

27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Advent Sunday

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 Today Advent Tea**

All are welcome to our Advent Tea at the Vicarage at **4.00pm**.

**This Week At St Marys**

Home Group	<b>Tuesday 8pm</b> meeting at 43 Moorbank Road - Speak to Giles and Rachel or Dave Bickley for more information
Little Lights	<b>Friday 10.30am</b> - Little Lights - Celebrating Advent with children under 5. A morning of crafts; play and singing and Bible story. Please speak to Karen for more information. Followed by bread and soup lunch at 12.
Conversation Club	<b>Friday 10am - 2pm</b> English Conversation Club including simple lunch. Call in any time for help with confidence in English conversation, homework or basic English. If you are able to offer to help provide this in a voluntary capacity please speak to Maureen or Miriam, and encourage those you know who might benefit from attending to join us.

**Today's Worship**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Readings	Veronica
	Prayers	Giles
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Children	Penny, Miriam, Odette
	Music	Jo & Jess
	Communion Assistants	Veronica & Elaine C

**Collect For Advent Sunday**

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to  
judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**St Marys Centre AGM**

**Monday 5th December 7.30pm** at St Marys - Community and Conference Centre AGM - an opportunity to hear reports on the year, plans for the future, to ask questions and show your support. For more information please speak to Julian, Peter Rowe or other Trustees (Andy, Giles and Karen).

**Faith And Life Urban Network**

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**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm** in the Garden Room of St Mary's Pavilion to eat together and listen to Revd Terry Drummond, advisor to the Bishop of Urban Life & Faith & Southwark, Christopher Chessun. His theme will be 3 R's for urban mission and theology:

- Regeneration
- Renewal
- Reciprocity

Please speak to Julian if you're interested.

## Meaningful Christmas Tree Decorations

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Fairtrade Chocolate Decorations for your Christmas tree which carry images of the characters of the Nativity on them and so help tell the real story of Christmas. £4 per set of 6. Karen has a small stock available for purchase. She also has Advent Calendars available at the same price.

"These yummy decorations are an opportunity for parents, grandparents and Godparents to buy an interactive gift that allows the family Christmas tree to be a bit more Meaningful by a telling of the Christmas story at home and through their support of Fairtrade."

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

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Once again Toddler Group are putting together some Christmas Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you are able to contribute a small gift towards this please take a leaflet from the back of church which outlines some suggested items : small soft toys; small musical instruments, colouring pencils, gloves, toothbrush and toothpaste ..... There will be a box at the back of church for your gifts. Please speak to Miriam, Maureen or Karen to know more about this.

## Today Oaks Folks

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Please pray for our older children - Sam, Emily, Bryony and Mimi as they go away to the Oakes Centre for their "Discipleship weekend".

## Foundations In Faith Course

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This discipleship course is taught as a rolling programme across the Diocese, in three terms of eight evenings. It offers more than most parishes can

normally provide through Bible study groups, but is less demanding than School of Ministry. Part One of the Course covers; Worship, Using the Bible, Christian Ethics and Church History. It will be running here at St Mary's in the New Year (Tuesday evenings. 17 Jan-20 March 2012. 7.30pm-9.15pm). If you would be interested in attending or finding out more about it please speak to Karen.

## ASSIST Carol Service

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You are warmly invited to the ASSIST carol service on **Saturday 10th December at 3pm**. This year this will be held at Sacred Heart in Hillsborough, 479 Langsett Road, Hillsborough S6 2LN. The church is on the tram route and easily accessible by bus and car.

## Courses For Women At St Marys

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There may be some courses running soon here in the centre on practical skills like tiling, joinery, and fixing to walls. The courses would run for 2.25 hours per week for 5 weeks during the day. Please ring the centre (2230223) and speak to Jo Watts if you have any interest.

## Glory Revolution

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...is a celebration for teenagers put on by the churches of Sheffield. From **6.30pm on 2nd December** at the O2 Academy, Arundel Gate. It will include DJs, give-aways, bands and a really simple gospel message that young people will be given the chance to respond to. A party-like atmosphere, suitable for non-churched teenagers with no worship or 'church'ness. Bring your friends from school. Tickets are £2 in advance or £3 on the door.

Text 'Glory Rev' to 82010 if you're interested, or look on facebook, or ask Steve for the details.

## Next Sunday – Advent Sunday

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People with jobs to do next Sunday: Miriam (Readings); Barbara (Prayers) Giles (drinks); Margaret A & Penny B (Communion Assistants); John & Margaret I (Stewards); Kev, Jess, Veronica, Jeremy (music); Kim, Jo, Rachel, Caroline (children's work).

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