

7th September 2008

16th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Reader	Michael K
	Communion Assistants	Veronica & Elaine
	Prayers	Steve
	Steward	John & Margaret
	Music	Steve, Ortrude

We welcome the Revd Brian Cranwell to St Mary's today. He has worked extensively in Africa and he and Hazel his wife were very supportive of Joel and Tabitha Waweru during their time in UK.

Collect For Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Tuesday Homegroup

The Tuesday Night Bible Study starts again, **8pm this Tuesday** at Peter and Kim's house,

All who are not already part of a regular fellowship group are very welcome .

We aim to meet every other Tuesday and we incorporate bible study, prayer and time just to talk

We shall be following a 7 week study course on 7 key aspects of Christian maturity. So if you're ready for a challenge after the summer we hope you will join in with us !

For more details please speak to Andy (2663496) , Giles, Peter/kim

Iona 2009

The Iona trip is now confirmed as **Sat 11th July - Friday 17th July**. The list is therefore now closed, although there may be some last minute juggling. For more information please see Julian.

Music Opportunities For Children And Youth

Would any children/young people who play instruments like to learn a few Taize tunes? Please see Yo. (Also let her know if you are interested in learning to use the sound desk, or if you are a singer)

Parish Room Prayers

This **Friday 12th September 9.30am**. Praying for all in and around St Marys. All welcome.

Back To Church Sunday

28th September 2008
www.backtochurch.co.uk

What is "Back to Church Sunday?"

It is one person inviting another person to come with them and attend a church service. It is not about glossy advertising or jazzy websites but our personal relationships bringing people back to church.

What do we need to do?

Keep it simple: Mark 6:8 in modern language says: "Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment. No special appeals for funds.

Keep it simple." That is the essence and brilliance of Back To Church Sunday.

Here is a taster: "Cheryl Evans knocked the door and said, "I want to invite you to Back To Church Sunday." "Cheryl, because it is you, we will."" People can always say no, but remember the power of invitation. We saw over 20,000 people come back to church last year.

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There is more to come but now is the time to pray and think about who you will invite. We are providing our next fellowship lunch on that day so we can include that in the invitation if it is appropriate to do so.

Stained Glass Window

We have the possibility to visit Barley Studios and view the work in progress. Helen Whittaker is busy cutting out the glass, painting and setting out the shapes on a large flat table, so here will be plenty to see and learn. We have a number of possible evenings to make the trip but the later we leave it the more there will be to see. I have therefore arranged a provisional date of **Wed 1st October**. If you would like to go, please add your name to the list at the back of church today, indicating if you can provide transport. More info: JS.

Mens Fellowship Social

Tuesday 16th September. Probably involving going for a curry. See Andy or Tom for details.

Diocesan Development Day

Saturday 4th October 2008 9-3.30 At Sheffield Cathedral

Led by the Diocesan Environment Group with Keynote Speaker: Revd Dave Bookless, director A Rocha UK.

Our 2008 Diocesan Development Day will take the form of a conference to explore issues of creation, care and contemporary spirituality within the Church.

There will be a choice of 20 workshops covering issues ranging from theology and worship to what can be done practically as individuals and congregations. Workshop leaders come from organisations as diverse as the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and Tear Fund.

Sacred Sound

The St Petersburg Blagovest Ensemble will perform at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church, Nether Edge, Sheffield on **Friday 12th September 8pm**.

"Blagovest means 'good news' and it is certainly good news for any community they visit. Theirs is a journey of faith, an exchange of gifts, and we are some of this autumn's lucky recipients. No gimmicks. Just the most beautiful voices

imaginable coming to sing for us".

Calling All Young Film Makers

Win £3000 for your church.

The true meaning of Christmas

Ecclesiastical is inviting you to make a one-minute film on the subject with your camcorder, laptop or mobile phone. Then upload it to their specially created website - www.truemeaning.co.uk for the chance to WIN up to £3,000 for your church, plus some amazing prizes for you - your chance to see thebandwithnoname perform live, signed merchandise, tickets to Greenbelt '09 and much, much more. Right now, visitors to www.truemeaning.co.uk can leave their email to receive advice, hints and tips on how to wow the judges. Entrants can upload their completed films to the website from 1 August 2008, giving you plenty of time to start planning your masterpiece.

The closing date for entries is 10 October 2008.

Whirlow Spirituality

The "Deepening Spiritual Growth and Discipleship" and "The Art of Spiritual Accompaniment" are two courses, being run at Whirlow Grange in Sheffield, which are designed to enable deeper spiritual awareness and growth that in turn enables a more spiritually energised and faithful life. The first part of the course is specifically open to anyone who is seeking to deepen their spiritual life and faith and not just those interested in the ministry of Spiritual Direction. Nick Helm for more details: 235 3704 nick@soulspace.org.uk

Abbeydale Picture House

English Heritage Open Days: **Saturday September 13th and Sunday 14th 10am - 4 pm.**

Conducted tours of the building, refreshments in Bar Abbey. Come along and see what's going on inside and outside this beautiful building.

PCC - The Church Council meets at the Vicarage on **Monday 15th September 7.45 for 8pm.**

Next Sunday - 14th September

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Kate K (steward); Jon & Yo (music)

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