

Sunday 25th November 2007

Christ The King

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Drinks	Eunice
	Readings	Elaine C
	Prayers	Veronica
	Steward	Doreen
	Light Factory	Jo, Kim, Penny
	Music	Graham

Collect For Sunday Before Advent

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord
and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at
his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

This Week At St Marys

Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Life & Faith	Wednesday at 8.00pm 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'. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.

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 the 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

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.

Highfield 3C's Christmas Special

Coffee morning including sale of homemade christmas gifts/items and sale of Fair trade products on **Saturday 1 December** at Highfield Trinity Church, London Road from 10.30 am.

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.

Minstrels

Yo is organising a group of folk who would like to sing/play carols around the pre-Christmas season. Rehearsals at 41 Brook Road each Thursday at 7-8.30pm. 258 4382.

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Window Of Opportunity

Did you see the 'Star' article announcing that the Arts Council is giving £25,000 towards our stained glass window? Click [here](#) if you missed it:



Living Nativity

Well done to all those who braved the elements to present the living nativity last Sunday on the Moor. More photos from the church website.

Handbell Concert In St Marys

Margaret I writes:

"The north east region of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain are holding their Christmas Concert in St Mary's again on **Saturday 1st December at 7.00pm**. We are pleased to welcome the Lord Mayor and his consort. The teams playing will include a junior team from Stannington and the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers who are one of the most well known teams nationally. They have 170 bells and use 'Yorkshire off the table' style of ringing whereas Dronfield Ringers use the 'four in hand' style. There will also be traditional carol singing for all. It should be an interesting evening with coffee and mince pies to end the evening all for the price of £4.00 at the door. "

News From Jess And John

Jess writes (via St Marys group on facebook) from Thailand:

"John and I are now nearly 2 weeks in to our bridge building project! We stopped off for a couple of days on the way at a nearby orphanage and made a load of mud bricks with them for a new house they are building, this involved a very large pit, lots of earth, water and rice husks and getting very dirty!

The place we are staying now is very basic with no home comforts so its quite hard work. We sleep on the floor, eat sitting on the floor and have no electricity or running water so we wash in the river. It's really really hot and the work is very physical, clearing land etc with very basic tools - no petrol power here either! So it would be great if you could pray for renewed energy for the group of us to keep going!

It's amazing to see how lucky we are living in Sheffield and how quickly we start to appreciate the simple pleasures like a chair and a bed!

Hope all is well at St Marys in the run up to Christmas."

Salaam Bethlehem At St Oswalds

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

Christian Aid Collectors Carols

There will be a Carol Service at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 4th December 7.00pm** for all those involved with Christian aid collections. Details from Michael Jarrett 230 7036.

Deanery "Get Togethers"

For Children's Leaders and Baptism Visitors. You are invited :For Ecclesall Deanery this will be on **Thursday 10th January 7.00- 9.00pm** at St Andrew's Psalter Lane, S11 8YL. Further information phone Jenny Lambourne on 01709 309147 or email trish.stafford@sheffield.anglican.org

Confirmation Invitation

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Cyril and his chaplain Mike Reeder **next Sunday 2nd December** for the confirmation of Juliette Norman, Adele Lee, Andrea Vintin and Jez Sheppard. Please pray for these candidates as they take this significant step of faith, and come and support them on the day.

After the service everyone is invited to stay for a buffet lunch with the candidates, their families and friends.

For more information speak to Julian.

Next Sunday – 2nd December

10.30am Confirmation Service with Bishop Jack

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Della (readings); Giles (prayers); John & Margaret (steward); Hannah, Tom, Andy (light factory); Jon, Yo, Giles (music).

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