

Sunday 16th September 2007

15th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30 Family Service	Drinks	Eunice
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Junior Stewards	Kara
	Steward	Margaret A
	Light Factory	Andy, Tom, Jo
	Music	Steve, Veronica, Rachel

Collect For 15th Sunday After Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

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.

Mid-Week Groups At St Marys

Life & Faith

Every **Wednesday at 8.00pm** at St Mary's there

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. This week's session is on *Worship as Celebration*.

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** this **Friday 21st September**.

Ecclesall homegroup

Will now be meeting fortnightly on Tuesday evenings - **25th September** is next - 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 looking at parables, over the coming weeks. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.

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 Della if you want to know more about these mornings. It is also anticipated that there will be monthly midweek evening prayers - watch this space.

Porter Croft School

St Marys has close links with this Junior School. Please pray for them this week - they are interviewing for a new head teacher on 25th September.

Prayer For People Involved In Prostitution

If you wander through certain parts of Netherthorpe and Shalesmoor you are likely to come across

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women hoping to make money by selling sex. If you start chatting to these women the complexities and hurts of their lives become apparent, many feeling a hopelessness, trapped in their lifestyle.

Christians across Sheffield are meeting to pray for these women and their associates **this Tuesday 18th September, 7.45pm** at The Welcome Centre, Christ Church Pitsmoor S3 (Entrance on Nottingham Street). Anyone is welcome to join us. Please see Kim R for further details.

Light Factory Leaders

Will be meeting this **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.

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.

Taize

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

Accordion Concert

At St Marys on **22nd September at 7pm**. In aid of Sheffield Children's hospital. Details on poster in St Marys.

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 do 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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 28th September 10am-12noon. At 41 Brook Road. Please bring a cake to sell and money to spend – there may be artist in residence who will paint your portrait for a reasonable fee, and a couple of other surprises.

(Macmillan nurses provide care to people with cancer and are a charity). See Yo for details.

Bishop Jack's Retirement

The Bishop of Sheffield has announced that he is to retire in July of next year on his 65th birthday.

The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, issued the following statement: "Bishop Jack has served the Lord with gladness, kindness, wisdom and good humour. The ordained ministry can test each of these gifts and find them wanting, but Jack has served as a priest and Bishop with an obvious delight in the calling he received from God and brought with him a rich and deep understanding of the faith that will be much missed." He added: "He delighted in God and all humanity in its splendour and was never fazed by humanity's folly. With Jack around life is abundant"

The Bishop said: "My last official engagement will be on 9 June, the feast day of St Columba, which will be the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood."

Reflecting on the significance on St. Columba on his ministry the Bishop said: "Over the font in the church in which I was baptised sixty-four years ago is a rather beautiful stained glass window. It depicts Psalm 84 v 10, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness." An old man is pictured holding open a door by which others enter. St Columba turned this picture into a prayer:

"Almighty Father, Son and Holy Ghost, eternal ever-blessed gracious God; to me the least of saints, to me allow that I may keep a door in paradise. That I may keep even the smallest door, the furthest, darkest, coldest door, the door that is least used, the stiffest door. If so it be but in your house, O God if so it be that I can see your glory even from afar, and hear your voice, O God, and know that I am with you, O my God."

Next Sunday – 23rd September

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Margaret I (drinks); Della (Communion assistant); Lydia & Molly (Junior Steward); Graham, Giles, Veronica (music); Penny, Hannah, Kim (Light Factory)

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