

Sunday 7th October 2007

Harvest – Celebrating 50 Years Of Church And Centre

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Sunday Worship

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| 10.30 Parish Communion | Drinks | Margaret A |
| | Readings | Margaret I |
| | Prayers | Karen |
| | Steward | John & Margaret I |
| | Light Factory | Jo, Tom, Andy |
| | Music | Veronica, Jess, Steve, Graham... |

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.

Collect For 18th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

Fair Trade

Please have a look at the Fairtrade stand after this morning's service.

"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 **this morning** - 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.

This Week 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 *Bible reading*

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.

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.

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

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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.

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Whirlow Grange Events

"SPACES FOR THE SPIRIT"

- **Wednesday 17 October** - Simple Quiet Day 9.45am-3.00pm. Cost £8.50 @ Whirlow Grange Christian Spirituality Centre
- **Wednesday 21 November** - Simple Quiet Day 9.45am-3.00pm. Cost £8.50 @ Whirlow Grange Christian Spirituality Centre
- **Wednesday 5th December** - Saturday 8th December "The Word Made Flesh" Advent Retreat: Take time to let yourself be prepared for celebrating Christ's coming to us with these days of prayer and reflection. Particularly

suitable for those in ministry. Led by the Revd Philip Allin. 11am 5th-4pm 8th. Cost £155 @ Whirlow Grange Christian Spirituality Centre

- **Wednesday 19 December** - Simple Quiet Day 9.45am to 30pm. Cost £8.50 @ Whirlow Grange Christian Spirituality Centre

There is also an opportunity to worship in a contemplative and reflective way, using creative approaches using scripture, symbol, silence, music and liturgy. 7.00pm, First Sunday of each Month.

For more details, contact the Reverend Nick Helm 235 3704, or nick@soulspark.org.uk.

Earth Connect

At Holy Trinity Church, Grove Road, Millhouses.

Daily until Sunday 14th October from 9.30am – 4.30pm (12noon - 4.30pm on Sundays)

'Earth Connect' is a project that was born out of a deep concern over climate change, and a sense that we need to be aware, praying and acting for the creation that we are part of. All living things on Planet Earth are inter-dependent. We cannot shut our eyes any longer to the devastating effect that human beings are having on it. Please come and visit the church and take part in and look at the exhibition; be challenged as we are, as we seek to be an 'eco-congregation' with all that it entails.

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.

The City of Sanctuary 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.

Next Sunday – 14th October

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Dorothy (drinks); Kate (Steward); Jon, Yo, Kim (music).

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