

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

**St. MARY'S**

**Newsletter**



**Sunday Worship**

<b>10.30 Parish Communion</b>	Drinks	Carol
	Prayers	Giles
	Readings	Della
	Communion Assistants	Caroline & Veronica
	Stewards	John & Margaret I
	Junior Stewards	Josh
	Music	Steve, Jess, Kim

campaigns and community action, fashion, arts & crafts, fair-trade and organic goods. Saturday 7th

Bands playing: Hireath, Rowan Rheingans, Pink Sharabang, The Quiet Man, Tina McKeivitt & Matt Hegarty

Performances from: Boomshanka Tribal Bellydancers, Professor Fiddlesticks, Sheffield Samba Band, Matt Black, Adam White, Sheffield Socialist Choir, Purple Cats Choir, Bavura, In The Boat Band

Also featuring: New Games, giant garden games, painting wall, bouncy castle.... loads of fun!

**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'.

**Christian Book Group**

Would anyone be interested in joining a Christian Book Group? We would meet once a month to discuss a book which we would have agreed to read before the meeting. If you are interested please speak to Helen C (296 7763).

**Bishop Jack's July Letter**

**Drawn into the Centre**

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

**Collect For 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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>Youth Fellowship</b>	Tonight <b>6-7.30</b> at 41 Brook Road.
<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

**Sheffield Green Fair @ St Marys**

**Next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 11am-5pm.**

Change your life, have fun & save the planet - all in one day! Entertainment, live music, dj's, beer tent, wholefood cafe and children's fun all day long. 40m sponsored abseil down St. Mary's tower. Live link up with 2 billion people via global 'Live Earth' event. 6 exciting zones featuring green technology, sustainable living, health & healing,

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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

## St. Chad's, Woodseats Festival

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Roly Bain will be attending Woodseats Festival, on the weekend of **July 7th and 8th**.

On Saturday between 2.30 and 4.30 there will be "Fun on the Field" behind St. Chad's Church House on Abbey Lane opposite Abbey Lane School including bouncy castle, face painting, children's craft tables, plus stalls to interest the older people not forgetting delicious cream teas, plus wonderful Raffle prizes as well as the famous Holmhiirst Puppets. Roly will be there doing clown and circus skills workshops.

In the evening there is a Pie and Pea Supper in church - there will be music, quizzes, good company and Roly will be talking about why he became a vicar and a clown. At only £3 per ticket (soft drinks provided, but please bring your own wine) it should be a great evening.

The climax of the weekend will be a Big Breakfast on Sunday in church at 9 (bacon butties, croissants, coffee, etc.,) followed by a wonderful time of worship, led by Roly at 10.00. Absolutely everyone is invited! For more information please visit [www.stchads.org](http://www.stchads.org)

## 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

## 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!) . Has anyone got any pictures of flooding in St Marys parish?

## Next Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> July

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### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Karen or Andy (readings); Della (prayers); Hannah (junior steward); Kate (steward); Giles, Jon, Claire (music)

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