

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Sunday After Ascension Day

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate
	Intercessor	Kate K
	Stewards	John & Margaret I
	Readings	Margaret I
	Drinks	Dolly
	Music	Jon, Veronica

Collect For Sunday After Ascension Day

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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. Looking at the Epistles of Peter. Please ask Helen or Kate 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: <i>Tongues of Fire</i>

Christian Aid Week

11-18<sup>th</sup> 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. yo will give you a red tin. You have 1 month (18<sup>th</sup> April - 18<sup>th</sup> May)

Christian Aid 'Quiz Aid' At The Sportsman

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, at the Sportsman Pub, Denby Street. It's guaranteed to be a fun way of exercising the grey matter and helping people in the world's poorest communities to live better lives.



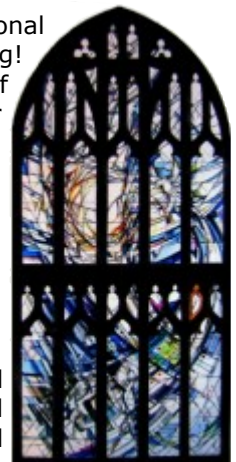
Come along yourself, or why not organise a team to compete? We need teams of ... and it costs just £2 per entrant to join the fun. Ask Steve for more information.

International Music Evening

SOLD OUT

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** - International Song and Dance Evening! Please pray for the success of this event, as part of our Pentecost weekend.

A Celebration of the Arts in aid of contemporary Stained Glass Window that will be enjoyed by all people in and around St Mary's.



Lively and Colourful entertainment provided by.....Purple Cats Natural Voice Choir, Mambo Salsa dancers, Zeela Liberian Gospel Singers, Jellybean Jazz and more!

Sunday Car Washing

Our young people will be doing car washing during the service on **18 May** in as their contribution to raising funds for Christian Aid.

Charges are between £5 and £10 depending on the

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size of the car.....but donations above that amount are permittable !

[Ed: I think they'll do bikes too]

## Sponsored Walk

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The Royal School of Church Music sponsored walk that Yo and Reuben took part in a few weeks ago has raised £85 for musical resources at St Marys. Well done to both of them, and thanks to all their sponsors.

Whitsun Witness

HOPE 2008

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.

## Bishop Cyril Writes:

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Approaching Pentecost it is good to be reminded of the creedal statement that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and giver of life. Having been given the mandate to go into all the world and preach the Gospel we must not forget that we have also been given the power to do so. It would be foolish to try and attempt the task without a complete reliance on the Holy Spirit who promises the resources necessary.

Nestling in the text at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles is a record of the experience that changed these new Christians forever. While they were together praying they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...and their lives were turned upside down. They experienced first hand what it means to encounter the Spirit who is the Lord and giver of life.

They were given the courage and the means to communicate the good news of Jesus. They experienced a radical change of life-style priorities, which enabled them to be incredibly generous with their money and possessions. They were transformed in their thinking and behaving towards others. They became grateful and overwhelmingly generous people.

Praise and thanksgiving became the hallmark of their relationship with God and with their community. Their worldview was radically altered.

I wonder if we are aware of the challenges we would face if we truly believed and acted on our

often-repeated creed "We believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord the giver of life."

One thing is clear, this transformation made the new Christian community irresistible. People were drawn into their presence to discover for themselves what had happened.

The experience that St Luke describes as initial St Paul makes normative when he reminds us to go on "being filled with the Spirit."

Nothing will bring others to faith like the example of a transformed life where gratitude, thanksgiving and generosity are the most obvious qualities.

What about this Pentecost praying for each other that we may be filled again and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

PS. Churches need to be filled as well.  
+Cyril

## Jazz In The Field (Edale)

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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 2008

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.

## Next Sunday – Pentecost

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**9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel**

**10.30am Pentecost Family Celebration**

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Kate K (steward); Margaret I (readings); Elaine & David (drinks); Steve (music).

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

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