

17<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Fourth 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.

**Today's Worship**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Steward	Margaret A
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Communion Assistants	Margaret A & Penny B
	Light Factory	Penny, Kim, Rachel
	Music	John, Veronica, Jeremy

**Collect For 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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**Children's Activities**

Next Little Lights is **Friday 22nd July at 1pm** in Church.

Little Lights is a special time in church for children under 5 with singing, toys, Bible story and play. Please speak to Karen for more information.

Also, note that the Wednesday toddler Group are having an end of term party on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.**

**Musicians**

Rehearse to practice this **Thursday 7.30pm.**

**Soweto Gospel Choir**

Miriam has got 20 tickets at £21.50 each for the Soweto Gospel Choir for **Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm** at the City Hall.

<http://www.sowetogospelchoir.com/>



*"Expect earthy rhythms, rich harmonies, acapella numbers as well as accompaniment by an exciting 4 piece band and percussion section. Add to this, energetic dancing and vibrant, colourful costumes, and the mix is awesome. This young dynamic choir performs both traditional and contemporary music, adding its own unique feel and interpretation to both. The choir performs in 6 of South Africa's 11 official*

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languages.”

If anyone would like to go, please talk to Miriam

## Parish Prayers

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Streets of the parish for us to pray for this month are: Washington Road and Cemetery Road.

## Brewery Trip

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David is 50 in August and Elaine is trying to arrange a brewery trip on **Thursday 18th August**.

The trip will be at The Sheffield Brewery Co Ltd, Burton Road, from 7 till 10pm. They charge £12.50 + vat per person based on 20 or more people. All beer (Sheffield brewery real ale) is included in the price.

If anyone would like to join in David's celebration in this way, Elaine will need £12.50 by 31st July. Please speak to her today.

## Bishop Cyril's Letter

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This letter gives me and my wife Muriel an opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for the gifts and good wishes we have received as we move on from the Diocese of Sheffield, but above all, for the love and friendship that has so enriched our time in South Yorkshire. The last eleven years have been among the most rewarding of my ministry. Working alongside Bishop Jack and then Bishop Steven with colleagues on bishop's staff has been both challenging and happy. I have enjoyed the variety and stimulation of being involved in leadership in the Diocese. I have found great satisfaction in my role as sponsoring bishop working with an outstanding team dedicated to helping people discern their vocation as clergy or lay ministers. In this context the



**+Cyril's recent visit to St Marys**

development of the School of Ministry is particularly pleasing. We will leave with very good memories for which we are so grateful.

Retiring is quite an interesting experience and there has been no shortage of wisdom and good advice. This ranges from “you`ll be busier than ever” to “enjoy touring the world on your motorbike.” I suspect reality will be somewhere in between. Very kindly a number of people said that I look too young to retire. I like James Thurber`s comment: “I`m 65 but if there were 15 months in every year, I`d only be 48”. I remember saying to one of my sons that time seems to fly as you get older. You are bound to go faster when you are going downhill, was his affirming comment.

We will move to Lancaster this summer and are well into discussions about which items of furniture we need to dispose of. Of course, none of our children want the furniture we had planned to hand on to them. Pieces that we had scrimped and saved to buy over the years, thinking vainly that they would be delighted to own, have been politely declined. However, there is great interest in having my classic car, motorbike and pin number. None of which are on offer at the moment.

Of course, it doesn't do to confess to a Yorkshire man that you are leaving to go to Lancashire. They look at you as though you have been caught doing something you should be ashamed of. “Never ask a man if he is from Yorkshire,” advised Roy Hattersley. “If he is he`ll already have told you. If he isn't why embarrass him?” Pride in belonging to Yorkshire is perfectly understandable and we are delighted to have been included in this great part of the country for the last eleven years.

Our pilgrimage continues with thankfulness to God for the joy of meeting so many lovely people, and with anticipation of all that he has in store for us.

## Next Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> July

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### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do: Yo, Steve, Jess (music); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Andy & Kate (communion assistants); Christine (drinks); Tom, Jo, Miriam (Light Factory).

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