

Sunday 9th March 2008

5th Sunday Of Lent (Passiontide)

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Reader	Margaret I
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Della
	Intercessor	Della
	Stewards	Kate
	Light Factory	Hannah, Tom, Andy
	Music	Madge

Collect For 5th Sunday Of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the
cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.

Fellowship Lunches

After Easter we are hoping to start regular (probably monthly) fellowship lunches after church on a Sunday.

We hope this will enable us - as a growing congregation - to get to know one another better and build up our common life together. One practicality is that we need a small group of people who are willing to do some "kitchen training" of about one hour on how appliances work, where equipment is kept etc. to enable us to use the Centre kitchen on these occasions. By doing this you will not be committing yourself to being there each month - we are looking to recruit a good number of people. If you are willing and interested please sign up on the list by the door or speak to Steve, Julian or Karen for more information. Dates and times of this brief induction session will be confirmed once we know who is available.

This Week At St Marys

PCC	Church Council meets tomorrow (Monday) 7.45pm at the Vicarage.
Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Faith and Life	Wednesday 8pm For anyone wanting to explore and deepen their faith. This week: Palms and Olive Branches
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.
Music Group Practice	7.45pm on Thursday in church (Taize). 8.20pm for other music.

Flower Festival At Cathedral

"Sheffield, Our Glorious City: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

to be held in the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, **9th to 13th April**.

The Sheffield Floral Club in celebration of its Golden Jubilee, and with Sheffield Cathedral's Flower Guild, is organising a Festival of Flowers. Nearly one hundred amateur but experienced flower arrangers will transform Sheffield Cathedral. The cost of flowers will be covered by sponsorship and fund raising events. A programme will be on sale at £2.00 and visitors will be invited to make donations. It is hoped that a significant sum of money will be raised for the Cathedral Archer Project, which delivers a high quality service to people from a variety of backgrounds associated with homelessness including rough sleepers, drug and alcohol addicts, women street workers, probation clients, asylum seekers and refugees.

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

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.'

Youth Performers Wanted

Nel Shallow, Sheffield Diocesan Youth Officer wonders:

Are any young people in your church budding musicians, actors, dancers, jugglers etc? Then we would love to hear from you. We are putting together a Youth Celebration for the Lambeth Conference to be held at Rotherham Arts Centre on the evening of **Friday July 11th 7.30pm - 9pm**. We are looking for young people who are willing to contribute to the evening in music, acting, dance - within reason I am open to any other suggestions too!!

(contact via trish.stafford@sheffield.anglican.org)

Sue On Reception's Retirement

Sue L has worked at St Mary's (on reception) since the re-opening in 2001 and in Graham's words "has been absolutely brilliant...made a very positive impression on customers and visitors to the Centre". She will be having a leaving do on **Wednesday 26th March 5pm**. If anyone would like to come, could they let Jenny or Rebecca know at St Marys on 223 0223. If anyone would like to make a contribution to a leaving present, this can be collected at reception.

Scargill House

Scargill House, in the Diocese of Bradford, is offering a number of retreats and courses in the next few months, including topics like creating your own liturgies, "sustainable spirituality" and the "Gospel of Falling Down", based on the nature of failure. For more details, go to www.scargillhouse.co.uk.

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.

May Day Trek

The annual Sheffield May Day Trek will be on **May 5th** this year, and will be held under the HOPE 08 banner. Hoping that 2008 will see more walkers, more churches, and more money raised for projects working alongside some of the worlds poorest. Ring 233 6885 or more details at www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk

Taize Prayer

Discover inner life through simple sung prayer.

Next Sunday evening at 7.30pm in church



Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Keith (readings); Veronica (drinks); Andy & Kate (Communion Assistants); Andy? (prayers); Margaret A (steward); Steve (music).

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