

16th November 2008

2nd Sunday Before Advent

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Drinks	Della
	Reader	Kate K
	Music	Jon, Veronica, Jess
	Steward	Margaret A
	Communion Assistants	Della & Caroline
	Prayers	Steve

one God, now and for ever.

Today Living Nativity



Several members of St Marys and other local churches will be part of a 'Living Nativity' on the Moor **this afternoon** as part of the events around the switching on of the city centre Christmas lights.

Please go and support them, or pray for them as they take this great (but cold) opportunity to share the truth of the Christmas message.

Today Shared Meal

After the service this morning we will be eating a meal together. Everyone is very welcome and you don't need to bring anything.

if you are in the Living Nativity please go through first and have a quick lunch before putting on your costume!!

Today Taize Prayer

Discovering inner life through simple sung prayer. **7.30pm tonight** in church.



Collect For Today

Heavenly Father,
 whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
 and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
 grant that we, having this hope,
 may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
 that when he shall appear in power and great glory
 we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
 where he is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

This Week At St Marys

PCC	The church council meets on Monday . Please note the new start time of 7.30pm for 7.45pm
Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Tuesday Night Homegroup	This Tuesday 8pm at the home of Dave and Penny Bickley. See them, or Dave or Giles for 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

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Women Exploring Faith

Meet every **Thursday from 9.45 am**. This week: starting to prepare for Advent with Bible meditations and prayers, all welcome. For more information please speak to Kate or Karen.

Rock - A New Musical

By Roger Jones. **Friday 21 November 7.30 pm** at Hillsborough Leisure Centre: Roger will be bringing his company of soloists and dancers and conducting a choir of over 100 local singers. Tickets £8-00 and £5-00 from Liz Tipple on 0114-2302969 or email: liz@hallam97.plus.com or Sally Rhodes on 2362322 or email: sirhodes@toucansurf.com.

St Marys Harvest Barn Dance

With band and dancing led by 'Oscar the Frog'. Buffet supper. Bring a bottle. For all involved with St Marys.

Next Saturday 22nd November 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Will Aid

This is a scheme which runs during **November** only to encourage people to make a Will with a solicitor and at the same time raise vital funds for the Will Aid charities: ActionAid, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Help the Aged, NSPCC, Save the Children UK, Sightsavers International, SCIAF and Trocaire.

You find a participating solicitor (there's a list on their website www.willaid.org.uk or Steve can provide a printout, or ring their hotline on 0300 0300 013), and contact the solicitor. The solicitor does not charge for their services, but the suggested donation level is £75 for a single Will, £110 for a pair of matching 'mirror' Wills, or £40 for a codicil to an existing Will. Recommended.



Make a Will
Make a Difference
WILL AID

St Mary's Church Mens Group

Thursday 20th November

**Special Guest : Adrian Scott
"Rights of Passage"**

(Those of you who have met Adrian will know he

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is a very engaging speaker)
Meet starts 8.00pm and finishes for 9.30pm

In 1st Floor Meeting Room

Please see Andy Cribb: 266 3496
familycribb@btinternet.com

or Tom Mather:263 1693 for further details.

"The Poor Suffer First"

Meeting the challenge of climate change.

Saturday 22nd November 10-4pm

A day conference at the Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street (next to the Cathedral).

Talks – Discussions – Workshops – Stalls

Including representatives of War on Want and Christian Aid.

Entrance fee £5 / £2 min (concessions) in advance
£6 / £2 min (concessions) on the door. Bring packed lunch – drinks provided. More details from Cliff Crellin tel: 2302102 or patricliff@gmail.com.

Christmas Minstrels

Yo is getting the Minstrels together again this year to sing and play carols at a few events around Christmas. New Minstrels welcomed, especially any who sing well (parts needed) or play 'Chording' instruments (accordion, guitar, ukelele), and more hand-drummers (bodhrán would be an excellent addition!). Please talk to Yo if you'd like to know more (258 4382).

X-Site

The next event for all 7 - 11 year olds is on **Saturday 29th November 6-8pm**. More information including transport arrangements and booking forms available from Karen.

Islam Awareness Week

This week in Sheffield, and there are several events, including an invitation to join the Friday Prayers (Jumah). See Steve or Yo for details.

Next Sunday - 23rd November

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Michael K (readings); Veronica (drinks); Veronica & Elaine (Communion assistants); Doreen & Joan (steward); Jon, Yo, Ortrude, Jess (music)

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