

14th September 2008

17th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service	Steward	Kate K
	Music	Jon, Yo

Collect For Today

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest
in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Faith And Life - 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.

Julian writes:

"...we want to gather as many as can come to a meeting on **Wednesday 17th September at 8.00pm** for a briefing about the trip and opportunity to answer questions.

It will be part of our Faith and Life meeting for that evening. There is a certain amount of administration and we will set up a small organising group from that meeting."

Music Opportunities

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)

PCC - The Church Council meets at the Vicarage **tomorrow (Monday) 7.45 for 8pm.**

Music Group – meet for practice this **Thursday 8pm**

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.

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

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the list at the back of church today, indicating if you can provide transport. More info: Julian.

Mens Group Curry Night

Please note the revised date of:

Thursday 25th September

At Mangla, Spital Hill. Meet at 7.45pm outside Church For car share. Unwaged Free of Charge. Please see Andy Cribb: 266 3496 familycribb@btinternet.com or Tom Mather: 263 1693 for further details.

MORE NEWS: Next meeting date is confirmed as **Thursday 20th November** - put it in your diary (maybe in pencil in case it changes!).

Adrian Scott (known to some) has kindly agreed to lead our next meet on *Passage to Manhood* or something like that.

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.

See Julian or list at back of church if interested. Childcare available.

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@soulspark.org.uk

Lots of other great courses and events at Whirlow:

<http://www.whirlowgrange.co.uk/prog.htm>

New DVD By Fresh Expressions

The Archbishop of Canterbury gives a wholehearted endorsement to the rise of Ordained Pioneer Ministry in *On the edge* - a new DVD and booklet published by Fresh Expressions. *On the edge* is packed with remarkable stories about new forms of church being encouraged by a different type of minister all within the context of existing church structures. www.freshexpressions.org.uk

News From City Of Sanctuary

International Feast

Thursday 6th November, 4th December and then first Thursday of every month - **7pm** at the Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street, Pitsmoor [Buses 47, 48, 75, 76, 88]. A regular evening of bring and share food, conversation and friendship. Single people, families and children are all welcome. People seeking sanctuary are especially welcome.

Involving Refugee Volunteers training course

Wednesday 5th November, 9:30 - 4pm, The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW

This course will help you to:

- Understand myths and facts about refugees and asylum seekers
- Know the legal issues around refugees and asylum seekers volunteering e.g. CRB checks, expenses, benefits etc
- Ensure that your recruitment, induction and support procedures are welcoming and inclusive
- Develop an action plan for your organisation.

This course is suitable for anyone who would like to know how to better involve refugees and asylum-seekers in their organisation.

Next Sunday – 21st September

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Rachel M (readings); Margaret A & Penny B (Communion assistants); Margaret A (steward); Steve, Veronica (music)

7.30pm Taize Prayer Discovering inner life through simple sung prayer.

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