

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007**

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

**St. MARY'S**

**Newsletter**



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## Sunday Worship

<b>10.30 Family Service</b>	Readings	Keith
	Drinks	Della
	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate
	Prayers	Eunice
	Junior Stewards	Lydia & Molly
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Music	Giles, Claire, Jessm

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## Light Factory

There will be no organised provision for children this morning - however the Parish Room has toys books and some activity sheets for children so please use these if you need them and encourage any visitors we might have to do the same. Summer Light Factory resumes as normal next week.

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## Collect For 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Toddlers On Tour

**Wednesday** Toddler group is *not* meeting at St. Mary's over the summer but at different local parks - weather permitting. This Wednesday meeting from 10am in Chelsea Park by the playground. In future weeks we will be In Endcliffe Park (1st Aug) Millhouses Park (8th Aug) Graves Park (15th Aug) Meeresbrook Park (22nd) Norfolk Park(29th Aug).

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## Taize's Back

There will be a Taize-style evening service at St Marys on **30<sup>th</sup> September**. More details later.

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## Women Exploring Library

*Women Exploring Faith* is also taking a summer break but on Thursday mornings a small group will be meeting in the Parish Room to update the Library. If you would like to be involved please speak to Kate.

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## Parish Room Prayers

Once a month a small group meet to pray for all that goes on in this building and for all who come here. From September this group will meet on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month from 9.30am. in the **PARISH ROOM** (not the chapel). More information from Della.

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## Cargo

**Friday 28th September 7.30pm** Cargo is on at the Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield.

Paul Field's new presentation Cargo uses music, words, dance and images to tell the story of the Abolitionists campaign, together with the struggles of the African slaves themselves, to end the slave trade 200 years ago, and uses that story as a platform to raise awareness of the many forms of slavery that still exist today. For further information and tickets, please contact Sheffield Christian Education Council at Montgomery Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 2LG. Telephone: 0114 272 0455.

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## Sheffield Floods Help

Here are some ways to help:

You can donate cash to the South Yorkshire Community Foundation (SYCF), a charity which is co-ordinating the flood relief in the region. They're aiming for £200,000.

You can also contact the Radio Sheffield Good Neighbour Appeal (0114 267 5444) donate your time and belongings. They're looking for people who are willing to:

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\* Volunteer their time

\* Supply practical items such as furniture and household equipment, clothing, bedding, transport, deliveries, accommodation, food, storage space, fostering pets, pet food or catering.

\* Provide professional services like plumbing, electrical, specialist cleaning, legal advice, counsellors, therapists and advisors

if you have already offered stuff this way and are still waiting for a response, please be patient. Victims have only just been moved from short to long-term temporary accommodation. They do still desperately need furniture/clothing etc., but not quite yet. Can also contact the Catcliffe Flood emergency centre directly through Rev Helen Bent tel 01709 363 850, [helen@thebents.co.uk](mailto:helen@thebents.co.uk)

or see the Five Weirs Clean Up article on last week's newsletter: 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.

## More On Floods - Evan Almighty

Will this film be as good as 'Bruce Almighty'? Out in UK early August:



"Evan is a US congressman with a wife and kids. One day he receives a visit from God who tells him he has to build an ark in preparation for a great flood, just as Noah had done..."

## Archbishop John Loiters In Sheffield

On 12th July a packed Sheffield Cathedral saw seven women and three men admitted to the Office of Evangelist by the Most Rev Rt Hon John Sentamu the Archbishop of York.

Presiding at the event in Church Army's 125 anniversary year, the Archbishop told the evangelists and a 400-strong congregation that they have been commissioned as evangelists because they have a passion for sharing the gospel and should loiter with intent to help people experience, explain and demonstrate what new life in Christ is all about.

In a thoughtful and wide ranging sermon given in a city that had been devastated by floods only a couple of weeks earlier, the Archbishop called upon the newly commissioned evangelists to be all

weather evangelists not waiting for the sun to come out and shine as it very rarely does, but getting out there in all weathers to share the gospel through words and actions. He said the Christ Jesus they serve is alive and working in the world and cannot be constrained or trapped within the covers of any book.

God in Christ must be accessible to all - tell others what you know and your experience will bring joy and new beginnings for those you encounter, he added. The Archbishop also called on the church to renew its focus on mission and evangelism and share with confidence an authentic and incarnational gospel to our communities.

In blessing each one of the evangelists he admitted to the office of evangelist within the Anglican church, the Archbishop told the new recruits to bring, joy, passion and commitment to their ministry as they had the best news in the world to share. The name and story of Jesus should be constantly on their lips he said

## Biblical Truth

In the last few weeks, Professor Michael Jursa, an academic at the British Museum has discovered archeological evidence that the Old Testament is based on fact. The find has been described as the most important find in biblical archeology for 100 years.

The Prof. was looking through 130,000 cuneiform tablets, representing Babylonian financial accounts - created by pressing a "pen" into moist clay - when he recognized the name Nabu-sharrussu-ukin, chief eunuch of Nebuchadnezzar II, king of Babylon. The same name as appears in Jeremiah 39: Nebo-Sarsekim. Apparently Nabu-sharrussu-ukin in Assyrian sounds the same as Nebo Sarsekim in ancient Hebrew.

The tablet, said to be "the size of a packet of cigarettes", is a receipt for a payment of gold to a temple.

"If Nebo-Sarsekim existed, which other lesser figures in the Old Testament existed? [The] narrative [of Jeremiah] takes on a new power," said the museum's Irving Finkel of the "fantastic discovery".

## Belated Congratulations

To Eunice who recently celebrated a round-numbered birthday.

## Next Sunday - 29<sup>th</sup> July

### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Kate (readings); Margaret A (drinks); Giles & Karen (Communion Assistants); Giles (prayers); Veronica (steward); Steve, Claire, Veronica (music)

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