

Sunday 13th April 2008

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Kate
	Communion Assistant	Veronica & Elaine C
	Intercessor	Giles
	Stewards	John & Margaret
	Music	Steve, Veronica, Giles

The Annual Church Meeting will form part of this morning's service

Collect For Easter 4

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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. Looking at the Epistles of Peter. Please ask Helen, Karen or Kate if you are interested in knowing more.
Faith and Life	Wednesday 8pm For anyone wanting to explore and deepen their faith. This week: <i>Mission and Good News</i> .
Little Lights	This Friday. 1-2.30pm. A special time in Church for all children under five and their carers. With singing, Bible stories, simple crafts, and play.

Vocations Sunday

God calls everyone. We are called to follow different paths and called in different ways. We can hear and discover our call in different circumstances.

Vocations Sunday is an opportunity for encouraging people to reflect and discover what God might be calling them to do.

The Church of England's Vocations Sunday 2008 has the theme 'Reflecting God's Call', and a brand new website resource has been developed, presenting popular works of art illustrating how St Matthew, Simon the Cyrenean, Lazarus and St Francis listened to God's voice, alongside reflections, questions and prayers. In addition, there are resources for churches and individuals, at www.cofe.anglican.org (follow the Vocations Sunday link).

Fellowship Lunches

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.

Asylum Health – Public Meeting

City of Sanctuary and South Yorkshire Migration & Asylum Action Group (SYMAAG) are organising a public meeting about health issues affecting asylum-seekers, including restrictions on access to essential medical care. Speakers include asylum-seekers, representatives from the Department of Health, the Home Office and medical professionals. **tomorrow 7-10pm** at

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the Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row.
Admission is free.

Christian Aid Week

11-18th May. *Raising awareness and money to relieve poverty. Please support this in prayer and...*

- We are asking who would like to collect door to door this year – we need 15 people to go ahead with the street collection.
- Take up your own £50 challenge – do what you like (within the law!!) to raise the cash. You will give you a red tin. You have 1 month (18th April - 18th May)
- Annual May Day Trek May 5th. A family-friendly sponsored walk from St Luke's Church, Lodge Moor into the Peak District with a choice of 5, 10 or 15 mile circular routes. For further information and registration forms phone 0114 233 6885 or see the web-site, www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk
- Possible 'Quizaid' night at the Sportsman pub, Denby Street **16th May**. See Steve.

St Marys Music Evening

Friday 9th May - the list of performers will include Purple Cats choir, Zeela Gospel choir, guitarists, singers and drummers, Jellybean Jazz, piano and organ solos, and salsa, break-, and Liberian dancers. It will be a fantastic and colourful evening. Tickets will go on sale from **Yo today**.

Individuals £5 / £2.50 concessions

Families £10 / £5 concessions

In aid of our Stained Glass Window Fund. Please pray for the success of the evening. You would like people to take a batch of 10 tickets to sell.

St Marys Cricket Team

Andy is considering restarting St Marys cricket team (formerly known as 'The Scrubbers'), and entering in the Sheffield Diocesan League. Expressions of interest, however mild, to Andy please.

Whitsun Witness



Venue: City Hall Steps, Barker's Pool, Sheffield,
2.30-4pm, Saturday 10th May

Speaker: Rt Revd David Hawtin, former Bishop of Repton, current Assistant Bishop to the Bishop of Sheffield.

Light Factory Leaders Meeting

Tuesday 29th April at Tom and Jo's - please have a word with Karen or any of the other regular children's leaders if there is anything you would like them to consider.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd April Ecclesall Home Group next meets - See Andy for more details.

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

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

Saturday July 5th Parish Day at Ranmoor Parish Centre

Jazz In The Field (Edale)

Jazz (and a bit of folk) in the Field in Edale - an annual concert in aid of Medical Foundation for Torture Victims. 7.30pm onwards. Fairtrade food and drinks available. Tickets available on the gate only: under-12s: free - asylum seekers: free - adults: £10 (£6 teen, student, unwaged) - family ticket (two adults and up to 3 teenagers): £25. £1 discount for anyone arriving by train. Tell your friends! Info coming shortly to the website:

<http://www.jazzinthefield.org/>

Prayer Triplets



Hope 08 - one of their suggestions for the year is to rediscover Prayer Triplets - so if you have ever been part of a prayer triplet why not meet again - or if you would like to be part of one - find two other like minded people and go for it.

Singers Wanted

New Christian Musical "ROCK" by Roger Jones will be performed in Sheffield in November - they are currently looking for singers - rehearsals begin in late June. To find out more contact Liz Tipple 230 2969 or Sally Rhodes 236 2322.

Next Sunday – 20th April

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Margaret A (steward); Steve (music & prayers); Giles (readings); Carol & Penny (Communion Assistants).

6pm Youth Fellowship at 41 Brook Road. See Yo or Steve for details.

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