will be performing at Firth Hall, Firth Court, Western Bank. This concert is organised jointly between City of Sanctuary, ASSIST, Sheffield University Music Department and Multi Lingual City Forum, to showcase the musical contribution of refugees and asylum-seekers to our city.

Tickets £8/£5/£2.50 available on the door. All proceeds will go to ASSIST to support destitute asylum-seekers in Sheffield.

## Artists' Open Studios

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*Colin Brown (artist, and 'fresh expressions missionary' attached to St Marys) is coming to preach at St Marys on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Colin writes:*

"33 Artists are opening up their studios at Persistence Works. You are invited to view the latest paintings from my recent visits to Holy Island. Come to Studio 23 on the 2nd floor See you there! Open Studios **Saturday 5th & 12th May, 11 am—5 pm.**"

Also over those weekends (**5-7<sup>th</sup> and 12/13<sup>th</sup> May**) Tom's Mum Jenny Mather will be opening her studio, sharing it with Kim-Lisa Clack a contemporary jeweller and Amy Hoggarth a fashion designer. Blackberry Barn Studio, Bamford. See Tom or Steve for further details.

## Peace Walk

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Supported by Unite Against Fascism and Islamic Society of Britain Sheffield **Sunday 29th April 2.30pm**. Meet at Al-Rahman Mosque, Ellesmere Road, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

## Next Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> April

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### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Margaret I (readings); Eunice (drinks); Elaine C & Carol; Andy or Karen (prayers); Veronica (steward); Graham, Claire, Yo (music)

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