

Sunday 30th September 2007

17th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30 Parish Communion	Drinks	Della
	Readings	Veronica
	Prayers	Della
	Communion Assistants	Caroline & Veronica
	Steward	Veronica
	Light Factory	Hannah, Andy, Karen
	Music	John, Yo

Collect For 17th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest
in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

7.30-8.45pm Tonight - Taize Service

In the Nave. All welcome.

This Week At St Marys

Centre Trustees Meeting

On **Monday** at St Marys. Please remember Graham and the Trustees (including Karen, Andy, Giles and Julian) in your prayers.

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 *the Bible as hearing aid*.

For more information contact Julian.

Ecclesall homegroup

Next meeting is on **October 9th**, at Tom and Jo Mather's house. Anyone welcome - please speak to Giles or Andy if you need a lift, directions, or more information.

Women Exploring Faith

Meets on **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.

Lunch Club Communion

There will be a service of Holy Communion (said) on Thursday at 12.15-12.45 to allow members of the Lunch Club to join our worship at St Marys.

First Friday Prayers

This **Friday** at **9.30am** in the Parish Room (new venue). Payers for the Centre and Church for all that goes on in the building and for all those who work, worship and use the building. You are welcome to join in. Please speak to Della (Pastoral Worker) if you want to know more.

Next Weekend - Harvest

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.

Jo M and Yo are piecing together a 'time line' of the 50-year history of the centre. Please let them know if you have memories of the centre, especially from the 1960s.

Phone Yo on 258 4382 or email yo@to-lo.co.uk

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. Plate at back of church today.

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Fair Trade

"Ten years ago sales of Fairtrade products were worth under £20 million. Last year sales of Fairtrade products totalled almost £300 million. (Tearfund) Do your bit to boost this figure by buying groceries and treats from the Fairtrade stand after Church **next Sunday** - another way to celebrate Harvest. Then throughout November there will be a Fairtrade stand selling Christmas cards, gift wrap, presents, chocolates etc. If you would like to know any more about this - or would like to pre-order stuff from the Traidcraft catalogue please speak to Hannah C.

Possible Holiday Club

It may be possible to run a midweek afternoon "Holiday Club" session in half term (w/c 29th Oct) and one Sunday afternoon around advent - but we need sufficient adult helpers to do so. If you are around and interested please speak to Karen - it is great fun, only takes up a couple of hours and most of all is a great opportunity to present the gospel to our children, their friends and to children and families who use the building for other things.

City Of Sanctuary News

Any Sheffield-based guitarists fancy accompanying Liberian refugee community gospel group for concerts/recordings?

Contact Craig at craig@cityofsanctuary.com or see Steve.

Their AGM will be on 17th October at the Kashmir Curry Centre on Spital Hill, Burngreave at 6.30pm, followed by a sit-down Indian meal with other supporters. We will also be asking for your goals and priorities for Sheffield's welcome to refugees and asylum-seekers on the night, as part of our planning for a City of Sanctuary 'manifesto'.

Tickets are £10 a head on the door, vegetarian options available. Ticket price includes full membership of City of Sanctuary! Please contact me Craig book your place.

1000 Mile March Ends



At the London Stock exchange **this Tuesday**. Christian Aid campaigners have marched right through the UK

over the last 80 days taking the CUT THE CARBON message to companies and MPs.

The marchers want companies to

- Publish a *full* account of CO2 emissions in their annual reports
- Cut CO2 emissions by 5 percent per year

The marchers want government to

- Develop a standard that companies use to calculate CO2 emissions - make them publish their emissions using this standard
- Push for a fair international agreement that will deliver at least an 80 percent cut in global CO2 emissions by 2050.

If you want to support the campaign, phone the Christian Aid area office on 0113 2444764 or visit the website christianaid.org.uk. Please pray for the success of the campaign as the march ends on Tuesday.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

At Yo and Steve's raised an amazing £237 for the Macmillan Specialist Cancer nurses (who make such a positive difference to individuals living with cancer and their families). A huge thank you to all flapjack and cake bakers, and to all who came along and gave generously. Special thanks to Lorna for three solid hours of portrait painting.

Women Together At St Marys

Women are warmly invited to attend the St Mary's Asian Project Eid Party, here in the building on **Tuesday 23rd October 10-12am**. Please let Della know if you'd like to come, and if you will need to use the creche.

Men's Group

A new initiative at St Mary's: Time/space for the menfolk of St Mary's to fellowship/share/learn/pray together.

The first meeting will be on **18th October** at St Ms **8pm-9.30pm** when Rev Phil Batchford will be the guest speaker. The evening will include an ice breaker and time to talk! And be followed by refreshments at a local hostelry. All men welcome - see Andy or Tom for details.

Next Sunday - 7th October

10.30am Harvest Celebration with Porter Croft School

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Margaret I (readings); Karen (prayers); Margaret A (drinks); John & Margaret I (Steward); Steve, Veronica, Jess (music); Jo, Tom, Andy (Light Factory)

And don't forget the Fairtrade stand!

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