

Sunday 25th May 2008

First Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish communion	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Reader	Veronica
	Prayer	Della
	Communion Assistants	Della & Caroline
	Drinks	Margaret I

There is no light Factory this morning but there are a selection of toys, books and activity sheets in the Parish Room for children. Please do make use of these.

Normal groups will restart next weekend.

Collect For Trinity Sunday

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
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Women Exploring Faith not meeting this week - restart **Thursday 5th June**.

Life & Faith (Wednesday group) are also taking a break for Half Term on Wednesday 28th May.

Business as usual on **Wednesday 4th of June** when Jess will be talking about her recent travels with John.

Otherwise we are currently looking at issues arising from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, and the recent vote in parliament.

Leaving Gift For Bishop Jack

The farewell service for Jack and Judith will be at Sheffield Cathedral on **Monday 9th June**, St Columba of Iona. This is significant as Jack was ordained on that day 40 years ago.

Jack and Judith have been a great blessing to the diocese and to St Mary's in particular, giving us much for which to thank God.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift from the diocese, please use the collection plate at the door as you leave.

This will be available on Sundays up to 8th June.

Hope For Sharrow

HOPE 2008

On **Saturday 7th June** there will be a games and lunch event on the open space of the Washington Road/Cemetery Road flats. This is a joint venture of the local churches. St. Mary's is planning to organise a small team of people to attend the event, to help serve drinks and/or to help and join in with activities for children. If you would like to join that team please speak to Karen, who also has invitations to the event for people living there.



Christian Aid Week

St Marys made a total of £538.64 for Christian Aid last week, through the street collections, the challenges for various groups in the Centre, the young people's car wash, and Quiz Aid in the Sportsman.

Thanks for all your efforts for the poorest of the world.

World Church Weekend

The Diocese will have the privilege of welcoming a

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number of bishops prior to this year's Lambeth Conference. Accompanied by their wives, they include: Bishop Simon Okech of Maseno North, Kenya (this diocese has an MU Link with Sheffield diocese), Bishop Keith Whitmore, Assistant Bishop of Atlanta, USA, Bishop Charles Ngusa of Shinyanga, Tanzania.

To celebrate their visit, the Partners in World Mission (PWM) committee of the diocese are promoting a special pre-Lambeth weekend of events, featuring:

- World Youth Celebration on **Friday 11 July at 7:30 pm** at Rotherham Arts Centre.

- World Church Praise on **Saturday 12 July at 7 pm** at Sheffield Cathedral

Julian will have a few tickets for World Church Praise. More tickets and further information are available from Robert Lunt med@samsqb.org.

Exam Stress

The Church of England has published a selection of prayers offering reassurance to students and teachers in coping with the current examination period. The special selection, which includes a prayer for busy teachers concerned about their class, and prayers and resources written for use by or with primary and secondary school students, is freely available at: www.cofe.anglican.org/prayers/#exams.

Northern Bell Orchestra.

The Northern Bell Orchestra is giving a concert at Holy Trinity Church on **Saturday 21st June at 7.00pm**. It is being joined by a Jazz Ensemble the members of which all play in the Doncaster Junior Jazz Band.

The Northern Bell Orchestra is a group of about 27 ringers drawn from handbell teams in the North East, North West and East and West Midlands Regions of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB). They will be performing arrangements of familiar classical works and also music specially arranged for Handbells. They play on a five octave set and a three octave set of Handbells and use a variety of playing techniques.

Tickets: £5 (£3 concessions) including wine from Margaret Ibbetson 2364184 or Stan Nuttall 2967370.

The concert is part of the Millhouses Midsummer Arts Festival organised by Holy Trinity and held in the Church. The other events are:

Organ recital by Derek Grover on Wednesday 18th June at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (£3 concession) on door

Ranmoor Choir Concert on Friday 20th June at 7.30pm Tickets including wine £5 (£3 concessions)

Art Exhibition Friday pm, Saturday and Sunday pm
Art Workshop on Saturday 21st June 11am – 3pm led by professional artists including Lucy Lauener.

Distinctly Welcoming

Aimed at Christians who want to think about living in a multifaith society.

Distinctly Welcoming Christian presence in a multifaith society



A study day with Richard Sudworth of the Church Mission Society

Saturday 5th July

10am to 4pm

Christ Church Pitsmoor

Cost £3. Bring your own packed lunch.
Contact 01142757240 office@christchurchpitsmoor.com

First Aiders?

If anyone holds a current First Aid certificate could they please let Karen Cribb know?

Next Sunday – 1st June

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Maureen (Readings); Della (drinks); Veronica & Elaine C (Communion Assistants); Steve (prayers); John & Margaret I (Stewards).

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