

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007

Sunday After Ascension Day

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



## Sunday Worship

<b>9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel</b>		
<b>10.30 Family Service</b>	Drinks	Margaret A
	Steward	Margaret A
	Music	Graham, Jess

## Runners Stop Traffic

Bramall Lane will be closed **this morning between 9.15am and 12 noon**, for Sheffield Half-Marathon.

## Collect For 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ  
is gone before,  
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>Homegroups</b>	Ecclesall group meet at Karen and Andy's.
<b>Women Exploring Faith</b>	<b>Thursday 9.30am</b> in the Parish Room. Looking at Pilgrim's Progress
<b>Little Lights</b>	<b>Friday 1.30-3pm</b> A special time in Church for all children under five. With singing, Bible stories, simple crafts, and play. Ask Karen for details.



Christian Aid News

Today is the end of Christian Aid week. A huge thank you to the 20 people who took to the streets collecting for Christian aid this week (in the rain!). Collectors Party 6-9pm @ Yo & Steve's on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. Children welcome.

Also thanks to our Youth Fellowship for washing cars in the cold last Sunday raising £65 for Christian Aid.

Keep your eye on the Christian Aid fundraising chart (opposite reception) which will soon begin to show how much the people in and around St Marys have raised to help the world's poorest.

Thank you for using your red envelope last week or today.

(On-liners see [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk) for more info)

## Today Is 'Not For Sale Sunday'

On this theme, tonight at St.Oswald's Church (on the corner of Bannerdale & Abbeydale Rd.)

**Reflective Space:** 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.

## Celtic Pilgrimage

Archdeacon Bob Fitzharris is leading a summer pilgrimage to Iona in August and there are a few places still available. ( **3rd-10th August**) Pilgrims make their own way to Durham from where they will begin a journey from St Chad's College in Durham on a luxury coach to Oban. Pilgrims then take the ferries over Mull to Iona where they will spend 6 days enjoying the Island, worship and some talks by Bob Fitzharris. Tel 0845 601 9567 if you would like a colour brochure or more information.

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## A Man United Fan Writes...

*From the diocesan website:*

The Bishop [of Sheffield] said this week that he was devastated when he heard the news that Sheffield United had been relegated from the Barclay's Premiership on the final day of the football season. The Bishop, who is returning to his desk today after a short holiday, could not be at Bramall Lane so he listened to the saga unfolding on BBC Radio 5Live. "Football is crucial to Sheffield and means so much to so many people in the City. I cannot tell you how important it is to have a team in the Premiership and I will certainly be praying that United will bounce back. Who knows – next season we could be celebrating two Sheffield teams being promoted into the Premiership." The Bishop is a keen football fan and his loyalties are split several ways. As a Lancastrian he supports Manchester United but since coming to the Diocese he keeps a keen eye on United, Wednesday, Rotherham, Doncaster & Barnsley. "Neil Warnock has worked tirelessly and is an honest and very forthright manager. All I can say is that team, the club and all the fans are very much in my prayers tonight."

## Celebrating Refugee Week – 18th-24th June

*City of Sanctuary write:*

Refugee Week is a national festival that seeks to raise public awareness of the asylum system. In Sheffield the theme for this year is the amount of voluntary work that asylum seekers do for a variety of causes. The Sheffield programme for the Week includes:

The Moving Here walk-through exhibition, which takes visitors through the experience of arriving in the UK. Located during **19th- 22nd June** in the new Voluntary Action Sheffield building on Rockingham Street (tel 2536650 for details)

Banner Theatre company present "They get free mobiles...don't they?", a multi-media challenge to myths about asylum seekers, on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**June at 7.00pm** at the Broomhall centre on Broomspring Lane (admission free)

City of Sanctuary Ceilidh Dance on **Saturday 23rd June 7pm-11pm**, (venue to be confirmed). Following the success of our Ceilidh last year, they are teaming up with the Time Together refugee mentoring project for an evening that will also include a refugees' fashion show and dancing to World music following the Ceilidh.

A One World Over concert on the main stage of the Crucible Theatre on **Sunday 24th June at 7.30pm** – this will showcase performances of music and dance from refugee communities. For

details visit:

<http://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/>

For further details pick up a Sheffield Refugee Week 2007 brochure from your local library in early June or visit:

[www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk)

### **Volunteer Placements needed for Skilled Refugees**

Refugee New Arrivals Project is looking for local employers who are willing to offer volunteer work placements to professionally qualified refugees in their skill sector. Placements are usually for 1 day a week for 12 weeks but other models are possible.

Placements are needed in a wide variety of sectors and occupations (e.g. civil, mechanical and environmental engineering, IT, education, accountancy, business administration, human resources and many others) so we welcome offers from companies and organisations working in all fields.

For further information, or to register your interest in the scheme, please contact: [admin@new-arrivals.org.uk](mailto:admin@new-arrivals.org.uk) or Tel: 0114 241 2785

[www.cityofsanctuary.com](http://www.cityofsanctuary.com)

## St Marys From Where?



Part of a (very) occasional series of photos of St Marys from afar. Prize for the first person who works out most precisely where this picture was taken from before next Sunday. Answer to Steve (contact details below)

## Next Sunday – Pentecost

### **10.30am Parish Communion**

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Kate (readings); Dolly (drinks); Caroline & Veronica (communion assistants); Veronica (prayers); Lydia & Molly (junior steward); Doreen & Joan (steward); Steve & Jon (music).

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