

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008

Mothering Sunday

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

<b>9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel</b>		
<b>10.30am Family Service</b>	Drinks	Dolly
	Music	Jon, Yo, Giles

Collect For Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
 shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
 and on the cross drew the whole human family to  
 himself:  
 strengthen us in our daily living  
 that in joy and in sorrow  
 we may know the power of your presence to bind  
 together and to heal;  
 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.

This Week At St Marys

<b>Parent &amp; Toddlers</b>	This <b>Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am</b> in the hall.
<b>Women Exploring Faith</b>	On <b>Thursday</b> from <b>9.30am</b> in the Parish Room. An opportunity to share fellowship and pray. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.
<b>Faith and Life</b>	<b>Wednesday 8pm</b> For anyone wanting to explore and deepen their faith. This week: The Passion of Christ.

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.

National Sleep Out – March 5th

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.



Time And Space To Wonder At Whirlow

**A residential or 3 separate days for anyone 9-11 years old. 11th-13<sup>th</sup> August 2008.**

Includes Hands-on farming sessions, pond-dipping, craft, Godly Play, and Fischy music.

See Yo for leaflet, or ring Jenny Lambourne 01709 309144 for details.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Is half-way through: **25<sup>th</sup> February - 9<sup>th</sup> March**

A prayer:

*God, help me to cherish the last time I treated someone justly, made a fair decision, considered someone my equal, so that I may bring justice, fairness and equality to a waiting world through products I buy.*

Amen

Lena Edmondson, Guyana, Mothers' Union.

Special events in Sheffield include: A launch of two new Fairtrade books and a presentation by Alison Trezise of Sheffield Initiative for Fairtrade (SHIFT) Fairtrade refreshments will be served from 6pm. **6 March 6pm-7pm** at Central Lending Library, Surrey Street.

Contact: Lesley Gunter 0114 273 4726

More City Of Sanctuary Events

'Promises' - a play by Northern Refugee Centre's

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## REACT drama group

"Queta is determined to create a better future for her baby, having left their old life behind because of war. But nothing seems to be easy in this strange new place, Sheffield." 'Promises' is a short play following Queta through her first few weeks in Britain. **Wednesday 12th March, 6:30-9pm** at Showroom Cinema Room 5, Paternoster Row, Sheffield. Admission Free (donations welcome)

## Free Radio Training by Sheffield Live!

Sheffield Live! community radio station is offering free training courses in radio journalism. The course is accredited by OCR and is Key Skills Level 2 (Communication). The training is on Thursdays for 1 month. It's for anyone who has no UK qualifications and is over 16. This starts in early March, and has 30 places.

For more details or to book a place contact: [ben@sheffieldlive.org](mailto:ben@sheffieldlive.org)

## The Passion On The BBC

This Easter, Jesus is going to be broadcast into 10 million homes.

'The Passion' is a dramatic BBC series retelling the death and resurrection of Christ. It's scheduled to go out at peak time, in 6 half hour slots between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Filmed in Morocco and starring actors such as Joseph Mawle, James Nesbitt (Cold Feet) and David Oyelow (Spooks and The Last King of Scotland), the production is 'an extremely vivid piece of drama'.

Andrew Graystone, Director of the Churches' Media Council, goes on to say that 'this Easter the whole country will be talking about Jesus. Not about church politics or the finer points of theology, but about Jesus.'

## The 2008 Conference On The Bible And Justice

At Sheffield University, **29 May - 1 June, 2008**

The 2008 Conference on Bible and Justice will bring together scholars from around the world to explore how the ancient texts of the Bible can play an active role in addressing twenty-first century social concerns.

The purpose of the conference is to foster discussion about the relevance of the Bible to modern social issues, and promote bridges between the academic field of biblical studies and the various endeavours for a just world.

A very small sample of the papers being given:

\* Paula Clifford - Fueling Our Carbon Habit: Climate Change and Justice For the Poor

\* John Vincent - Scripture and Justice in the Inner City: The Sheffield Experience

It's a fairly decent good price especially if you book before 7 April.

The food's going to be good because sesame (Kim L.'s catering business) is providing it! Their website is - <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/bibs/bibleandjustice>

## Low Carbon Sheffield

### *Changing Climate, Changing Cultures*

At Weston Park Museum on **Tuesday 4th March 12-3.45pm.**

A seminar bringing together community leaders, climate action champions, city policy makers and researchers with the aim of stimulating cross-sector collaboration.

"How can we bring about a climate-friendly culture in Sheffield to make it a low carbon city?"

Free. For further information and to confirm a place contact: Jon Bradley, Communities Manager: 2782686 [jon.bradley@sheffieldgalleries.org.uk](mailto:jon.bradley@sheffieldgalleries.org.uk).

## Website Of The Week

Is back with a very cool entry:



Wild Goose worship (Iona Community) pin badges. Much funnier and holier and cooler than it sounds.



<http://web.mac.com/gmaule/iWeb/WGRG/Badges.html>

## Parish Day

For your diaries: there will be a Parish Day, led by Adrian Scott at Ranmoor Parish Centre on **Saturday 5th July.**

## Next Sunday – 5th Sunday In Lent

### **10.30am Parish Communion**

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Elaine & David (drinks); Helen and Margaret A (Communion Assistants); Della (prayers); Kate K(steward); Hannah, Tom, Andy (light factory); Steve (music); organist (music)

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