

Sunday 6th July 2008

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Reader	Margaret I
	Drinks	Dolly
	Communion Assistants	Giles and Karen
	Prayers	Della
	Steward	John & Margaret I
	Music	Jon, Veronica, Ortrude, Jess

After the service today, we will enjoy a shared lunch together in the hall. Everyone is most welcome to stay for something to eat.

Collect For Today

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Youth Fellowship	Tonight at 6pm at Steve & Yo's
Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Music Practice	7.30pm on Thursday in church

Diocesan Development Day

Saturday 4th October 2008 at The Cathedral led by the Diocesan Environment Group

Key Note Speaker: Revd Dave Bookless Director of A Rocha UK.

The 2008 Diocesan Development Day will take the form of a conference to explore issues of creation care and contemporary spirituality within the Church. The main sessions will be led by the Revd Dave Bookless, Director of A Rocha UK and author of the recently published: Planetwise'. For more details see Julian who has an outline of the day and a booking form.



Communication Group

The Church Council (PCC) has set up a small group to try to help describe the core values of St Marys: the nature and facts of its ministry, and its role and aims in the community. It has been trying to identify St Mary's important 'assets', including successful projects and relationships.

It is hoped that this process will allow St Marys to describe its own work to other people and groups. This is not about 'vision setting' but just trying to define and explain what we are about here and now.

The group has met once and there is a draft document describing their first attempt.

One opportunity to discuss the document will be on Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th July at 9.45 for 10am start in the Parish Room. Karen is organising this.

The people on the Communication Group are Julian, Peter, Giles, Andy, Kim and Elaine. Please talk to any of these if you'd like to know more about this process.

Back To Church Sunday

On September 28th 2008 thousands of people

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will be inviting someone special back to church with them.

People lose touch with church for all sorts of reasons but millions would come back with an invitation.



On Back to Church Sunday 2007, people in 2000 churches invited and welcomed back 20,000 friends.

Hope In Sharrow

HOPE 2008

Sharrow churches will be holding the second of three community barbeques on the Lansdowne estate on **Saturday 5th July 12-2pm** - helpers welcome from 11.30. The event is held on the greenspace behind the SureStart building on Sharrow Lane.

There will also be a showing of the Jesus video followed by refreshments on **Saturday 19th July** at 2pm at Cemetery Road Baptist Church again all welcome and invite others.

Greenhill – Summer Fete

St Peters Church, Greenhill. **Saturday 12th July** 12noon onwards – bouncy castle, stalls, bricabrac, tombola, children's fancy dress competition, lunches and cream teas. St Peter's Church, Reney Avenue, Greenhill

General Synod This Weekend

The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. It is happening in York this weekend until Tuesday.

There will be debates on: women bishops, climate change and human security, the voice of the church in public life and many other areas.

You can keep in touch with the General Synod while it meets via the Church of England website (www.cofe.anglican.org) Audio files of debates, along with updates on the days' proceedings will be posted during the sessions.

George (our student on placement) is going and will be meeting the Archbishop with a group of young ordinands.

Don't rely on what the papers say! And please pray for the Synod.

Doing The Lambeth...Conference

The Lambeth Conference takes place every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is the one occasion when all bishops can meet for worship, study and conversation. Archbishops, diocesan, assistant and suffragan bishops are invited.



Also invited are bishops from other churches 'in communion' with the Anglican Communion, bishops from United Churches and a number of ecumenical guests.

Spouses of the 800+ bishops who attend are invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury's wife to a parallel, independent gathering: the Spouses' Conference, hosted by Jane Williams.

The current Archbishop of Canterbury - Rowan Williams – will start the Lambeth Conference on **16th July**.

Bishop Cyril will be representing Sheffield, and three of the Bishops will be offered hospitality in Sheffield.

Please pray for them all.

Anglican Goings-On

If anyone (else) is puzzled or confused by what the Church of England is up to, try the following cartoon guide:

<http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/content.asp?id=33097>

Next Sunday – 13th July

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel
10.30am Family Service

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

7.30pm Taize prayer

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