

16th January 2011

2nd Sunday Of Epiphany

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.

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.

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Music	Jon, Veronica, Jess
	Readings	Rachel M
	Prayers	Kate K
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Drinks	Chris M
	Light Factory	Jo & Tom
	Stewards	Margaret A

Collect For 2nd Sunday Of Epiphany

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

The Week Ahead

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PCC meet at the vicarage on Monday at **7.30pm** for a cup of something and a 7.45 start.

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

Weekly Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

Monday St Marys Board Meeting

Tuesday Home Group – see below

Wednesday 10am-12noon: Toddler group

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting: in St Mary's Cafe **8.00pm:** Come and pray for our community, our nation and our world. There will be opportunity to share concerns to pray for each other and our church / centre. Biblical reflection will be woven into the evening.

Wednesday 7.30pm **Worship Group Rehearsal**

PCC Quiet Morning



will be at the cathedral this coming Saturday **22nd January 2011**. We meet at **9.30am** for reflective worship in the crypt. At 10 we gather in the Town Trust Room to look at the year ahead. At 12.30 we have lunch at the Blue Moon Cafe next to the cathedral forecourt. If anyone is in town, you are welcome to join us. (WHBAGS etc)

Home Group

Midweek home group restarts this week on **Tuesday 18th at 8pm** at Tom and Jo Mathers. A time of bible study, fellowship and prayer. All welcome. For more information please speak to Andy Cribb.

Barn Dance

Vicar: Canon Julian Sullivan
0114 272 4987

Curate: Rev. Karen Cribb 0114 223 0237
revkaren@stmarys-church.co.uk

Don't miss our Burns Night celebrations on **Saturday 5th Feb at 7.30pm**. Haggis or Pie & Peas but not both, will be on the menu. Music and Barn Dance by our old friends Oscar The Frog. Did you know that poet Ian McMillan, 'The Bard of Barnsley' was a founder member of OTF? Look out for tickets. The evening is free but we need to know numbers.

Praying For The Parish

Streets of the Parish we are praying for this month : Shoreham St; Cherry Street; Lancing Rd; Store St; Cream St.

Confirmation

Anyone interested in being confirmed this year should speak to Julian in the next few weeks. Candidates will be confirmed at Sheffield Cathedral by Bishop Steven on Easter **Saturday 23rd April**. We will be preparing for this on Wednesdays in a mixed group which will include candidates and those already confirmed.

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity

Sharrow Churches join to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Sunday 23rd January** at St Mary's Wesleyan Reformed Church, just across the dual carriageway, at **6.30pm**. Revd James Chapman, associate pastor from Cemetery Road Baptist Church, will speak. Come and raise the roof!!

Good News (and Carpets) From Afghanistan

An English vicar, a carpet workshop in Kabul, and ground breaking internet technology seem an unlikely combination to change the world. But Afghan Action, a small British charity, is coming to Sheffield to explain their hope for one of the most volatile regions in the world.

Five years ago Rev'd Chris Beales, a vicar from Milton Keynes set up a carpet workshop in Kabul to provide a future for young people by offering employment, skills and education. The carpets are exported to the UK for sale, bringing genuine craftsmanship and beauty from one of the most war torn parts of the world.



Afghan Action's work is so important because after years of foreign involvement in Afghanistan, unemployment is still at 40 per cent and more than half the population lives below the poverty line. If people do not have jobs and education then the military effort in the country is doomed to fail, and the sacrifice of so many service men and women will be in vain.

To tell the hidden story of Afghanistan, Afghan Action are holding a family day from 10.00am-1.00pm on Saturday 29th January at St Mary's Community Centre, Bramall Lane.

As well as information about their work participants will be able to try their hand at kite making, carpet weaving, to sample some Afghan food and try on Afghan clothes. There will also be some carpets to view. For more details please contact Graham Duncan on 0114 223 0223 or Afghan Action on www.afghanaction.com

The Real Easter Egg

It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is.

The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the pack. It also supports charity and development projects - buying everything from medical equipment for new mums here at home, to chicken and fresh water for farmers in Africa.

The direct sale price of The Real Easter Egg is £4.50 each which includes a charitable donation, VAT, handling and delivery to your church single drop off point. The 125g high quality Fairtrade milk chocolate can be ordered in multiples of 12.

More information from www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Please speak to Karen if you might be interested in ordering one or two or more !!- orders have to be placed by the end of January.

Next Sunday – 23rd January

10.30am Parish Communion. People with jobs to do: Keith (readings); Steve (prayers); Youth (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Della & Caroline (communion assistants); Steve, Kev, Jeremy, Yo (music)

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