

15th July 2012

6th 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.

which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,

TODAY - Greenbelt Meeting

After the service this morning, there will be a brief meeting to describe some of the arrangements for those of us hoping to travel to the Greenbelt festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend (there may be a party of 30-40 from St Marys).

Please listen for an announcement about where the meeting will take place.

TONIGHT - Youth Group

Meets tonight **6.30pm - 8pm** In the Cafe

For Your Prayers This Week

Monday - please pray for the Centre Trustees as they meet this evening.

Saturday - Diocesan Synod meets at St Marys. They will consider a paper entitled 'Salt & Light', which is a diocesan strategy in the Church's role in transforming society and God's world. In addition to the Bishop's Presidential Address there will be consideration of the 2011 DBF Annual Report and Accounts and of the Cathedral Gateway Project.

This Week At St Marys

This Morning's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Steward	Margaret A & Raman
	Reader	Louise C
	Bible readings	2 Samuel 6 :1-5 & 12-19; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6 14-29.
	Celebrant and Preacher	Karen
	Communion Assistants	Sally & Jeremy
	Prayers	Giles
	Music	Jon

Collect For 6th Sunday After Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises,

Evening Group	Wednesday 8pm In the Cafe for a shared meal. All welcome.
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

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for this time of prayer. Please 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

No Toddler Group this Wednesday.

Porter Croft School

Porter Croft is our Church school and is located just off Ecclesall Road. A number of our church families have connections with the school, Karen & Julian take fortnightly assemblies, visit classes and other events and are also governors of the school. Children from the school visit St Mary's for a variety of activities including education visits, termly services, singing with lunch club. We are seeking to build all these links with the school. There are currently spaces on the governing body for foundation (church sponsored) governors. If you might be interested in supporting Porter Croft in this way please speak to Karen.

Summer Holiday Activities

Every Tuesday 11.30-2pm. Free children's activities, bouncy castle and cafe

Every Wednesday 11.30 - 2pm. Cafe open with toys available for children.

Please pick up a flyer or see Karen for more information.

St Marys' Ethos Document

The PCC (church council) are considering a draft document called 'St Mary's Ethos' which aims to provide guidance on behalf of the congregation and the PCC to the Trustees of the Centre to guide the decisions they make. The PCC would be very pleased to hear from any church member who would like to see the document and contribute to its development.

Help Required - Newsletter Editor

Could you help to produce this weekly newsletter from time to time (mostly to fill in when he's unavailable). All that's required is access to a computer, competence with word processing, and enthusiasm to communicate with the congregation. No need for any other IT skills. Please contact Steve if you think you might be interested. Thanks.

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General Synod

A message from +Steven:

Many thanks to everyone who has prayed for the General Synod over the last five days and for your messages of support to myself and to other representatives of the Diocese. We were very grateful indeed for your prayers.

The Synod did a great deal of useful business alongside the major debates yesterday. The conversations about women and the episcopate ran through the weekend in formal meetings and many informal conversations. The debate yesterday about whether to adjourn the final approval debate on the Measure was courteous and even tempered. As you will know, Synod agreed to the adjournment requested by the Steering Committee and asked the House of Bishops to reconsider the amendment made to clause 5.1.c of the Measure. That seemed to me to be the right decision at this point.

The audio feed of the debate is on the Church of England website. I would strongly recommend listening carefully to Archbishop Rowan's speech in the debate and also to his sermon in York Minister on Sunday morning (see above link).

I will be writing to the clergy of the Diocese with a fuller perspective on the Synod in the next few days and also setting out the timetable of future meetings. But in the meantime warm thanks to the Diocese for your prayers and to Canon Elizabeth Paver, Dr Jackie Butcher, Miss Jane Patterson, Canon Simon Bessant, Canon Geoffrey Harbord, Father Jeffrey Stokoe and the Dean (representing Northern Deans) for the part they have all played representing the range of views within the Diocese over the last few days and working constructively together for a way forward.

+Steven Sheffield

Next Sunday - 22nd July

10.30 Parish Communion:

People with jobs to do: Sally (preach); Karen (celebrant) ; Elaine C (readings); Elaine C (prayers); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Caroline & Margaret A (communion assistants); Kevin, Jeremy, Steve (music); Dolly (drinks)

6.30pm Reflective Evening Prayer