

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2007

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



## Sunday Worship

<b>10.30 Parish Communion</b>	Drinks	Christine
	Prayers	Della
	Readings	Elaine C
	Communion Assistants	Della
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Junior Stewards	Molly & Lydia
	Music	

## Collect For 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our  
hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your  
service,  
that we and all creation may be brought to the  
glorious liberty of the children of God;  
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

## Christian Aid Grand Total



**£881.43 !**

(See starry chart in foyer for a breakdown). With great thanks to all who have contributed by giving, delivering, collecting, counting, walking, or filling a red tin (by various means).

There's still time to be a Christian Aid Angel and fly off St Marys tower (aka abseiling) on **7<sup>th</sup>** and **8<sup>th</sup>** **July**. Sponsor forms available from Yo.

## Celebrating Refugee Week

### Sheffield becomes 1st City of Sanctuary!

This week, the Mayor of Sheffield announced that the City Council has pledged its support for City of Sanctuary. Sheffield has now become the first UK city to make a public commitment to welcoming asylum-seekers and refugees - the first 'City of Sanctuary'.

### The Islamic Society of Britain (South Yorkshire) Community Cohesion Q&A

Seminar **Wednesday 27th June 6.30pm** at the Library Theatre, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1

An interfaith program on how we can work together to build cohesion in our communities. Set in a questions and answers format with a learned panel representing the major faiths of Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism.

A buffet will be provided. [Ed: hospitality is very generous so don't eat before going] There will also be a series of exhibitions to view during the day. To book a free place email: [enquiries@isb-sheff.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@isb-sheff.org.uk)

### Asylum-seekers' Writing and Storytelling Group starts 26th June

A new group for asylum seekers and refugees starting at Sheffield's Central Children's library from **Tuesday 26th June** will aim to enable informal learning through creative writing, storytelling and reading.

The group will explore children's stories and picture books as well as other fiction and verse and share traditional and contemporary tales, looking at themes, styles and methods of writing and retelling stories and poetry. For more info contact: [Artsandsport.Library@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Artsandsport.Library@sheffield.gov.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) [www.cityofsanctuary.com](http://www.cityofsanctuary.com)

## Bishop Jack's July Letter

### Drawn into the Centre

As I write this I am just coming to the end of a ten

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day Mission in Ecclesfield. God has been very gracious to us, not least in the fine weather which has encouraged people to attend the evening mission services each week night.

We have been blessed too by the way in which the parish has prepared for the Mission and the home team have organised and prayed for the Mission in such a way that those of us that were visiting the parish knew that all was going to be well from day one.

The visiting team of ten (five men and five women, made up of four priests and six lay people, including a nun!) have been a gracious gift from God providing just the variety of gifts which were needed. This is the fifteenth of such missions that I have conducted and although every one of them as been unique and particularly to the place, each have a number of things in common.

The local congregation often begins by feeling that the mission is for those outside the Church and yet undoubtedly it is the people at the centre of Church life that are most affected and who are renewed in their commitment to Christ. People on the fringe are drawn into the centre and the parish mission becomes itself a preparation for mission. In short the Church becomes more a Church worth joining and what used to be a duty becomes a joy.

Every mission becomes a fund of good stories for future use by the preacher and one of the most memorable aspects of the Ecclesfield Mission will be the excellence and warmth of the Church's hospitality, which was most clearly seen by the number of cakes provided by the congregation. In forty years of ministry I have never seen as many cakes under one roof and a certain member of the Mission Team, the Curate of Hatfield, decided that during the Mission she would sacrifice five pieces of vegetables per day and replace them with five pieces of cake. This of course was a real sacrifice for her!

Gratitude to God in the midst of an altogether positive feeling of exhaustion is what I am feeling at the moment. Thanks be to God.

+Jack

## Matchmaker Project

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**\* Visual Art \* Film \* Photography \* Sound \* Word**

Matchmaker is a creative project that aims to explore and record the rites and rituals of Sheffield United Football Club and the Sharrow community on match day and will take place between September 07 and November 07.

Sheffield United are teaming up with Sharrow Community Forum to commission a film maker, a photographer, a visual artist (printmaker) and a poet to capture match day at Bramall Lane, and the impact it has upon the area, in sound, image and word.

The project will build on and contribute to the rich history, diversity and tradition of both club and community and link with the 'Legends' museum sited at the Bramall Lane Stadium.

Would you like to be involved in this imaginative and exciting project and work alongside professional artists to develop skills and create new work to show? For further information please see the project brief at [www.sharrowmatchmaker.blogspot.com](http://www.sharrowmatchmaker.blogspot.com) or contact Jackie at SCF on 250 8384

## Lunchtime Recital

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There will be concert at Sheffield Cathedral on **Tuesday 26th June at 1.15pm**, given by Oliver Sullivan. Not sure what the programme will include, but his Mum is pretty sure it will include some Messiaen. Refreshments provided. Suggested donation £2.

## Piano Lessons

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Talking of organists, Madge, (who plays the organ for us at St Marys from time to time) has some spare places for piano lessons. Tel: 2588869.

## St Marys From Where

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Where was this picture taken from? And when? Answers to Steve by next Sunday. Prize for the closest.



Kim won the last 'St Marys From Where' (she was the only entrant!)

## Next Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> July

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### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Della (readings); Carol (drinks); Caroline & Veronica (Communion Assistants); Della (prayers); Josh (junior steward); John & Margaret I (steward).

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