

15th December 2013

3rd Sunday in Advent

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.

Today's Worship

We welcome the Bishop of Doncaster the Rt. Revd. Peter Burrows and his chaplain Revd. Mike Reeder to our service this morning - the licensing of Karen as Associate Vicar of St Mary's, marking the end of her curacy and training and the beginning of a new phase of ministry.

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	George R
	Communion Assistants	Margaret A & Caroline
	Stewards	Margaret A & Raman
	Music	Steve, Jon, Veronica

Collect For 3rd Sunday Of 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.

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TONIGHT – Youth Group Party

Bring food to share, games and a film. See Claire for details.

Also today a number of our 8-11 yr olds are enjoying a weekend away at The Oakes Christian Holiday Centre Discipleship camp. We look forward to hearing about it from them (and the teens who went a fortnight ago) in the new year.

On Twitter This Week



Giles Morrison

@giles_morrison

St. Mary's Minstrels singing carols with gusto.

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This Week At St Marys

Centre community Café is now closed until the New Year

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am Toddler Group Christmas Party - please see Miriam for more information.

Wednesday 7pm Meet at St Mary's before going Carol singing on the streets around St Mary's, and returning for a hot drink and mince pies. All



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welcome to come and sing the good news of Christmas around our parish.

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 18th 7pm	Carol singing round the streets of the parish.
Thursday 19th 10am	Porter Croft Academy Christmas Service
Friday 20th 4-6pm	Messy Church Christmas Celebration.
Saturday 21st 10.30am	Children's Nativity Service (come dressed as a nativity character and retell the story with music and activities)
Saturday 21st 10.30am	Carol singing with Sharrow churches on Lansdowne estate. Meet at Lansdown Chapel, Cemetery Road.
Sunday 22nd 4pm	St Marys Carol Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 10.30am	All Age Celebration

This gorgeous picture of St Marys by @nellynaylor



The Bishop's Letter, December 2013

This month Bishop Steven writes:

A year ago, more or less, I had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks in Rome as the Anglican representative at a great gathering of Roman Catholic cardinals and bishops from around the world. Every person there had the opportunity to speak for just five minutes giving his perspective on the Church in his own country. Along with everyone else, I had to listen to over 300 carefully prepared five minute speeches, called interventions, twelve an hour for five hours a day.

There were no questions or discussion and they were strictly timed. The microphones were turned off after your allotted time.

The most striking and impressive of the speeches was by Archbishop Luis Tagle of Manila in the Philippines. Archbishop Tagle was made a new Cardinal during the Synod, much to his surprise. We were in the same small group during the Synod and shared a number of conversations. As you would imagine, he has been much in my thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks because of Typhoon Haiyan.

Archbishop Tagle began his intervention by saying that the Church must listen again to the voice of the young. He said that the Church needed to learn and to practice three words in particular over the coming years. The first of those words is humility, the second is respect for the views of others in a world of difference, the third is silence before the pain and suffering of the world: the silence of compassion, the silence of love. Humility, respect and silence.

His call to relearn those three words have echoed in my mind over the last year and have come back to me with a new force following the devastation in the Philippines in November as I have prayed for the Cardinal Tagle and for his people and for all those who are struggling to help the survivors. I hope and pray that everyone who reads these words will do what they can to help in this moment of great tragedy for the Philippines and to support the work of rebuilding which will continue for many years.

But as we give what support we can, let's hear this Advent the words of the Cardinal Archbishop of Manila. At Christmas we will remember that God comes to us as a human child with humility, in respect and in silence. The Church all over the world needs to learn again every year these three words: humility, respect and silence.

How might we learn those qualities in our own church today?

+Steven

Next Sunday – 15th December

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead); Julian (celebrate); Paul U. (read); Della (prayers); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Jon, Yo, Steve, boys (music)

4pm Carol Service

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