

St Mary's Church Newsletter: Sunday 2nd March 2014.

Welcome to church today!

Refreshments including tea and coffee are served 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 other end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

Today's Worship: 10.30 Holy Communion

Leader: Revd. Julian Sullivan. Preacher: Revd. Karen Cribb. Reader: Michael E. Intercessor: Della S. Drinks: Steve T-L. Stewards: John and Margaret I. Communion Assistants: Della and Andy. Musicians: Jess, Veronica, Jon.

Readings: Exodus 24:12-end, 2 Peter 1:16-end, Matthew 17:1-9.

Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week at St Marys

Monday 3rd March 12.30pm. Women exploring Faith group, meet in the Parish room. For more details see Karen.

Tuesday and Wednesday 11.30 – 1.30pm. Community Café open for tasty excellent value meals and cakes. Tuesday 4th March: Homegroup. See Karen for details.

Wednesday 5th March 9.30 – 11.30am. Toddler Group, see Miriam for more information.

Wednesday 5th March, 7.30 pm. To mark the beginning of Lent, our Ash Wednesday Communion with ashes will be held in the chancel at 7.30pm. This thoughtful and reflective service is a good preparation for making the most of our journey leading to Holy Week and Easter.

Friday 7th 10.30. Little Lights. A time for bible stories, singing, craft, snacks and chat for pre-schoolers and their adults.

St Mary's Yearbook 2014: deadline for contributions this Wed 5th March

Contributions are invited for the St Mary's 2014 Yearbook. Annual Parish Council Meeting is **Sunday 16 March**. Deadline is **Wed 5th March** for collation and printing for availability on **Sunday 9th March**.

This Newsletter

We have been having some gremlin problems with the template used for the weekly newsletter, which has (in part) been responsible for the somewhat erratic newsletter service the last few weeks. We are working on a new template, but in the meantime please accept this as more of a 'bare bones' newsletter. Hopefully elegance will be restored shortly! Thanks, Steve and Clare, newsletter team.

From Parish Share to Common Fund

Margaret writes:

There is a meeting here at St Mary's on **Monday 10th March 7.30pm** for church members from Sheffield to hear more about next year's parish share/common fund. All are welcome.

Until now the diocese has informed us how much we as a Church community should contribute to the diocesan funds to support work throughout the diocese. This year we have been asked for £21461.

The system is about to change and it will be called the 'Common Fund'. This is to make clear that we are all working together as a diocese to further God's work across the whole diocese, supporting each other.

In the next few months we will be asked to suggest a figure that we as a parish can contribute for 2015. We will be given guidelines and other relevant information on which to base our offer, which will have to be made around June or July this year. The meeting on 10th March is to tell us more about the 'CommonFund'.

If you can't make that meeting there is an alternative one on 11th March at 7.30pm at Owlerton St John the Baptist, S6 2FU.

Next week: Sunday 9th March

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP).

10.30 All Age Service.

Leader / Preacher: Revd. Karen Cribb and Claire Wood. Reader & Intercessor: Light Factory. Drinks: Della. Stewards: Kate and Odette. Musicians: Reuben, Nathaniel, Steve, Tom, Rosie.

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