

2nd May 2010

5th Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.

There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome either to leave their children or stay with them.

Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.

An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

Toilets, including disabled and nappy changing facilities are situated at the west end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Prayers @ St Marys

For all at St Marys. **Next Friday 7th May 9.30am** in Parish Room. All Welcome. Followed by a bring and share lunch at 41 Brook Road, Meersbrook.

...and talking of prayer...

10 Days Of Prayer

From Bishop Steven:

"We have a tremendous opportunity in May to seek God together. As a Diocese we have set aside Ten Days of Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost. As we pray together we will be doing exactly what Jesus asks his disciples to do after the resurrection. Jesus does not send the disciples out in mission straight away. At the end of Luke's gospel he asks them to wait in the city until they are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24.49). The Book of Acts tells us that after Jesus had ascended into heaven the core of the Christian community – women and men – constantly devoted themselves to prayer. These verses remind us very powerfully that we need God's grace in our lives and the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. We need at this time of year especially to centering the life of every Christian community and the life of the Diocese on God's life and love.

We need at this time particularly to be praying for our wider society.

We need to be praying for fresh vision and energy as we move forward as a Diocese and as churches.

We need to be praying for the resources we need for the tremendous task we have been given.

Every Christian and every church will pray in different ways. I thank God for that diversity. But I do ask every Christian and every church to pray and to set aside times and places in this

This Morning's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Music	Jon, Veronica
	Readings	Veronica
	Prayers	Maureen
	Communion Assistants	Della & Caroline
	Light Factory	Penny & Kim
	Drinks	Dorothy
	Stewards	John & Margaret I

Collect For 5th Sunday Of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put
into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

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Ten Days of Prayer for that purpose. A special leaflet has been produced and sent to every parish and there are lots of good ideas for prayer events on the website. This is the time and this is the moment to root ourselves more deeply in the life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that in due season we can bear all kinds of fruit. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3.20-21

+Steven

<http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/> for more.

Lazy Sunday Update



The people in this church are BRILLIANT! SO MANY of you have offered to help raise money for Christian Aid!

T H A N K Y O U

We just need a handful more helpers:

1. Post fliers through doors next Sunday 9th (2 more people needed)
2. Make tea and coffee with Lazy Sunday breakfast team 8.30-11.30 Sunday 16th May (2 people needed)
3. Help wash up either 8.30-11.30am or 2.30-4.30 @ Lazy Sunday **16th May** (2 people needed, one for each shift).

Please phone Yo ASAP to volunteer: 258 4382 / mob 07925 634420

Programme for the day:

- 9.30-11.30am** Cafe space open serving simple breakfasts with Sunday newspapers.
Church service as usual welcomes all.
Car wash offered by young people
- 11.30-1pm** Homemade soup with crusty bread and butter. Big games and craft table.
- 1pm-3pm** Film showing in north Aisle or rounders match outdoors.
- 3.00pm** Cream teas for sale
- 4.00pm** Finish and clear

As well as raising money for a fantastic charity that provides 4,800 dinners per day to victims of Haiti earthquake and toilets to 10,000s of families in Nairobi slum who'd otherwise have to use carrier bags, the event will be an opportunity for our

Christian community to express God's love to all who live near St Marys.

Special Deanery Meeting

There will be a special meeting organised by our Deanery around Bishop Steven's paper on Sustainable Patterns of Stipendiary Ministry . It will be held on **Wednesday 12th May 7.45pm** at St Gabriel's Church, Greystones. The document sets out the major changes we are facing as a Diocese which affect us all. It would be especially good to welcome Churchwardens, Readers and PCC members as well as Synod Reps and Clergy.

This meeting is in preparation for a Deanery Synod on Wednesday 9th June at St Mary's Bramall Lane when Synod will gather feedback, discuss the document and formulate Eccesall Deanery's response. Our new Archdeacon, Martyn Snow, will be there.

Election Stuff

Christians in Politics have produced an excellent 6 minute clip on You Tube with the Archbishop of York and the three party leaders all encouraging Christians to vote. It is well worth watching and showing to others:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pew26-dUJhE>

Bishop Steven writes: "We pray together each day: your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let us pray for one another that we might play our part in this key moment of shaping in our society. "

More on the diocesan website

www.sheffield.anglican.org including responses from the parliamentary candidates to specific questions from the Bishop and other Sheffield Faith Leaders.

Next Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do: Margaret A (drinks); Kate K (steward); Steve, Bryony, Jess (music)

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