

16th December 2012

3rd Sunday In Advent

**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.

This Afternoon – Carols By Candlelight

4pm All welcome

Collect For The 3rd Sunday In Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.



This Morning's Worship



10.30am Parish Communion	Steward	Margaret A & Raman
	Bible Readings	Zeph 3:14-end; Phil 4 : 4-7 (Luke 3 : 7-18)
	Readings	Margaret I
	Prayers	Steve
	Light Factory	Tom, George, Rachel, Clare
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Music	Yo, Steve

The response to be used during this morning's prayers:

Rejoice in the Lord always

Sing aloud to God.

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Advent And Christmas Diary

December

Wednesday 19th	Carols on the streets 7.00pm
Saturday 22nd	Lansdowne United Carols 10.30am Crib Service at St Marys 10.30am
Monday 24th	Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day Family Communion 10.30am

Carols On The Streets

The congregation will be Carol Singing in the streets around St Marys on Wednesday evening, meeting at St Marys at 7pm. Refreshments afterwards have been promised, and musical accompaniment will be provided by some of the Sharrow Christmas Minstrels. Please come along and bring friends.



Lansdowne Carols

We will be joining with friends from neighbouring churches, and the Sharrow Christmas Minstrels to sing some carols around the Lansdowne Estate on the morning of **Saturday 22nd**. Meet at Lansdowne Chapel on Cemetery Road at **10.30am**, and there will be hot drinks and mince pies available afterwards. All very welcome.

More Good Things On Twitter

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams (@lambethpalace), the Archbishop of

York, Dr John Sentamu (@johnsentamu) and Archbishop Designate Justin Welby (@bishopofdurham) will have their Christmas Day sermons tweeted for the first time ever this year. They will be joined by congregations and clergy from across the Church of England (@c_of_e) in a Christmas Tweet campaign on #ChristmasStartsWithChrist.

"It is fantastic to see the Church of England embracing Twitter and using it to share their Christmas message with new audiences." The hashtag #ChristmasStartsWithChrist goes live on Christmas Eve. Tweets can be expected from carol, crib and midnight services, before carrying on into Christmas morning services at which stage the highlights of the sermons at Canterbury Cathedral, York Minster and Durham Cathedral will join the torrent of tweets.



The website <http://www.christmasnearyou.com/> is holding a Big Poster Vote to find out which Christmas advertising campaign had the most impact. Do you remember the others from recent years? Go and cast your vote online.

Next Sunday – 23rd December

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do: Keith H (readings); James / Clare (prayers); Della (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Kevin, Veronica, Steve (music); Jo, Tom, Kim, Odette (Light Factory)



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