

23rd June 2013

Fourth Sunday After Trinity

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 Week At St Marys

Tuesday & Wednesday 11.30 – 1.30pm Centre community Café open

Wednesday Toddler group 9.30 - 11.30 - open to all pre-school children and their carers. Speak to Miriam or Maureen for more information.

Wednesday 4pm Families & Community choir see Yo or Claire for more about this.

Wednesday evening Life and Faith group 8pm meeting in the café. Exploring aspects of Prayer. All welcome. More information from Maureen.

Thursday 12-2pm Older People's Lunch Club

Thursday 6.30pm Community Youth Group - please see Claire for more information

Youth Sleepover In The Dance Studio

17th August. One for the diary really amidst summer holiday plans. There is a planned film night and then sleepover in the Dance Studio for those who are 11+. This is an advanced notice so we can get an idea of numbers, so please indicate if you are interested. The first week of August permission slips will be being sent out to parents. Please let Claire or Karen know if you/you think your young person will be interested. Thanks

St Marys Summer Picnic

Come and join us on **7th July** at Millhouses Park , straight after the service for our annual parish "Bring and share picnic , games , conversation and ice creams "

Lifts available from church , please see Andy or Karen for more details

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Eucharist and Baptism	Celebrant	Revd Karen Cribb
	Preacher	Maureen Food
	Reader	Maureen
	Prayers	Elaine C
	Drinks	Barbara
	Communion Assistants	Michael & Miriam
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Music	Steve, Jon

Collect For 4th Sunday After Trinity

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Andys Peaking

This week Andy Cribb with two other friends, both called Andy, has been cycling (500miles) between and walking up the three highest peaks in England Scotland and Wales - Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis all within 7 days, for Christian Aid.



<http://www.justgiving.com/Andy-Cribb>

Light Factory Help

Would anyone be interested or willing to be available occasionally to sit in on one of the childrens' groups on a Sunday morning if numbers of kids are high and/or we just need another adult? no leading required!

Bishop's Letter

This month Bishop Steven writes:

A powerful and helpful prayer

Every once in a while I come across a prayer which helps me pray. I normally stay with it for a while, trying to use it every day. Sometimes I paste it into the prayers I say each week.

A few months ago, I came across a prayer of St. Augustine in a copy of a sermon someone handed me to read. It spoke to me very powerfully. I don't remember seeing the prayer before. I think it deserves to be better known.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was a Bishop in North Africa. The prayer is a beautiful prayer of dedication to God. I think I would rank it alongside the Methodist Covenant Prayer for the power of the

words and the honest dedication to God's cause. Perhaps Augustine's prayer influenced John Wesley.

The English translation I was given didn't really flow so this is my attempt at a revision:

*Jesus, Master,
May I know myself and know you.
May I desire nothing if not you.
May I forget myself and love you.
May I do everything because of you.
May I humble myself and exalt you.
May I think of nothing if not you.
May I die to myself and live in you.
Whatever happens may I accept from you.
May I renounce myself and follow you
and always long to follow you.
May I flee myself and fly to you.
May I be worthy to be defended by you.
May I fear myself and fear you,
that I may be among those chosen by you.
May I mistrust myself and trust you.
May I be willing to obey because of you.
May I cling to nothing if not to you
And may I be poor because of you.
Look upon me that I may love you,
Call me that I may see you
And in eternity may I delight in you.
Amen.*

The prayer is full of Christ: every line ends in "you". It is also very self aware. As you read it, think about which lines help and challenge you. Several of the lines have already challenged me deeply. Several have made me think. The final three lines are especially beautiful and worth learning as a short prayer in their own right.

If you like the prayer, cut it out and keep it for the future. Like all good prayers, this one is a call to holiness. It's a prayer for quiet days and retreats, for moments of special dedication or seasons of pondering the way forward.

+Steven

Next Sunday – 30th June

10.30am Parish Eucharist

People with jobs to do: Sally (lead/celebrate); Julian (preach); Louise/Jem (read); Steve (prayers); Della (drinks); Michael & Chester (stewards); Christine & George (communion assistants); Rachel, Veronica, Steve (music)

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