

28th September 2008

19th Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Reader	Veronica
	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate K
	Prayers	Elaine C
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Drinks	Della
	Music	Jon, Yo, Ortrude, Jess

Welcome To St Marys

You are very welcome to our worship this morning. This morning, everyone is invited to have lunch together after the service in the hall. (There is no charge).

Collect (Special Prayer) For Today

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Bible Study

Tuesday night bible study group meets next week - venue to be confirmed. Please speak to Andy for more information.

Youth Fellowship

Will be meeting **tonight at 6pm** at Steve and Yo's house. Next Sunday they will be visiting another group of young people at Dore and Totley. See Yo for details.

This Week At St Marys

Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Women Exploring Faith	Meet every Thursday from 9.45 am . Please join us for fellowship, prayer and learning together. For more information please speak to Kate or Helen.
'Faith and Life'	Meets on Wednesday evenings. See Julian for details.
Parish Room Prayers	This Friday at 9.30am , everyone is welcome to join a time of prayer in the Parish Room for all the work of St Marys, and all those involved with the church and centre. See Della for details.

Supporting Odette

If anyone knows Odette and would like to support her in her present difficult circumstances, we are looking for households to write to her and pray for her and her children once a week. Days to be covered are Sundays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Please speak to Kate, Karen or Yo after the service if you can help - thanks.

Extra Light Factory Events

x:site a Scripture Union-run childrens' event for all Y3's - Y6's. Next **Saturday 4th October 6-8pm** at Philadelphia Centre. www.xsite.uk.net

Highfield Trinity Holiday Club

Highfield Trinity Church are planning to run a Kids Holiday Club over the half-term break. They are asking Sharrow Churches for help with this so if anyone is able to help for one or more mornings **Monday 27th - Friday 30th October**, please speak to Karen. Both those who enjoy work with children and those who prefer behind the scenes jobs like serving refreshments or preparing activities etc. Invitations for the event will also be available nearer the time.

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'Light & Water'

An exhibition of paintings by Colin Brown

The Winter Gardens, Sheffield

22nd September – 3rd October 2008

A selection of framed prints is now on display in this stunning City-centre venue.



Gift Day – 19th October

Margaret Ibbetson, Church Treasurer writes:

As usual I have been assessing the state of our finances so far this year and comparing them with last year's figures. Our expenses to the end of August are about the same as last year.

Our Sunday income to the end of August is £1300 down on last year. Assuming our weekly giving and covenants remain at the current level and allowing for reductions in our parish share and increases in our insurance and the additional expenditure I know we will have to make before the year end I estimate that we will need an additional £1500 on top of the donations we have already received in order to break even this year.

Please pray about your giving and see if you can find a little extra on 19th October our gift day (or the week before or after) to enable us to bridge the gap and not have to dig into our reserves. Gift day envelopes will be available in Church throughout October.

If anyone would like to know more about the planned giving envelope scheme or how to give by gift aid so that we can claim back the tax you have already paid on that money (28p for every £1) please talk to me, or Tom, Andy or Julian. We will be pleased to help or advise.

Details:

Amount required before 31st December assuming equal expenditure	£14,820.00
Less reduction in parish share	-£1,204.00
	£13,616.00
Plus known additional expenditure	£1,365.00
	£14,981.00

Assumed Sunday giving to 31st December	-£7,090.00
	£7,891.00
Tax reclaimed	-£6,395.00
	£1,496.00
Total still required	£1,496.00

A Reminder For Parents

A reminder for all parents and those who bring children to church on a Sunday morning - that you are responsible for your own children before they go out into Light Factory and after they return to Church for communion. Please note that although we do our best as a whole congregation to safeguard children we cannot monitor who is in the building or in the Churchyard outside. A letter outlining specific reminders is available from Karen Cribb.

IONA BIG SING



Asylum Seekers Support Initiative - Short Term

Led by
Philip Jakob
Master of Music at St Marie's Cathedral
Member of the Iona Community

Saturday 15 November 2008; 7pm-8.30pm

Central United Reformed Church
(Norfolk Street, Sheffield)

A 'Big Sing' features songs from the Iona Community. It is an opportunity to gather with people from a variety of Christian traditions who enjoy singing some favourite songs from Iona and perhaps take home a few new ones.

No great singing ability is required, just a willingness to join in. The Big Sing is free but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to ASSIST, which supports destitute asylum seekers in Sheffield

For further details, ring 0114 258 7616 or 0114 288 6437 www.assistsheffield.org.uk

Next Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Maureen (readings); Veronica (drinks); Giles & Karen (Communion assistants); John & Margaret I (stewards); Steve, Veronica, Ortrude (music)

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