

Sunday 6th May 2007

5th Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30 Parish Communion	Reader	Steve
	Drinks	Margaret I
	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate
	Prayers	Steve
	Steward	John & Margaret I
	Light Factory	Hannah, Andy
	Music	Steve, Kara, Angi

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 5th Sunday Of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put
into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Women Exploring Faith	Thursday 9.30am in the Parish Room. Looking at Pilgrim's Progress



Christian Aid News

Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid week is 13th-19th May...have you been a collector before? Are you thinking about it for the first time?

We still need 10 more collectors to help with the street collection – please sign up at the back or talk to Yo.

Should an extra incentive be required: Christian Aid Collectors are invited to a party at Yo and Steve's on **5th June 6-9pm** (children welcome).

May Day Trek

If you are coming on this lovely 5-mile walk around Redmires and Rivelin Reservoirs (tomorrow **May 7th**), meet 10am at St Lukes (tell Steve/Yo and we will wait for you). If you're not coming, please sponsor us!

Older Age Light Factory group will be doing a sponsored car wash for Christian Aid during the service **next Sunday 13 May**

Please bring your mucky cars : Donation £5 to £10

Have a look at the fund-raising chart to see what people are doing all around St Marys.

Climate Change News

Steve and Yo will be running a 'home-omega' group for friends and neighbours starting this Wednesday.

An Exciting Way To Holiday

Christian House and Church Swap UK

"Instead of paying a substantial amount of money for holiday accommodation, and then leaving your house empty, you can simply swap houses. Your home, however humble or grand, will provide a great holiday base for someone else. Your locality, so familiar to you, has lots to offer to someone who doesn't know the area.

The only cost incurred, apart from travel and normal living, is a modest fee when you are ready to exchange."

Details at website or ask Steve for leaflet.

www.christianhouseswapuk.suffolkonline.net/

Annual Meeting (APCM)

Our annual meeting **next 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.

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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.

Retreat At Launde Abbey

A Retreat for First Time Retreatants at Launde Abbey in Leicestershire, to be led by the Warden - **Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th June.**

This retreat will allow those who are new to going on retreats to spend time in prayer and worship discerning God's still, small voice in their lives. Each session will be introduced by the Warden who will then give space to those on the retreat to be silent. There will also be opportunities throughout the retreat to meet privately with the Warden. Cost: £145, including all meals and accommodation

For further information on Launde Abbey visit: www.launde.org.uk

Artists' Open Studios

Colin Brown (artist, and 'fresh expressions missioner' attached to St Marys) is our preacher this morning. 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 12th May, 11 am-5 pm.**"

Colin has a nice new website at <http://www.colinsart.org.uk/>

Also over those weekends (**5-7th and 12/13th 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.

Light Factory Training

Training for anyone involved in Light Factory or who would like to be - **Saturday May 12th** in Stockport - Please speak to Karen for more information.

Reflective Space

At St.Oswald's Church (on the corner of Bannerdale & Abbeydale Rd.)

On **Sunday 20th May**

Human Trafficking: The Sale must end.

In the year celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of slavery we invite you to an evening that looks at a modern day form of slavery - Human Trafficking. The evening involves:

6.30 p.m. - A talk by Detective Sergeant Alisdair Duncan, from the U.K. Human Trafficking Centre, Sheffield.

7.30 p.m. - A short reflective service followed by refreshments.

The evening has been jointly organised with Amnesty International & Chaste. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of Amnesty International if you so wish.

Training For PCC Members

PARISH & PCC - Parish Development

Thursday 24 May 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Church House, Rotherham

Are you new to the PCC? Would you like a refresher on the role of a PCC member?

Canon John Thomson, Director of Ministry will lead an evening explaining the purpose and responsibilities of the Parochial Church Council. £6 per parish

Parish & Administration - Parish Development

Thursday 14 June 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Church House, Rotherham

Sessions on good practice, legal issues, job expectations etc for PCC Secretaries, Church Treasurers, Gift Aid Secretaries and Parish Administrators on their respective roles. Important especially for new office holders. £6 per parish

Next Sunday - 13th May

10.30am Parish Communion and Annual Meeting

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Della (drinks); Giles & Karen (communion assistants); Hannah (junior steward); Kate (steward); Jon, Claire, Veronica (music).

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