



St Mary's Church Newsletter

28th September 2014

15th after Trinity

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

This morning we welcome Paul Blomfield Mp to our service this morning and look forward to hearing from him about his role in public life, and sharing together some of the issues that concern us. We also welcome students who are joining us for the first time (and those who have reappeared for the start of term!)

Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy before the service.

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 EUCHARIST

Leading.....	Revd Julian Sullivan
Preaching.....	Revd Julian Sullivan
Reading.....	Sam D.
Bible Readings.....	Micah 6: 6-8 p.934
.....	Philippians 4:4-9, p.1181
.....	Luke 10: 25-end, p.1042
Prayers.....	Steve T-L
Drinks.....	Sam
Stewards.....	Doreen and Joan
Communion Assist....	Della and Andy
Music.....	Steve

COLLECT

*Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

STUDENT WELCOME LUNCH TODAY

Our welcome lunch is after church, hosted by Chris and George Rees. All students - new and established are welcome. Please ask for more information.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

St Mary's Café open 11-2pm.

Monday

St Mary's board meeting.

Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Toddlers Group. Please see Miriam for more information.

4-5pm St Marys Family Choir. Come at 3.30 for a drink. Yo for details

8pm Life and Faith group in the café. See Julian for more information.

Friday

10.30am - 12.00. Little Lights. A time in church for pre-schoolers and their grown-ups, singing, bible story, craft, snacks and chat.

Saturday

Diocesan Development Day. A Festival of Prayer with numerous workshops and keynote speaker Rowan Williams. Today is your last chance to sign up if you would like to attend.

Stone Soup event at St Marys (see below)

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival followed by a shared lunch.

4.30pm FIX, **6pm** Youth Group

Sunday 5th October 2.30-4pm. Forest Church will be happening in the churchyard again (please note new date, previously scheduled for 28th Sept). Bring an apple each if you can (not obligatory) to bake on the fire, and come ready for rain! Details from Heather Waller.

HARVEST GIFTS

As last year we will be supporting Chocolate Box - a Church Army sponsored project that works with vulnerable women across the city and which Kim is also involved in. They would particularly value beans; tinned meat and fish; pasta; pasta sauce; toilet rolls; longlife milk; coffee; hot chocolate; biscuits; custard.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Jon and Jo Buck on the safe arrival of their son on Tuesday. Weighing in at 7lbs 4 oz ("That's 3.28kg if you use the correct SI units": Jon).

STONE SOUP

Stone Soup is a celebration of the talent, effort, time, passion and energy that people bring to the Timebuilders project each year. Saturday 4th October 3-7pm mini festival with food, live music, craft, workshops and kids activities. Entry fee: a tin of food or 1 Timecredit.

OUTCRY 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The worship band OUTCRY are hosting a special 10th Anniversary event at Bents Green Methodist Church 6.00pm on Sat 11th Oct. The band along with many special guests will give thanks to God for 10 years of leading worship in numerous churches and other venues across Sheffield and other cities. The celebration will include praise & worship, psalm drummers and a buffet. Free entry.

GIFT DAY - OCTOBER 19TH.

Our Treasurer, Margaret Ibbetson, writes:

I would like to thank you all for your contributions to the work and upkeep of St Mary's. I know that a number of people have been able to increase their giving this year and it is much appreciated.

Our main income comes from the contributions of those who attend Church and

other supporters. We also receive some money in interest and fees for weddings and funerals but this is very unpredictable.

At the end of August our overall income was slightly less than at the same stage last year and we had a £4700 deficit in our unrestricted/general fund. Fortunately we should be able to make most of that up from the income tax I will reclaim from Gift Aid.

However from September to December we have monthly outgoings of £3080 and will have further expenses of at least £2000. We usually receive about £1600 a month from covenants. This means we will need a further £7840 extra income to break even. The average collections for the last three months have been £460 per month and we received £250 in interest payments. I expect to receive about £500 interest in the rest of the year. At that rate our expected income is £2340 meaning that an additional income of £5500 is required.

Please consider prayerfully if you can give a little extra on October 19th to help to bridge the gap. Every little helps and that being the case if you pay income tax and you can gift aid your contribution on this occasion or indeed all contributions in the future please come and talk to me about it. I can reclaim 20p from the government on every £1.00 you give to us.

Thank you very much for your help.

NEXT SUNDAY - 5TH OCTOBER

10.30am Harvest Festival Service

Please come bringing gifts for Chocolate Box (see above) and please stay afterwards to share in our church Harvest Lunch (no charge).

People with jobs to do: Julian (celebrate and preach) Margaret I. (read); Elaine C. (prayers); Chester and Joan (drinks); John and Margaret I. (stewards); Elaine C and Kevin (Communion Assist); Yo, Veronica (music).

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