

Sunday 18th November 2007

2nd Sunday Before Advent

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Drinks	Carol
	Readings	Rachel
	Prayers	Steve
	Steward	Margaret A
	Light Factory	Hannah, Tom, Karen
	Music	Steve, Veronica, Giles

We welcome Nick Hutton, and one of the Church Burgesses, as our preacher this morning.

7.30-8.45pm Tonight - Taize Service

In the Nave. All welcome.

Collect For 2nd Sunday Before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Traidcraft Stall – Today

Today, Hannah will be organising a Traidcraft stall with both produce and Christmas cards, wrapping, calenders etc. Please do some seasonal shopping and support fair trade.

Living Nativity - Today

A chance to dress up, and rub along with live animals in a makeshift stable on the Moor. We become a living picture of Christ's birth within the

City Centre 'switching on the lights' event, and have, in previous years, been described as the highlight!

If you've not volunteered, please come along to the Moor **this afternoon** to support you're shivering brethren.



This Week At St Marys

Parent & Toddlers

This **Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am** in the hall.

Life & Faith

Wednesday at 8.00pm 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 *about Thanksgiving*. See Julian for more information.

Women Exploring Faith

On **Thursday** from **9.30am** in the Parish Room. An opportunity to share fellowship and pray. Looking at 'parables', over the coming weeks. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.

Islam Awareness Week

Mosque Open Day

Join friends from St Marys to visit the new mosque on Wolsey road. Meet here **10.30am on Thursday 22nd November** to walk there, arriving about 11am, staying for about an hour before returning to St Marys.

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Please will everyone coming bring a hat or scarf to cover their head, as this is polite inside the Mosque (as is removing shoes).

Also, anyone who would like to visit Mosque that day but after 4.30pm, please phone Abdul Gooljar 07930 313 773 who would be happy to arrange for people to visit later in the day.

Other Islam awareness events in the week (all at Notre Dame School, Fulwood Rd, S10 3BT)

Monday 19th 9-4pm: Exhibition

Wednesday 21st 6pm: Intercommunal Dialogue and meal (phone Abdul Gooljar for catering purposes)

Friday 23rd 6pm: Faiths of the Future A family event led by Young People.

http://www.isb-sheff.org.uk/isb//index.php/Current_Events

Salaam Bethlehem

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents a new play by Bridget Foreman directed by Paul Burbridge, designed by Sean Cavanagh. Looking beyond the wall.

Thursday 20th December 7.30pm at St. Oswald's church. Admission: £10 Concessions: £7 groups (10+): £6

Box office 01904 613 000
www.salaambethlehem.com

Salaam Bethlehem is a fascinating, lively and moving encounter with people whose witness in the land of Jesus's birth is something for which the worldwide church should be profoundly grateful. They have a crucial voice within the cacophony of tragedy and recrimination in the Middle East.

This is not a children's Christmas play - but about the life of the Christian Palestinians although it will have links with the christmas story. It has had excellent reviews so far.

Washing Up Volunteer

Needed for Lunch Club on **Thursdays 1.30 - 3pm**. Free lunch included plus any travel expenses. Please talk to Yo (258 4382) if you are interested.

Childrens Advent Activity

An activity afternoon is being planned for **Sunday 9th December** - if you are able to help on that day please speak to Karen - it will be an open invitation for all 5 - 10yr olds.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Empty shoeboxes are available at the back of church ready to be gift-filled for children in need around the world. There is a list of suggested items with boxes - please choose a couple of items and put them in the boxes over the next couple of weeks. For more information please speak to Helen or see their website samaritanspurse.co.uk.



Breakfast With The Bishop

Men's Prayer Breakfast at St Mary's **Thursday 29th November 7.15am to 8.30am**

Guest Speaker - Bishop Jack. Everyone Welcome.

Cost £5 per head (Funds are available if the cost would prevent you from coming)

cereal, toast, bacon butties, tea, coffee

RSVP: Andy Cribb on 255 3496 or familycribb@btinternet.com

Jellybean Gig

Our very own Yo, Mark, Dave and the rest of Jellybean will be performing at The Sportsman pub, Denby Street (just over Bramall Lane) on **Friday 30th November**. Their laid-back jazz standards will be in aid of ASSIST.

The Big Sing

Saturday 24th November at 7.00-8.30pm, Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield.

A 'Big Sing' features songs from the Iona Community. It is an opportunity to gather with people from a variety of Christian traditions who enjoy singing some favourite songs from Iona and perhaps take home a few new ones. No great singing ability is required, just a willingness to join in.

The Big Sing is free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to ASSIST.

Next Sunday – 25th November

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Elaine C (readings); Eunice (drinks); Veronica (prayers); Doreen & Joan (steward); Joan, Kim, Penny (light factory); Graham (music).

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