

Sunday 9th September 2007

14th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30 Family Service	Drinks	Carol
	Prayers	Karen
	Junior Stewards	Hannah
	Steward	Kate K
	Music	Graham, Yo, Giles

Collect For 14th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

PCC

The next PCC meeting will be **28th September**, not 10th September as originally planned.

Harvest Weekend

6th / 7th October: Celebrating 50 years of church and centre.

Harvest this year will recognise the fruit of 50 years of St Mary's since the opening of the new church and centre in 1957.

Saturday 6th October 7.30pm Barn Dance.

Sunday 7th October 10.30 Harvest celebration with Porter Croft School.

Also: Harvest flower arranging **10am Saturday 6th**. Join us. Donations towards flowers gratefully received.

Life & Faith

Beginning on **Wednesday 12th September at 8.00pm** at St Mary's will be a series of meetings for anyone interested in making connections between faith and everyday life.

If you want to explore discipleship and deepen your experience then this is for you, whether at the start or well on in your journey of faith.

For more information contact Julian.

Little Lights

A special time in Church for all children under five. With singing, Bible stories, simple crafts, and play.

New *earlier* time of 1pm-2.30pm on **Friday 21st September, 12th October, 9th November and 7th December.**

Praying For The Church & Centre

Will take place on the **FIRST FRIDAY** morning of each month at **9.30am** in the Parish Room (new venue) so dates will be September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th. please speak to Yo if you want to know more about these mornings. It is also anticipated that there will be monthly midweek evening prayers - watch this space.

Ecclesall Homegroup

Ecclesall home group will now be meeting fortnightly on **Tuesday** evenings starting this **Tuesday 11th** at 114 Ringinglow Road at 8pm. Anyone welcome please speak to Giles or Andy for more information.

Women Exploring Faith

Will be meeting every **Thursday** from **9.30am** in the Parish Room. An opportunity to share fellowship, pray and do some study together. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.

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Light Factory Leaders

There will be a Light Factory Leaders meeting on **Wednesday 19th September at 8pm** at 114 Ringinglow Road. If you are interested in joining the team of childrens work leaders and helpers please have a word with Karen.

Cargo

The fight for freedom past and present in contemporary music, words & images. Words and Music by Paul Field.

2007 is the bicentennial of the abolition of the UK slave trade and yet still today more than 20 million people are being tricked, traded and trafficked into some form of slavery. 200 years ago ordinary people changed the world. today, so can we.

Friday 28th September 2007 - 7.30 pm

Montgomery Theatre, Surrey Street. Further information / tickets £6 available from: Sheffield Christian Education Council CEC 0114 272 0455 / Judith Simms 0114 266 0010.

CONTENT NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 11 YEARS.

Taize

On **Sunday 30th September** there will be a service of Taize-style prayer in the Nave 7.30-8.45pm.

Sharrow Today

Another great issue is out now. Includes writing about...

- London Road's street drinkers
- Sharrow's a great place to see live music - find out about it all
- 2 pages of colour pictures from our Summer festivals
- 2 pages from the Sharrow Partnership
- Food in Sharrow
- The new hotel at Blades, Bramall Lane
- Articles from 'Crowded House' members

Hopefully there will be some printed copies around, but you can also download it from www.sharrowcf.org.uk.

Public Meeting On Climate Change

An illustrated talk by David Hughes of *A Rocha* and

the Sheffield Diocesan Environment Group, followed by discussion. The facts about global warming, present and future consequences and what we can about it now. **Tuesday 6 November at 7.30pm** in St Oswald's Church, Millhouses (corner of Abbeydale Road and Bannerdale Road). All welcome.

Further details from Margaret Stone on 0114-2746362 or email margaretstone@fish.co.uk.

The Bishop Of Sheffield Writes:

*"Let us not speak, for the love we bear one another-
Let us hold hands and look.
She, such a very ordinary little woman;
He, such a thumping crook;
But both, for a moment, little lower than the angels
In the teashop's ingle-nook."*

I cannot remember how many times I have used this little poem by John Betjeman at weddings. It usually raises a smile at least as the Bride and Groom see themselves as being compared to 'a very ordinary little woman' and 'a thumping crook'. The point of the poem, however, is not to rub in the ordinariness or sinfulness of those who are about to be married. The purpose of Betjeman's words is to point towards the transfiguring power of love. It is because the couple bear so much love towards one another that they cannot find the words to express it, they simply hold hands and look and it is this that transfigures them into something little lower than the angels.

There are too many words and not enough holding hands and looking in the world today. I suppose the religious word for it all would be contemplation, sharing the awe and wonder of realising that we are made in the image of God, made to become 'little lower than the angels'.

We are tempted to feel that unless we are doing something nothing is happening and yet as Christians we believe that the most that has ever been for us was done silently, with hardly a word, when Jesus was nailed to the Cross.

There is much talk about 'Mission Shaped Church'. 'Fresh Expressions' is one of the instruments which is enabling the Church to become more mission shaped, but it would be a tragedy if the result of all this were simply a busier Church where people had less and less time simply to hold hands and look.

+Jack

Next Sunday – 16th September

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Eunice (drinks); Kara (Junior Steward); Margaret A (steward); Steve, Veronica, Rachel (music)

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