

Sunday 17th February 2008

2nd Sunday Of Lent

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Rachel
	Drinks	Della
	Communion Assistants	Veronica & Elaine C
	Prayers	Steve
	Steward	Margaret A
	Light Factory	Jo & Tom
	Music	Jon, Giles

Collect For 2nd Sunday Of Lent

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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.
Women Exploring Faith	On Thursday from 9.30am in the Parish Room. An opportunity to share fellowship and pray. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.
Faith and Life	8pm For anyone wanting to explore and deepen their faith. This week: Dealing with Damage

Faith And Life In Lent

On **Wed 13th** 'Lamenting Life' we discussed the

brokenness of our world and the significance of confession and forgiveness in the lives of Christians.

On **Wed 20th** 'Dealing with Damage' we will look at how Christians are able to live in a damaged world with hope and the possibility of healing.

Farewell To Bishop Jack

Sunday 27th April at 6.30pm "An evening with Bishop Jack." An opportunity to celebrate his ministry with prayer and a party and thank him for his encouragement of our work at St Mary's. Here at St Marys.



Asylum Seekers Support Initiative - Short Term

National Sleep Out

The University of Sheffield STAR Group join members of ASSIST to raise awareness of the situation of many asylum seekers forced into destitution and rough sleeping after refusal.

Not allowed to work, all support stopped, refused asylum seekers are in poor physical and mental health and in constant fear of removal from the UK. ASSIST, Sheffield provides some financial help to the most vulnerable and accommodation to a few.

If anyone would like to sponsor them (or possibly join in) please speak to Steve.

Slowing Climate Change

Its a year since the 'Omega' Lent course ran at St Mary's. This year, the Bishop of Liverpool, James Jones's 'Carbon Fast' could make us think again as we play our part in lowering household emissions. Individuals' activity (home energy and transport) accounts for about 45% of our national carbon emissions so its really well worth us attempting to live more 'greenly'.)

The Fast includes simple suggestions like

1. Replacing all light bulbs with low energy ones
2. Turning off phone chargers, PCs and standby lights when not in use.
3. Switching to a green energy supplier eg. Good Energy
4. Recycling

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5. Leaving car at home whenever possible (Sheffield buses now running on biofuel)

You can measure your carbon footprint at <http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/> or ask Steve for other ways to do it.

Incidentally, the Omega Climate Change course which was trialled at St Marys last year has been fully revised and is being use this year by churches and other groups around the world. It will very shortly also include an excellent carbon trading board game designed by Mark D.

<http://www.omegacclimate.org.uk/>

Spirituality And Doctor Who

An exploration of spirituality through Doctor Who

Saturday 19th April 10am – 4pm at the Wilson Carlile Campus, Sheffield.

Why is the new version of Doctor Who such a huge success, with ratings going through the roof, regular Christmas specials and episodes commissioned up to 2010? Is it the strength of the acting and writing? The state-of-the-art special effects? The family appeal? The monsters and sense of imagination? Yes, it is all of these things. But maybe the series is also touching people's need for - and understanding of - myth and spirituality. Confirmed speakers include Barry Letts, producer of Who's "Golden Era" in the early 70s. The cost for attending the day, which includes lunch, is £25. To book, please contact Wendy Evans at Wilson Carlile Campus, 50 Cavendish Street, Sheffield S3 7RZ, email w.evans@churcharmy.org.uk, telephone number: 0114 278 7020

Mantalk

12.30 – 2.00pm on the **2nd Monday** of every month at the Montgomery Hall (3rd Floor), Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2LG.

A free meeting place in the heart of the city where men can take time out from a busy world over lunch. It is for men wishing to be encouraged in faith and any men wishing to explore the Christian faith. For further information contact Revd. Peter Allen on 07882 131370 or email prallen3@yahoo.co.uk. All men welcome to drop in any time between 12.30 and 2pm!

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

2 Timothy 2:2

Baron Street Protest

A group of local people are worried about possible plans to develop the council-owned green space very close to St Marys. The Green Party are involved in supporting several local residents who have expressed their objections. Full story and photo in the Star or here

<http://tinyurl.com/3cf69u>

Spring Meeting Of Diocesan Synod

Representatives from across the Diocese gathered yesterday for the spring meeting at Elim Christian Centre, Rotherham, to discuss a packed and varied agenda.

The Synod meets just 48 hours after the General Synod of the Church of England finished its deliberations in Westminster. The Bishop of Sheffield was thanked for his contribution to synodical life in London, and now will say farewell to his own Synod – the Bishop is President of the Sheffield Diocesan Synod.

Bishop Nicholls gave his final presidential address and thanked key members of the Diocese who are leaving or retiring.

These include John Biggin, who is stepping down as Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, after many years of stalwart service, and Miranda Myers, who is leaving the post of Diocesan Registrar.

Mike Wagstaff – who has guided the Diocese in its engagement with many issues under the umbrella of "Social Responsibility" – will also be saying his goodbyes as he becomes a Royal Navy chaplain.

Also on the agenda were an update on the impact of the Faith and Justice Department of South Yorkshire, and a presentation on the Prison Service from the Revd Phillip Ireson.

The new Director of Education, Heather Morris will also have been welcomed, and a vote will have been taken to confirm the appointment of Ms Sandra Newton as the new Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance in succession to Mr Biggin.

"It is with mixed emotions that I look forward to my final Diocesan Synod. I'm really looking forward to my future plans, but I will miss the Diocese and all the wonderful people I work with here. However, for the moment we continue as normal!" Bishop Jack said.

Next Sunday – 24th February

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Margaret A (drinks); Giles (readings); Doreen & Joan (steward); Steve (music); Carol and Penny (communion assistants); Kim, Penny (light factory)

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