

25<sup>th</sup> September 2011

14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wednesday Bible Study 8pm in the Cafe.**

**Tuesday Home Group 8pm at the Bickleys - 238 Carter Knowle Road.**

**Friday Prayers 9.30am** See below

**Friday Prayers**

We will be praying for all who come to this building whether for worship, work, meeting, solitude, learning or recreation. In the Parish Room this **Friday 9.30-10.30am**. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of prayer. Please speak to Karen, Maureen or Julian, leave any written requests for prayers on board near font.

**St Marys Mens' Curry Night**

The infamous St Mary's Men's Curry Night reconvenes on **Monday 3rd October**. Meet at **St Mary's 7.45pm** for lift sharing to the Mangla, Spital Hill. Please can you let Andy know if you are coming so we can book table numbers 07799 641771 or [familycribb@btinternet.com](mailto:familycribb@btinternet.com)

**Porter Croft School**

This week the governors will be short-listing for interviews next week for a new Head Teacher for Porter Croft. Please pray for this process and for the school over the next week or so. On Monday their new outdoor classroom and play area will be opened, give thanks for this great additional resource to the school.

**First Aid**

Do you have a current basic First Aid qualification? As part of the PCC review of our Safeguarding children policy it became apparent that we do not have a record of those within the congregation who currently have a First Aid

**Today's Worship**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Readings	Brenda M
	Prayers	Miriam C
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Communion Assistants	Margaret A & Penny B
	Music	Jon, Veronica

**Collect For 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

**This Week At St Marys**

**Monday 7.30pm** PCC at the Vicarage

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qualification. If you have one please can you let Karen know so that we can update our records.

## Bishop Steven's Letter

### The Need to Proclaim a Better Way

My mind has been turning back to the need to teach our society the Ten Commandments.

I wonder how many people could name even five out of ten? Take a moment to grab a pen and see how many you get right. You can check your answers in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.

The Ten Commandments are not the whole of the Christian gospel by any means. But they are a good starting point for learning God's standards for what is right and what is wrong. Each one is a life-giving rule for individuals and for a healthy society.

Think for a moment about the last of the commandments: "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

The tenth commandment aims to build contentment and appreciation of what we do have. There is to be no peering over the garden fence and longing for what belongs to someone else. That contentment is a great treasure.

But in Britain we have built our society on discontent and on coveting what we do not have. Much of our economy is driven by the engine of the advertising industry. Millions of pounds a year are invested in making us covet and stoking the fire of discontent in our hearts.

When that happens, greed becomes king and life gets completely out of proportion. So many of the ills of our society can be traced back to this root of greed. Our personal and national finances are overextended because we covet what we do not have. Some of the

riot and disorder we saw over the summer was driven simply by greed: wanting what we do not possess.

The Church needs to proclaim a better way. As we celebrate Harvest this October, we remember and help others to remember that this life is God's good gift. We give thanks and help others to give thanks for all the good things we have been given. We proclaim the need for

fairness and equality in our society. Appreciation and justice are the antidote to the virus of greed. We need to learn and to teach what it means to have enough; to be content; to live a just life.

To covet the lives and possessions of others is wrong and against God's law. We need to say so.

## Next Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### **Harvest at St Marys**

Plans are being made for our harvest service on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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.

### **Fellowship Lunch**

As part of our Harvest celebrations we will be holding a fellowship lunch after church next Sunday. Everyone is welcome, the main course will be provided but donations of cakes/puddings or fruit juice would be very welcome.

### **Jobs in next week's worship**

**10.30am Parish Communion**  
People with jobs to do: Ann B. (readings); Maureen F. (prayers); John & Margaret I (steward); Andy C & Kate K (communion assistants); Yo, Jess, Kev, Jeremy (music)

Sheffield Diocesan Development Day 2011



**a time to GROW**  
Exploring Christian Nurture

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011  
09:00-15:30

Philadelphia Campus : Sheffield

free entry : please book  
Including interactive workshops

**keynote speakers**



**Bishop Stephen Cottrell**  
Bishop of Chelmsford



**Bishop Martin Warner**  
Bishop of Whitley

Growing the body of Christ,  
understanding catechumenate and  
exploring discipleship models



For more information or to make a booking, contact  
your vicar or Trish Stafford on 01709 309147  
trish.stafford@sheffield.anglican.org

**Speak to Julian about booking. No cost, but packed lunch required.**

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