

Sunday 15th July 2007

6th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel		
10.30 Family Service	Drinks	Margaret I
	Steward	Margaret A
	Junior Steward	Kara
	Music	Steve, Claire, Veronica

Collect For 6th Sunday After Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all
things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

PCC	Meets on Monday at the Vicarage 7.45pm.
Youth Fellowship	Meet at St Marys on Wednesday at 6.30pm for last session of the school year, and farewell to Thinkwell and Alban.
Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Women Exploring Faith	Thursday 9.30am in the Parish Room.

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).

£5 Trip To Cleethorpes

There are just a few seats left for this coach trip on **Wednesday 25th July** leaving St Marys at **10am**. Bring or buy your own lunch but tea provided on our return to St Marys at 5.30pm. This is a Lunch Club trip but any church member is welcome to join us.

Please speak to Yo today if you'd like to come.

Sheffield Climate Change Petition

The *Sheffield Campaign Against Climate Changes* are collecting names for a petition to send to Sheffield City Council.

The petition says:

We, the undersigned, recognise that urgent action is needed now if we are to avert catastrophic climate change. We call on Sheffield City Council to:

- Put a Carbon Reduction Plan at the heart of the City Strategy.
- Establish a baseline carbon footprint for Sheffield.
- Set carbon reduction targets of at least 6% a year in line with keeping global temperature rise below 2 degrees C.
- Regularly publicise the city's progress in carbon reduction.

If you would like to add your name, please see Steve.

Five Weirs Clean Up

Calling all river users! Walkers, anglers, canoeists, nature lovers, joggers. A mass volunteer clean-up of the Five Weirs Walk is being planned for the last weekend in July to shift tons of debris left behind by the June floods.

The heavy rainfall left much of the popular 7.5km route under water. Many sections still remain blocked by tree trunks, and compacted rubbish whilst there is up to a metre of silt under several of the bridges.

Volunteers are asked to assemble from 12 noon onwards on Saturday 28th or Sunday 29th July at Washford Bridge on Attercliffe Road where they will be supplied with protective gear and tools.

No need for special skills or strength, we will find suitable jobs for everyone and there will be

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experienced staff around to provide safety advice and leadership.

Volunteers wanting to register can call Sheffield City Council Parks and Countryside Reception on 0114 2 500 500.

Website Of The Week

www.mydeath.net

Sounds a bit macabre, but actually a lovely, and practical idea which I'm sure most Vicars would thoroughly recommend.

"My death is a register. It exists as a place for you to document what you want said, sung, played, read or done at your funeral."

Once you have posted your preferences, anyone can access it, thus ensuring that friends and family know exactly what you wanted.

Greenbelt 2007

Anyone going to Greenbelt this year?

The lineup includes Britain's, Billy Bragg, Professor Mona Siddiqui, Jo Enright (of 'I'm Alan Partridge' and 'Phoenix Nights' fame), Matt Redman, Roly Bain (clowning Vicar), Fischy music, Kathryn Williams, Delirious, Iain Archer, and (bizarrely) Chas and Dave.

Don't forget there are cheaper tickets before the end of July, and there are still lots of jobs (and therefore free entry) for volunteers.

Sufi Muslim Concert

At St Andrews Church, Psalter Lane, at **7.30 pm on Thursday 19th July**, as part of a week long festival of music (14th-21st July) in the church.

Sheffield's Sufi Muslim community are providing both singers and dancers. In the first part the Balkh Trio will sing and play the poetry of Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi, the 13th century Sufi poet and mystic, and in the second half of the evening there will be a demonstration of the mystic whirling dervish dances also inspired and originated by Rumi. St Andrews think it will be a really special and fascinating evening, but it will also continue a relationship of mutual respect and friendship between Christians and Muslims which has developed here in the last few years.

All are welcome. There is no entrance charge, but we will take a collection to cover expenses.

'Divine Art With A Twist'

Our own Lucy L. has an article about her St Marys banners on the BBC website. Here are some excerpts:



Who said that the Church had to be stuck in the days of old religious art work? Well, St Mary's Church on Bramall Lane in Sheffield took a chance on Lucy Lauener. She's a local artist based in the city.

"I wanted to make something that everybody could relate too. Says Lucy. It represents thoughts and feelings common to us all like love, joy anger and temptation."

"It took me months to finally put together all the work I have been doing. Once I got the inspiration for what I wanted to produce it became a lot easier for me to do".

Lucy says the stories that inspired her art work parallel the many experiences in her life: "I was very much into Buddhism before I looked at Christianity. It surprised me because the stories in the Bible were so relevant to my life. I think that younger people are coming back to the church in different ways. My way is through art."

St Marys From Where And When?

Kim won this competition (again), being the only entrant (again), but was actually pretty close to the time and location of this photo: from Meersbrook at 18/06/2007 18:40.



Praying For Prostitutes

Kim R writes:

Join us to pray for people involved in prostitution in Sheffield. First meeting **Tuesday 18th September 7.45pm for an 8.00pm** start The Welcome Centre, Christ Church Pitsmoor S3, Entrance on Nottingham Street. See Kim for details.

Next Sunday – 22nd July

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Keith (readings); Della (drinks); Andy & Kate (Communion Assistants); Eunice (prayers); Lydia & Molly (junior steward); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Giles, Claire, Jess (music)

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