

6th June 2010

1st Sunday After Trinity

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.

The Week Ahead

Weekly Monday–Wednesday: 8.30am
Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Weekly Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday: 9.30am Toy Library & Parent & Toddler group.

From The Church Diary

Sunday 4th July 10.30am: Karen Cribb will today be ordained Deacon at Sheffield Cathedral. She will officially be a "Half Time Self Supporting Minister" (SSM) but will mainly be known as Karen. This will be followed by a celebration lunch at St Mary's to which everyone is invited. We may need some indication of numbers. We are very grateful to Revd Brian Cranwell who has agreed to take our Parish Communion today to allow Julian our vicar to join other incumbents in supporting their curates on this special occasion.

Wednesday 7th July 8pm: The second of our midweek worship evenings designed for those who cannot be with us on Sundays due to shift work and other commitments. It is also for those who would enjoy an alternative approach to worship during the week.

Sunday July 18th 10.30am: St Mary celebrates her 180th birthday today close to the festival for Mary Magdalene from whom our church takes its name. We will welcome the Revd Philip Roderick, our new diocesan spirituality advisor to lead us in an imaginative celebration.

Going For Glory: Finding Your Place On God's Team

Christian Vision for Men Regional Day in Sheffield, All Saints Ecclesall.

Saturday 26 June, 9.30am - 4pm

Inspiring and Equipping Men in Outreach, Seminars - Worship - Good Company

This Morning's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Music	Steve, Yo, Keith
	Readings	Michael E
	Prayers	Kate K
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Drinks	Christine P
	Stewards	John & Margaret I

Collect For 1st Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to
worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all
adversities;
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.

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Diocesan Science And Faith Group

Wednesday 30 June: 7.30pm, St John's Church, Deepcar

The first meeting of the new Science and Faith Group will be on The topic will be the new Faraday Institute resource material on science and Faith called 'Test of Faith'. All welcome. For more details contact Revd David Jeans 0114 2885138 or jeansville@hotmail.co.uk

Bishop Steven's Letter

A Sense of Rhythm

Thank you for all the prayer offered in our Ten Days of Prayer between Ascension and Pentecost.

As I write this, the Ten Days of Prayer have just finished. Wherever I've been travelling across the Diocese I've had a sense that people have taken this call to pray very seriously. We've prayed together for the life of our church in this Diocese. We've prayed for our local and national communities in this critical time following the elections. People have come to pray for their own needs who are currently outside the churches.

In the coming months I hope we will see a lot of fruit from this ten days spent in prayer together and many different and deepening signs of God's grace.

Here is one of the things which has become clearer to me through this Ten Days of Prayer.

I believe that many people in our communities want to learn more about the Christian faith. This includes many people who are outside or on the edge of the worshipping life of our churches. It includes children and young people and adults at every stage of life.

One of the things we need to focus on over the next few years is helping them to learn more: on teaching the faith.

Most of us are very familiar with the annual cycle of the church year. We move from Advent to Christmas then Lent, Holy Week and Easter and finally to Ascension. Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

We take that cycle for granted now. We sometimes forget that this cycle of the seasons was originally

developed to help the church teach new Christians about the faith year by year. I believe we need to recover that sense of an annual rhythm as we teach the faith and prepare people for baptism, confirmation and membership of God's church. It's very like the cycle in the farming communities of the diocese: preparing the ground; sowing the seed; tending the crops and finally the harvest. Then we start again in the coming year.

I want to begin in a small way to set that rhythm for the diocese from this summer onwards. The summer months and the early autumn are a good time to focus on finding out who wants to learn more and drawing them together. The autumn is an excellent time to offer a group for people to learn the faith for the first time. That can continue through into the New Year and into Lent. The forty days of Lent were originally set aside to help people who were preparing for baptism. The period from Easter to Pentecost and beyond is a very good time for baptisms and confirmations and for helping people deepen their life of faith. Then the whole process can begin again for the following year.

This was the model followed in the early centuries of the Christian church. It had a special name: the *catechumenate*. It is a sustainable rhythm and one that can lead to the growth of the Christian community year by year. One of the priorities I want to set for the diocese over the next few years is renewing the catechumenate in our own day to help people come to faith and grow in faith.

I've set aside some time next Lent to teach the Christian faith in the Cathedral on Wednesday evenings. I hope that some parishes who are helping people learn the faith will bring groups along to these evenings so we can learn together. It will be a modest beginning. There will be many other ways to take part and to share in this venture. For me at least it is one of the first fruits of our Ten Days of Prayer.

+Steven Sheffield

Next Sunday – 13th June

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do: Jon, Veronica, Bryony (music); Kate K (steward); Drinks (Veronica)

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