

Sunday 13th May 2007

6th Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30 Parish Communion	Drinks	Della
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Steward	Kate K
	Music	Jon, Claire, Veronica

This morning's service will include our Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Collect For 6th Sunday Of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to
life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise
us to eternal joy;
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

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

Visitation Service

Our new, or newly-elected Churchwardens (probably Elaine C and Steve) will be at the Cathedral on **Wednesday** to make their declaration at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service. Please pray for them.

Christian Aid News

Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid week is 13th-19th May.

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

Get your filthy car washed: Older Age Light Factory group will be doing a sponsored car wash for Christian Aid during the service today. Donation £5 to £10.

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

May Day Trek



This was team St Marys who (so far) raised £290 – well done to you all. Not too late to add to the sponsorship money. See Yo or Lydia. More pictures on church website. Last year £16,000 was raised between this walk and the night hike in June. More pictures on church website.



Reflective Space

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

Bishop's Letter

[Editor's note: The Diocesan Newsletter will no longer be published, so the Bishops' letters will appear here from time to time.]

North to South

The expansion of the Christian Church throughout the 20th century has been extraordinary.

The African Church grew from 10 million in 1900 to 360 million by 2000 and is forecast to grow to a projected 633 million by 2025. It is growing at the rate of 6 million a year.

It is clear that there has been a massive shift in the centre of gravity in the Christian world from the North to the South. Very soon it is predicted that the vast majority of believers will be neither white nor European, nor even American.

The Church of England, alongside other denominations has frequent debates on how we can help Africa in its economic and political vulnerability, but the conversations need to be much more two-sided. In particular we must ask how the ever-expanding African Church can teach us through its powerful joyful energy to engage in effective mission.

In his inaugural sermon Archbishop Sentamu, himself an African, said this.

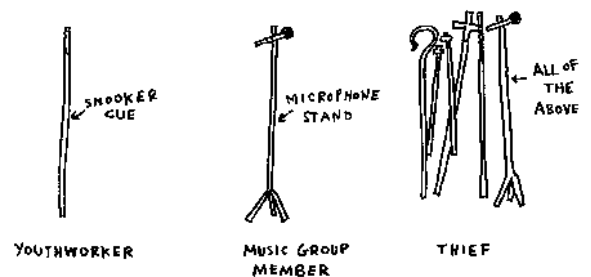
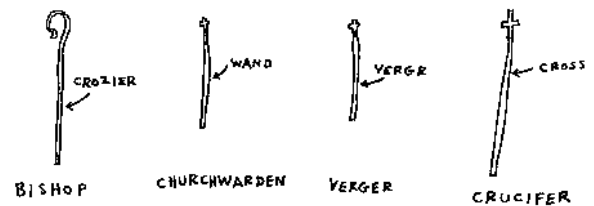
"It is a scandal of the Church of England that in the past decades it has tried everything except stick to Jesus' plan for the world: corporate discipleship: fraternal belonging. We have had our reports, our commissions, conferences, seminars, missions, synodical reviews, and liturgical reforms – the lot. But little attention has been given to the question. Who is Jesus and what does he mean for those who put their trust in him?"

Telling people about Jesus, is that the secret of the African Church's success? Surely it can't be as simple as that.....or can it.

+Cyril

Bishop of Doncaster

HOW TO RECOGNISE PEOPLE BY THE KIND OF STICK THEY ARE CARRYING



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Next Sunday – 20th May

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Della (readings); Margaret A (drinks); Della (communion assistants); Kara (junior steward); Margaret A (steward); Graham, Jess, Yo (music).

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