

11th September 2011

12th Sunday After Trinity

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

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the chapel

**10.30am
Family Service**

Steward

Kate

Music

Steve, Yo, Veronica,
Bryony

Collect For 12th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not
worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

**City Of Sanctuary Happy Eid/End Of
Summer Of Sanctuary Party!**

TODAY 6-9 pm Old Junior School, South View Road,
Sharrow

Sheffield Refugee Asylum Seeker Action Group
and City of Sanctuary are teaming up to celebrate
the end of Summer of Sanctuary 2011 and to
say "Happy Eid to Everyone!" There will be food,
music and dancing - and EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!!!

Harvest At St Marys

Plans are being made for our harvest service on
October 2nd, to engage with local businesses,
shops and other groups, maybe inviting them to
share something at the service. If you have any
contact details, or know anyone in the parish,
please pass on the details to Julian or Karen.

Soweto Gospel Choir

Miriam has got 20 tickets at £21.50 each for the
Soweto Gospel Choir for **Saturday October 8th**
at 7.45pm at the City Hall. Talk to Miriam if
you'd like to go

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

Reg Tozer's Thanksgiving

Yo writes: Thanks to all who attended Reg
Tozer's Thanksgiving Service. £66.50 was
donated in Reg's memory, to be shared
between the South West Area Sitting Service
(based at St Marys) and The Alzheimer's
Society.

This Week At St Marys

Tuesday evening home group

Restarts **this Tuesday 8pm** at Andy & Karens -
114 Ringinglow Rd. We will be using the York
course material looking at some of the difficult
sayings of Jesus.

Thursday 7.30pm Music Group Practice

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PCC meets at the Vicarage on **Monday 19th September** at **7.30pm**.

Highfield Trinity Quiz Night

Saturday 24th Sept 7.30pm. Cost £3 per person - come on your own and join with a team - or bring your own team or 4-6 people. All very welcome. For more information or to sign up please speak to Karen.

Bishop Launches Ten Year Growth Plan For Churches Across The Region

A ten year growth strategy aimed at encouraging more people to go to church across the Diocese of Sheffield was launched this week in the Tankersley Deanery by the Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft.

A packed house at St Leonard's Wortley heard Dr Croft present a series of measures aimed at encouraging clergy and laity to work together to encourage growth and renewal.

"It is part of what I care about most - to make the Church grow. As a Church we need to get better at sharing the message of the Gospel," he told the gathering.

Dr Croft said: "We are talking about drawing people of all ages to the Christian faith. And the question we face tonight is can we imagine actually growing the church again? I personally believe that from the core of my being that it is possible with God's help to grow the Church."

The Bishop admitted that reports of the decline in church going were not easy to accept but that, in the past 10 years, there had been clear and distinct signs of growth as the Church changed from being a "Sunday only" community to a "seven days a week" community. Midweek congregations had grown hugely.

The Bishop posed the question: "What do the next ten years look like?"

The evening consisted of a series of readings, hymns and prayers but the main focus was on Dr Croft's presentation.

The Bishop will be visiting all of the deaneries of his Diocese over the next three months to ensure that everyone has a chance to hear the challenge at first hand.

A special booklet "Growing the Body of Christ" has

been produced and was handed out to all those attending to take the message back to parishes and communities around the Diocese.

Eleven more evenings lie ahead throughout the autumn. Though the context for mission might vary a little according to locality, Dr Croft's call for growth is likely to be real and consistent.

Diocesan Development Day

A Time to Grow: Exploring Christian Nurture

On **Saturday 1 October 9.00 - 15.30** the Philadelphia Campus (University of Sheffield) will host a Diocesan Development Day. It will include interactive workshops and keynote speakers including Bishop Stephen Cottrell and Bishop Martin Warner. Entrance is free but please bring a packed lunch. For booking information speak to Julian or Trish Stafford: 01709309147

trish.stafford@sheffield.anglican.org.

Disability And The Cuts

The effect of public spending cuts on disabled people.

A public meeting organised by Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield and Sheffield Centre for Independent Living (SCIL). Speakers include Simon Duffy (Centre for Welfare Reform; Campaign for a Fair Society), Rev. Canon Nick Jowett (Church Action on Poverty) and Andrew Crooks of SCIL.

Thursday 29th September, 7-9pm, Quakers Meeting House, St James Street S1.

'More than £7 billion of the total £27 billion which the Government is saving in Departmental budgets is to be borne by less than 3% of the people - those who are least able to bear these cuts.' (Simon Duffy)

All welcome, disabled access

Next Sunday - 18th September

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do: Margaret I (readings); Louise / Jem (prayers); (drinks); Margaret A (steward); Veronica & Elaine C (communion assistants); Steve, Yo, Jess, Jeremy (music)

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