

20th May 2012

Lazy Sunday

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.

Sunday Evening **6.30pm Reflective Prayer Evening**. As part of our celebration of 10 days of prayer we will meet for an hour, for a time of quiet prayer and reflection incorporating some mediations and prayer stations.

Collect For 7th Sunday Of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Steward	Margaret A & Raman
	Leader	Rev Karen Cribb
	Preacher	Rev Sally Ross
	Reader	Veronica
	Bible Readings	Acts 1 :15-17 & 21 - end p.1092; 1 John 5:9-13 p.1228 John 17: 6-19 p.1085
	Prayers	Elaine C
	Drinks	Veronica
	Music	Kev, Veronica

This Week At St Marys

PCC (Church Council)	Monday evening . In St Marys 7.30pm for 7.45pm start.
Parent and Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30am
Praying Together	Wednesday 8pm - an informal time of prayer and fellowship in the café as part of 10 days of prayer.
Deanery Synod	Wednesday 7.30 for 7.45pm start . meeting at St Pauls, Norton Lees
Prayers for St Marys	In the Parish Room on Friday from 9.30am to 10.30am . We will be praying for all who come to this building whether for worship, work, meeting, solitude, learning or recreation. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of prayer. Please

christian aid week **Car Washing**

this morning by the older children of the Light Factory, it is part of their effort for Christian Aid week.

TONIGHT -

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Speak to Karen, Maureen or Julian, leave any written requests for prayers on board near font.

Conversation Club

Friday 10am - 2pm 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.

Advance Notices

Friday 1st June Little Lights 10.30am



Lazy Sunday



A very big thank you to all those who helped to make last week's Lazy Sunday such a fantastic day. Watch this space for information about how much money we were able to raise in support of the worlds poorest.



There are a few more pictures from the day at

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/stmarysbl/>

And see what Kevin, Yo, Steve and friends were

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doing for Christian Aid last Saturday thanks to Reuben's video here:

http://youtu.be/u_Ek9IVwnU4

Ten Days Of Prayer

Please continue to use the prayer guide produced by the Diocese and our own prayer bookmark to focus our prayers at this time, particularly set aside to be open to God, and waiting on him. The following is taken from the Diocesan weekly news : *"Prayer often feels like waiting. We are pregnant with our hopes, dreams, longings for others and for ourselves. Yet in prayer we are not trying to practically solve the problems, not trying to fix the issues, but rather we are choosing place our burdens in the hands of God... and wait. As we pray, let us come to God pregnant with the desire for his Kingdom to come on earth as in heaven. Let us come admitting that we do not have the answers and that some of the problems people in our communities face are humanly unsolvable. We may not comprehend the answers that God gives as the disciples did not comprehend the Holy Spirit they were waiting for, yet we can be assured that as we pray in faith, God is faithful and fills our emptiness with his unending fullness."*

...And Talking Of Pregnancy...

Jess and John are over the moon with their new baby, Emma Catherine who was born at 0850 on Thursday weighing 7lbs.

Next Sunday – Pentecost

NB Sheffield half-marathon will mean that several roads around St Marys are shut for much of the morning – more information here

<http://www.sheffieldmarathon.com/info/route/>

Next Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion for Pentecost Sunday

People with jobs to do: Doreen & Joan (stewards); Kev (music); Veronica (readings); Della (prayers).

10 Days Of Prayer

Ascension Day Thursday 17 – Pentecost Sunday 27th May - 10 days to make time and space to be open to God. This is the third year of this initiative and it is a great opportunity for us to intentionally set aside time in prayer - to be open to what God might be saying to us as a church and as individuals, and to bring to Him in prayer the life and mission of our church, our local community and ourselves.

There will be particular times set aside during these ten days for us to gather together to pray - we will start the ten days with a short communion service in the chapel on Thursday 17th at 9.30am. On Sunday 20th at 6.30pm there will be a service of quiet reflection with prayer stations. On Wednesday 23rd at 8pm there will be a more informal time of prayer in the café and on Friday 25 at 9.30am we will meet to pray specifically for the work of St Mary's.

Please try to set aside time to come to at least one of these opportunities to pray together.

Please also use the prayer guide produced by the diocese - and our own prayer card to focus our prayers on different aspects of our life together - a different topic for each day. This is reprinted here but is also available in bookmark form.

10 days of Prayer - Prayer Diary

Thursday 17th - Being open to God.

Commit yourself to prayer over the next 10 days. Ask God to speak to us, and that we may be open to his grace and the leading of his Holy Spirit.

Friday 18th - Growing more Christ like

That we would bear good fruit. Asking God to show us how we can use our time and gifts and talents in his service - in our homes, local communities, places of work and recreation and at St Mary's.

Saturday 19th - Make and nurture disciples

Praying for those times and places where faith is nurtured at St Mary's. Remembering especially our Sunday services and children's groups, and the Wednesday fellowship group. Pray for all those with responsibilities for leading, preaching and teaching.

Sunday 20th - Transforming Society and God's world.

Praying for the trouble spots around the world. Remembering those who have come to us as refugees and asylum seekers and are now making their home here or still waiting for their futures to be secured. Pray for inspiration in how we can continue to respond as a church, praying especially for our Friday conversation club and the language classes provided by the centre, and what else we might do.

Monday 21st - Regeneration and Renewal in our

local community.

Pray for regeneration and renewal in our parish, and appropriate ways for us as a church to engage and be Church locally. Pray for the church and the Centre as we seek to work together to create a distinctive Christian presence locally. Pray for the other activities of the Centre including the lunch club and proposed work with vulnerable people and building community cohesion.

Tuesday 22nd - Nurture and encourage responsibility and leadership.

Pray that each of us might be effective in ministry as part of Christ's body, the church. Remembering those who volunteer on all our rotas, those who organise the rotas, the PCC, church wardens and vergers, and asking God that we might be aware of and encourage every member ministry at St Mary's.

Wednesday 23rd - Deepen and enrich the faith of our children and young people.

Thanking God for all the children and young people in our church, pray for their parents, for all those who lead the children's groups on Sundays, for the families who come to our Toddler group and Little Lights, for the Rainbows and Brownies who meet at St Marys and for all at Porter Croft School.

Thursday 24th - Carry the torch of the Gospel.

Pray for our plans to employ a part-time children and youth worker and for the opportunities we have to share the gospel with families through events at St Mary's and our links with local schools. Asking that we would be open to new ways of communicating the gospel with all those who live locally or come to St Mary's.

Friday 25th - Training for Godliness

Pray for our worship and prayer life as a church. That we might establish and grow personal and corporate disciplines of prayer that will bring us wisdom and vision for the future. That we might grow in our understanding of what it means for us to truly love one another.

Saturday 26th - Your kingdom come.

Pray for the coming of God's kingdom in our church and parish, for His love and power and healing for broken lives, families and communities. For joy and hope to be hallmarks of St Mary's.

Sunday 27th - Pentecost

Ask that we might all receive a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, so that we might know God afresh and be enabled to live and work to his praise and glory.

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