



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

12th October 2014

17th after Trinity

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

*We welcome the friends and family of Jonas, who is being baptised here today. 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 ALL AGE WORSHIP

Leading.....Revd Julian Sullivan  
Preaching..... Revd Julian Sullivan  
Reading..... Light Factory  
Prayers..... Light Factory  
Drinks..... Steve  
Steward..... Kate and Odette  
Music.....Kevin, Jess, Tom, Sam.

## COLLECT

*Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

St Mary's Café open 11-2pm.

### 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

**4-6pm.** Messy Church. Our theme is Harvest, so please bring a pudding to share if you can. If you require more information please see Georgia or Chris. All are welcome.

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Monday 20th October, 7.30pm.** PCC meet.

**Tuesday 21st October.** Meeting of Sheffield Diocese Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) to held at St Mary's Church. **6.30pm** refreshments for **7pm** start. Please see Miriam for more info.

## HARVEST GIFTS

All the food and gifts were passed on to Chocolate Box this week. Your gifts will enable us to cook together providing a sense of family and often the only meal that many of the people at Chocolate Box will have. Its great to have the toiletries and clothes to make the house a home. On behalf of everyone at Chocolate Box a huge thank you.

## 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.

## — CAST — exhibition of the arts



## Rhythms of Identity

October 2014  
Thursday 9th - 7pm-9pm  
Friday 10th - 12pm-4pm  
Saturday 11th - 12pm-4pm  
Sunday 12th - 11am-2pm

St Mary's Community Centre,  
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## THE BIBLE IN 'OFF THE SHELF'

The Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies (SIIBS) has two events at the Off the Shelf literary festival this month:

### Bad Times for the Good Book?

**Monday 13 October, 6.30pm**, Sheffield Central Library, Free Entry. Places are limited and must be booked; call 0114 273 4727 or email [centrallending.library@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:centrallending.library@sheffield.gov.uk)

The Bible is the world's bestselling book. Its cultural influence is undeniable, yet while major public figures regularly lament a perceived decline in biblical knowledge, popular culture from fashion to hip hop is saturated with biblical themes, stories and imagery. Is biblical literacy really in decline? And, if it is, should we care? The Director of SIIBS, Dr Katie Edwards, and BBC Radio 4 Thought for the Day presenter Rev Dr Rob Marshall debate the issue.

### Harnessing Chaos (Part of the Ideas Alive Lecture Series)

**Thursday 23 October, 5.45pm**, The Showroom Bar & Cafe. Free entry. No booking required.

Prof. James Crossley discusses his latest book *Harnessing Chaos: The Bible in English Political Discourse Since 1968*, offering a look at what people think the bible 'really means' in English politics and culture since the 1960s.

For further details see [www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/visit/off-the-shelf](http://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/visit/off-the-shelf)

## NEXT SUNDAY - 19TH OCTOBER

### 10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Lead: Julian, Preach: Karen, Reading: Veronica, Prayers: Sam E., Drinks: Della, Stewards: Margaret A and Raman, Communion Assist: Kate and Michael, Music: Steve.

### 4.30pm FIX for young people in Y5 and Y6.

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