

27th January 2013

4th Sunday Of Epiphany

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane

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 Morning's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Leader	Giles Morrison
	Preacher	Maureen Food
	Celebrant	Revd Julian Sullivan
	Readings	Veronica
	Prayers	Kate
	Drinks	Margaret I
	Music	Kevin, Veronica, Jon, Rob

Collect For 4th Sunday Of Epiphany

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life

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in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week

Tuesday - Thursday	St Mary's Cafe open 11.30 - 1.30.
Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 Toddler Group
Wednesday	8-9.30pm Life and Faith Group meet in the Cafe.
Friday	10.30 - 12 English Conversation Group in the Cafe. Please speak to Maureen or Miriam for more information.
Friday	Little Lights 10.30 A special time in Church for all children under five. With singing, Bible stories, simple crafts, and play.

From The Treasurer

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions over the last year towards the work and running of St Mary's church. We have managed to achieve a small surplus of about £2,500. Of the money spent about 57% was on the mission of the Church locally, in the diocese and abroad. It is a magnificent achievement especially in the present financial climate. Thank you all very much.

Margaret Ibbetson

Messy Church Planning

Messy Church Planning Meeting: **Friday 1st Feb, 4pm-4.30pm.** Meeting in the cafe at St. Mary's Church

A short time of bible study and planning for the next Messy Church. This is an open invite to those who have been involved in the past but also those who now wish to be involved, all are

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welcome. Cake and refreshments will be provided.

Highfield Adventure Playground

Revd Philip Borkett (Minister at Highfield Church) writes:

"It would be good if Christians in Sharrow/Highfield could support this cause as an expression of solidarity with those who are likely to be severely affected by this and other cuts. 'He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...' Luke 4: 18 - RCL for Sunday!"

SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (a group of local people supporting the survival of the playground in the face of proposed closure due to council cuts). They just found out that Activity Sheffield are proposing to withdraw staff from the playground and take down much of the play equipment.

The value of the staffed adventure playground is immense, in terms of community, crime prevention and health. Please support us in our campaign.

We need as many people in Sheffield to sign the petition against these and any cuts to services in Sheffield that support the most vulnerable - our children. Our deadline date for getting well over 500 signatures is February the 12th 2013, the day before the next cabinet meeting.

The e-petition link 'Save Highfields Adventure Playground' is:-

<https://sheffield.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=96>

Thanks very much,
Lucinda Wakefield (Friends of Adventures)

Youth Alive Event

Wednesday, 13th February 6.30pm at Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield City Centre

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Claire is happy to take any Youth to this Alive event in February and plans to meet the youth group in town outside the Victoria Hall at 6.45pm. If anyone is interested just give Claire a text or e-mail: c.a.wood@sheffield.ac.uk for more information.

Student Meetup

Saturday 2nd February, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Showroom Cafe, 15, Paternoster Row, S1 2BX. We will grab some drinks and snacks to eat, then do a short bible study/discussion and spend some time getting to know each other! If you are student 16+ it would be lovely to see you here. If you want please text Claire for more details: 07530326599

Porter Croft School

Please pray for our local church school in its consultation meetings this week with staff and parents regarding academy status.

The school website now includes an interesting blog <http://www.portercroft.sheffield.sch.uk/>

Sheffield Urban Network

Julian writes: Sheffield Urban Network meets at **7.30pm** on **Monday 4th February** for those involved in urban mission and ministry. Bishop Peter Burrows will talk about his experience in city ministry and lead a discussion on church engagement in city life. I am keen to encourage lay participation so let me know if you'd like to be there.

Next Sunday – 3rd February

10.30am Parish Eucharist

People with jobs to do: Chris R (readings); Maureen F (prayers); Elaine & David (drinks); John & Margaret I (stewards);

6.30pm Youth Group meet in Cafe



Rules on who can be a bishop seem to have been relaxed by the Curates during their conference at Whirlow this week.



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