

12th October 2008

Harvest Festival

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am All Age Harvest Communion & Pet Service	Communion Assistants	Della & Caroline
	Steward	Kate K
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Music	Jon, Yo, Jess

A Deanery Evening On Prayer

Wednesday 12th November 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses.

An evening on prayer and leading intercessions with Nick Helm for all who lead intercessions at the moment and anyone interested in doing so in the future. Please see Julian if you're interested in going.

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
	<u>£13,616.00</u>
Plus known additional expenditure	£1,365.00
	<u>£14,981.00</u>
Assumed Sunday giving to 31st December	-£7,090.00
	<u>£7,891.00</u>
Tax reclaimed	-£6,395.00
	<u>£1,496.00</u>
Total still required	£1,496.00

This Week At St Marys

PCC	Meets at the Vicarage tomorrow, monday 7.45 for 8pm start. Among other things, they'll be discussing Communications, Future Staffing, Centre Report, Finance, Millennium Green, Website and Church Profile.
Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Tuesday Group	This group meets in various homes and is following a 7-week course on Christian maturity. All welcome. See Andy (266 3496) or Giles for further details.
'Faith and Life'	A central meeting for all every Wednesday at 8pm in St Marys. The aim is to explore 'practical' faith, by sharing stories together, reflecting on the scriptures, discussing questions and praying with each other. Looking for God at work in grass-roots Christian lives. Julian 2724987
Women Exploring Faith	Meet every Thursday from 9.45 am. Please join us for fellowship, prayer and learning together. For

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more information please speak to
Kate or Helen.

St Marys Rock Chick

Did you hear our Lydia on Hallam FM? Here's a story from her school website:

On Wednesday 10th September rock chicks in years 7 to 9 flocked to the drama studio to be filmed by Radio Hallam for their Camp Rock competition run in conjunction with the Disney Corporation. Lydia Bickley in 8Y went on to win the competition following her impressive drum solo. And her prize? A fabulous trip to London to see the Queen musical, We Will Rock You, a photo shoot and a session in a recording studio. Well done Lydia!



Prayer For The Current Financial Situation

Lord God, we live in disturbing days:
across the world,
prices rise,
debts increase,
banks collapse,
jobs are taken away,
and fragile security is under threat.

Loving God, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer:

be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands,
and a light in the darkness;
help us receive your gift of peace,
and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Church of England website

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/prayers>

Bible Sunday

Is next Sunday.

- The Bible Society have produced a 'Bible style guide' aimed at journalists. The free pdf document can be downloaded from <http://www.bitemybible.com/the-bible-style-guide.html> . Its really useful and interesting, even if you're not one of the

"busy journalists, broadcasters and bloggers" for whom the bible guide is intended.

- A new 'Green Bible has been published this week. Printed on environmentally friendly paper, it includes articles on the environment by Bishops James Jones , Tom Wright, and Desmond Tutu. The text is the American NRSV, and more than 1000 passages referring to environmental issues are highlighted in green soy-based ink.

Swapping Stories Writing Group

3rd November, 17th November, 1st December, 15th December, 4.45 -7pm (at the latest) at Sheffield Central Children's Library, Surrey Street.

A chance for local people and those who have sought sanctuary in Sheffield to meet, share experiences and have a go at writing as well: real life, incidents, stories, poems etc, facilitated by Signposts writing tutors. Why not come along and give it a go? Sessions are free. Creche available. All welcome at all or any of the sessions. Only basic English needed.

For more information: ring Geoff on 2536722 (answerphone) or email nicola@cityofsanctuary.org

Thoughts For World Peace

Sheffield Interfaith. At the Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre, Sheffield Hallam University (second floor of the Owen Building) **2.30 pm on Sunday 19th October.**

The Week of Prayer for World Peace and 'One World Week' both begin on **19th October**. United Nations Day is on **Friday 24th October**.

People from different faiths and beliefs will be giving readings on themes relevant to this time. No one will be obliged to take part orally on Sunday. Phil Croft will be providing the music. All interested are welcome to attend.

For further information contact: Geoff Usher 276 7114, or Gordon Sinclair 01226 743070.

Next Sunday - 19th October

10.30am Parish Communion & Gift Day

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Dolly (drinks); Veronica & Elaine C (Communion assistants); Margaret A (steward); Steve, Veronica, Jess (music); Maureen F (prayers), Keith (readings).

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