

6th January 2013

The Epiphany

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



This Morning's Worship

Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane for our Epiphany worship

Unusually, we are gathering in the main hall while the floor of our worship space is resurfaced. In the pre war building, this area was towards the back of the nave but you can still see the sanctuary cross and lower part of our stained glass window at the east end of the church. Next week we will be back in our usual space.

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.

10.30am Parish Communion	Steward	John & Margaret I
	Bible Readings	Isaiah 60.1-6; (p746) Ephesians 3.1-12; (p1174) Matthew 2.1-12. (p966)
	Readings	Margaret I
	Prayers	Della
	Drinks	Veronica
	Music	Kevin, Veronica, Jon

TONIGHT: Youth Group

Meet at church at 6.30pm. Talk to Claire for details.

Messy Church: Resources

We are looking to build up our resource cupboard with items of general use - such as cardboard, glue, scissors, 'Pritt' stick, paper etc...This is a post Christmas plea - if anyone has any extra or unwanted gifts/ objects hidden away in cupboards which you believe may be of use to Messy Church please can you bring them in and give them to Karen or Claire for The Messy Church cupboard. This is another way of supporting Messy Church and is much appreciated!

PCC Members – Please Note:

Saturday 19th Jan 9.30 - 12.30: PCC Quiet Morning at the cathedral and after at The Blue Moon Cafe for lunch.

Collect For The Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:



guide and sustain us,
that we may find our
journey's end

in Jesus Christ
our Lord.



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Please be there if you can. 2013 has exciting potential for mission and ministry as the re-imagining process gathers pace.

Sat 26 Jan 9.30 - 12.30: Diocesan Mission / Finance Conference at St Thomas Philadelphia, Gilpin Street, Sheffield, S6 3BL

We will be represented at this by Margaret, Andy and Julian, but we can take more if you would like to attend.

German Exchange

A friend of St Marys, Derek Ames, has asked whether any family at church would be interested in hosting a German teenager over the summer. A boy and a girl have already visited Sheffield and are keen to come and improve their English (they need separate hosts). Ideally this would suit a family with a young person who would like a return visit to Germany, but there are other possibilities. Please talk to Steve if you have any interest, or ring Derek on 0114 236 7108.

Putting Epiphany On The Map

The Bishop of Doncaster, Peter Burrows, believes that the Feast of the Epiphany, which the Western Church celebrates this weekend (6 January), teaches Christians a great deal about outreach.

In a video interview published today on the Diocesan website (www.sheffield.anglican.org)

Bishop Burrows says: "This is an important time in the Church's year. Lots of people roll Epiphany into the Christmas period but actually Epiphany is important in its own right. And it's not just as a one-off festival. It's a whole season in the Church's year because the word Epiphany means revelation."

Epiphany is an ancient Christian feast day, traditionally celebrated on 6 January, and is significant in a number of ways. In the East, where it originated, the Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River



Jordan. It also celebrates Jesus' birth.

Whereas the Western Church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11 they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holidays/epiphany.shtml)

Bishop Burrows adds: "It [Epiphany] is a reminder that God made himself known to the gentiles, in the three kings, not those who were the people of Israel. It was a sign that Jesus was making himself known to everybody. The gifts that the wise men took were the gifts that they could offer and it's a reminder to us to take the best of our gifts to Jesus Christ."

"The very particular gift that Jesus has given us is that gift of revelation and it's the time of the year when we are reminded that we are constantly to reveal God to the rest of the world, to tell the good news of Jesus Christ, so that the lives of individuals and our society is changed and transformed."

Julian On Radio Sheffield

Did you hear Julian on Toby Foster's programme on Friday morning? He was talking about real life around Sharrow, and the positive contribution made by St Marys', in the context of some violent crimes around London Road. You can 'Listen Again' from the following link (use the online version of the newsletter if you want to use the link, to save typing).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/player/p012bb79>

Next Sunday – 13th January

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am All Age Service

People with jobs to do: Kate & Odette (stewards); Yo, Teresa, Steve (music).

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