

23rd November 2008

Christ The King

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Drinks	Veronica
	Reader	Michael
	Music	Jon, Yo, Ortrude, Jess
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Communion Assistants	Veronica & Elaine

Collect For Today

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord
and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at
his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

This Week At St Marys

Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
'Faith and Life'	A central meeting for all every Wednesday at 8pm in St Marys. Looking for God at work in grass-roots Christian lives. Julian 2724987
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.

Bishop Cyril Writes:

THE ELOQUENCE OF SILENCE

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On Remembrance Sunday I was struck yet again by the sheer force of the two minutes silence. In its struggle to find an appropriate way to commemorate this most significant event the nation chose silence.

It is not uncommon to observe silence at football matches, concerts or other public events in order to demonstrate depth of feeling. I have often wondered at the fact that silence can be the most eloquent form of communication. By it we show respect, dignity, sorrow, thanksgiving and love. In the face of tragedy, expressing joy or conveying the depth of human love silence is frequently the most poignant means of communication.

Something is spoken through our silences that no amount of words can convey.

Friends and lovers, husbands and wives, artists and poets, gardeners and musicians can create a silence that is rich in the most meaningful conversation imaginable.

In the silence a fertile mystery is engaged which has the power to remake us in the image of God. This is why silence is the most used and valued form of prayer. Down the centuries those who teach about the Christian life encourage us to learn silence, not so much as a discipline but as a joy. Dag Hammarskjold, a former Secretary General to the United Nations, wrote, "The best and most wonderful thing that can happen to you in this life, is that you should be silent and let God speak."

I am admittedly a learner in this, but part of my desire to discover 'a still point in a turning world,' is my impatience with the increasing wordiness of the world in which we live, and more especially, the torrent of words we use in prayer and worship. Some of the most moving experiences I have had occurred in the expressive silences encountered occasionally in prayer and worship.

This Advent I would like to encourage you to explore the use of silence in prayer. Learn to hear God in the silences. I believe you will become a different person.

+Cyril

X-Site

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



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booking forms available from Andy.

Let's Celebrate



3rd December 2008

at

Salvation Army Citadel, Psalter Lane.

From 7.30pm

A time of inter-church celebration and prayer for Sheffield

Let's thank God for all that has been accomplished in Sheffield through Hope08 and pray for all that is to come...



*Free, but an offering will be taken toward future Hope projects and costs

Further details from Sheffield Cross Links. Tel: 0114 2493956. Email: hope08@sheffieldcrosslinks.co.uk
www.sheffieldhope08.co.uk

National Climate Change March

Saturday December 6th

Part of a Global Day of Protest. Join people all around the world to demand action now to prevent the catastrophe that threatens to engulf us all. Join the Sheffield coach for the day (at 7am) £20 and £10 concessions. Text 07760 174335 or email jenny.patient@blueyonder.co.uk, TODAY if you'd like to go. Steve has more details.

Advent Open Studio

Jenny Mather is running an Open Studio at her home in Bamford soon:

Browse & Buy - Work of 4 Artists:

Paintings - Jewellery - Woollens - Glassware

At Blackberry Barn, Main Rd (opp church) Bamford

December 6/7, 13/14 11:00 - 5:00



News From Morocco

Lucy Lauener has sent an email from somewhere near Agadir in Morocco. She and Chris and their dogs have had lots of adventures including mountain roads which run out needing a 20 point turn in a land rover with a sheer drop on one side. The desert is very cold at night. They've enjoyed the hospitality of the Berber people, and some amazing scenery.



Youth Christmas Social

The Youth Fellowship (and anyone aged 11-25) are invited to join 'The Hub' Christmas Social on **Monday 1st December** at The Old Horse, Division Street. Please see Yo if you're interested.

Congo Evening

News, prayers, and flavours of the Democratic Republic of Congo. **Sunday 7th December 8-9pm** here at St Marys. Come and hear Sam Foulds (Christian Aid youth and student volunteer) talk about his trip to DRC last month. All welcome.

Making A Will

The diocese have worked out the average age of those who die without making a will is 69; but of those who die having made a will is 79; and of those who die leaving a legacy to a charity or a church is 82. Draw your own unscientific conclusions!

See last week's newsletter for information about Will Aid which only lasts during November. Steve and Margaret have leaflets about leaving a legacy which might help your church.

Next Sunday - 23rd November

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Rachel M (readings); Elaine & David (drinks); Elaine (prayers); Margaret A & Penny (Communion assistants); Doreen & Joan (steward); Steve, Veronica, Yo (music)

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