

10th June 2012

1st Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S  
Newsletter



**Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.**

There are no organised activities for children this week but there are toys and activities for all ages in the Parish Room.

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.

so we plan to continue to hold a reflective evening service once a month. The dates for these will be **June 24th ; July 22nd and August 19th.**

**This Week At St Marys**

<b>Parent and Toddler Group</b>	<b>Wednesday 9.30-11.30am</b>
<b>Conversation Club</b>	<b>Friday 10am - 2pm</b> English Club Conversation Club including simple lunch. Call in any time

**This Morning's Worship**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel		
<b>10.30am Family Service</b>	Steward	Kate & Odette
	Music	Steve, Yo, Bryony

**South West Area Sitting Service - Annual Plant Sale - TODAY**

**Sunday 10th June** at 37 Montgomery Road S7 1LN **1.00-4.00 pm**. The proceeds of the sale are given as a donation to South West Area Sitting Service. Last year this raised over £800 for this fantastic local charity based here at St Mary's. Do go and enjoy and show your support - there are also wonderful cakes and tea and coffee on sale and a bric-a-brac stall.

**Collect For 1st Sunday After Sunday**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

**Reflective Evening Services**

These have been much appreciated and well attended

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**Whose Earth?**

On **Wednesday 13th June**, at the Jubilee Centre, Wilson Road S11 8RN, there will be an event, organised by Tearfund, A Rocha and others, reflecting on the 20 years which have passed since the Rio Earth Summit, to explore how we as Christians can live on God's earth god's way today.



[www.tearfund.org/rio](http://www.tearfund.org/rio) for more details



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## Bishops Letter – Lights To The World

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This month Bishop Steven writes:

I love the moment at the end of a baptism and confirmation service when the candidates are each given a lighted candle. The Bishop says to all of them together: You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

The whole congregation reply:

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The moment captures very powerfully the idea that Christians have received God's light but we are called to be lights in the world.

Christians are called to give light through the whole of our lives in our places of work; in our families and neighbourhoods and as we act together as the Church of Jesus Christ both locally and across the region. I know there are thousands of acts of love and witness every day across the Diocese as individual Christians live out their calling in practical service and in words of love and encouragement and witness. There are hundreds of examples of churches supporting their wider communities in a whole range of ways.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls his disciples to live out our calling as lights to the world and as salt of the earth (Matthew 5.13-15). Salt does its job of preserving and bringing out flavor and of helping good things to grow when it is scattered and spread more than when it is gathered. Christians are called to be distinctive but also involved in our communities.

This autumn we will be thinking carefully about how the Church is called to be Salt and Light in every community across the Diocese. Our Diocesan Development Day on **Saturday 6th October** will take this theme. We will explore this aspect of our discipleship through worship and prayer, with our visiting speakers and in workshops through the day.

Please make sure your parish is represented – or come yourself. You will find lots to help you and your local church make an impact on your wider community. And thank you for all you already do to be a light for Christ where God has called you.

+Steven Sheffield

## Also For Your Diary

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**Sunday 1 July** (after morning service)

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St Mary's Picnic in the park – (Millhouses).  
Details to follow but please put the date in your diary

## The Theodicy Jazz Collective

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"The Theodicy Jazz Collective" will be performing at the Cathedral on **Tuesday 12 June** at 6.30 Evening Prayer, followed by a Jazz Cafe until later. I have to miss it due to being in London on that date but I wanted to put it out to the deanery and parish as it is well worth hearing: high quality musicianship and authentic worship woven together. It will be a great evening.

Here's the link: <http://theodicyjazz.com/> and people can read about them on the back of this week's Church Times - they are here for a new mass commissioned by Canterbury Cathedral.

## News From Global St Marys

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From Ortrud:

"After years of moving around on fixed-term contracts I have finally found a permanent job and am settling down - in Germany, in the lovely town of Bayreuth. I started on 1 May and am already very busy in my new work! I was hoping to come up to Sheffield for a few days while I was still in UK, but unfortunately this turned out to be quite impossible... I spent 2 weeks in Siberia and 1 month in Japan for work just before moving to Germany, so I just didn't have the time for some extra days of travel. I wish I could have said a proper goodbye to you! After all, it was you all who made my time in Sheffield and in England so wonderful and filled it with many happy memories!

Well, there will be times when I come over to the UK to visit and see my good old friends. Yes, England will be one of my favourite holiday destinations! :-)) So I'm sure we will still have the chance to meet in the future. And of course, let me know when you come to Germany, you are welcome to be my guest! Please keep in touch. Take care and very best wishes." Ortrud

## Next Week – 17th June

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### 10.30 Parish Communion:

People with jobs to do: Michael (readings); Kate (prayers); Margaret A & Raman (stewards); Maureen & Barbara (communion assistants); Jon, Yo, Steve; Steve, Yo, Bryony (music)