

Sunday 16th March 2008

Palm Sunday

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Reader	Keith
	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate
	Intercessor	Andy
	Stewards	Margaret A
	Music	Steve

During this morning's procession around the area, please can everyone take responsibility for making sure that children are safely managed, especially near busy roads.

Collect For Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Tonight - Taize Prayer

Discover inner life through simple sung prayer. Tonight at 7.30pm in church



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

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
Maundy Thursday	A 'Foot-Washing' Service (child-friendly at 6.30pm in church.
Walk of Witness	Good Friday 9.45am carrying the cross around Sharrow with members of other local churches. Meet at Waitrose Car Park.
At the Foot of the Cross	Good Friday Meditation 12-3pm in Church

Multifaith Society Evening

Sheffield Hallam University writes: An evening with Reverend Dr Inderjit S Bhogal: 'Responding to our multifaith society' Tuesday 29 April, 6.30pm for 7pm, Room 7140, Stoddart Building, City Campus, Sheffield Hallam University In association with Sheffield City Council's Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) we are delighted to present 'Responding to our multifaith society' with Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, a Methodist minister who is director of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum. Places are free and include refreshments on arrival but should be booked in advance by emailing events@shu.ac.uk or calling 0114 225 4957.

Sue On Reception's Retirement

Sue L has worked at St Mary's (on reception) since

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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.

New Stewards

We need a few new volunteers to act as Stewards in church on Sunday morning. The most important part of the job is welcoming people, which also includes helping give out and tidy up books. Full training given! Please speak to the Wardens (Steve or Elaine) or Julian if you might be interested in helping with this important work.

Budget

The Chancellor announced this week that Gift Aid relief would continue at its current level of 22% for another 3 years, so you please ignore the information from the newsletter a few weeks ago about Gift Aided donations being worth less from April.

Matchmaker Art Project

The Matchmaker project, pioneered by Sheffield United Football Club, was originally due to finish in February but will now stay open until **Friday March 21**.

The free exhibition in the John Street reception of SUFC, looks at how match days affect the surrounding neighbourhood and features visual art, film, photography, sound and words. It is hoped that the success of the project will provide a blueprint for similar projects to be rolled out across the country.

Sharrow Lantern Festival

Work has begun for the wonderful Sharrow Lantern Festival which will be on **Saturday 5th April**. Lantern-making workshops are **every Saturday 12-4** and **every Sunday 2.30-6.15** at Highfield Trinity Church Hall, its just off London Road.

Stewards are also needed for the event, along with people to help out with publicity and decorating the cemetery.

Email sharrowlanternfestival@hotmail.co.uk or call Lu on 0785 4983197 for more info. Website is www.creativeaction.net

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

Christian Aid Week

11-18th May. *Raising awareness and money to relieve poverty.*

In previous years we have done local street collections and St Marys Church and Centre groups have taken up a 'Raise £50' Challenge. What shall we do this year? Can you help? Talk to Yo or Andy.

APCM

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **April 13th**. Please can everyone responsible for a group within the life of St Marys please submit a report to julian, preferably by email (jandvsullivan@blueyonder.co.uk) as soon as possible?

For Your Diaries

Saturday 12th April PCC Quiet Morning

Sunday 27th April 6.30pm Farewell to Bishop Jack with prayer and a party at St Marys

Friday 9th May St Mary's Music Evening
Individuals £5 / £2.50 concessions
Families £10 / £5 concessions
In aid of our Stained Glass Window Fund.

Sunday 11th May There will be an Open Air Pentecost Celebration, jointly with other Sharrow Churches at St Marys at **3pm**

Saturday July 5th Parish Day at Ranmoor Parish Centre

Next Sunday – Easter Sunday

6.00am Sunrise Service

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Caroline (readings); Cribbs (drinks); Giles (Communion Assistant); Kate K(prayers); Doreen & Joan (steward); Steve, Jon, Yo, Veronica (music).

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