



St Mary's Church Newsletter

23rd November 2014

Christ the King

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome to leave their children or stay with them. Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy. 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.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant..... Revd Karen Cribb
Preacher..... Revd Julian Sullivan
Reader..... Keith H
Intercessor..... David F
Communion..... Andy and Elaine C
Steward..... Doreen & Joan
Music..... Steve, Sam E, Jess
Drinks..... Sam

COLLECT

*God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thurs

St Mary's Café open 11-2pm.

WEDNESDAY

8pm Life and Faith group

ADVANCE DATES

Friday 5th December 10.30am, Little Lights. A time of worship for pre-school kids and their grown-ups. Singing, stories, crafts, snacks, chat.

LIFE AND FAITH GROUP

Up to Christmas Wednesday Evening Life & Faith will be following The Pilgrim Way - a course for the Christian Journey. We meet on Wednesdays at 8.00pm each week in St Mary's Cafe.

Pilgrim is an innovative and inspiring programme for enquirers, new Christians and those more experienced in following Christ. It approaches the great issues of faith through participation in discussion and reflection in the company of a small group of fellow travellers.

"The Pilgrim Course is a journey to the heart of God and to a living, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, within the family of his church." Archbishops Justin & John.

These sessions explore the questions people are asked when they become a follower of Christ at baptism, the beginning of the journey. They are directed to the heart and mind as we explore and affirm what it means to be a Christian.

Wed 26th November. Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ?

ADVENT TEA

You are warmly invited to the Advent tea at the vicarage on **Sunday 30th November**, drop in from 4pm. Any contributions of food welcome but not essential. Carols may be sung. All Welcome. Julian and Veronica.

THE OAKES

There are Discipleship weekends coming up for young people at The Oakes. 28th - 30th November (11-15yrs), 5-7th December (14 - 18 yrs), and 12 - 14th December (8 - 12 years). The weekends cost £74 per person, though please let us know if that cost would be a problem. See Penny Bickley for more details and booking forms.

CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

Dust off your musical instruments and join us to learn Christmas Carols together and play at a few local events. Two more rehearsals will be here in St Mary's 7.30-9pm Wed 3rd December and Thursday 11th December. See Steve T-L.

LIVING NATIVITY

Sunday 23rd November. Bring the real Christmas story to the annual city centre Christmas Lights switch on celebration. Dress as your chosen nativity character, together with others from Sharrow Churches, the plan is the same as usual: two sessions 1pm to 3pm, and 3pm to 5pm. The first group will meet at St Mary's at 12.30 to get the costumes on and the second group should be at St Mary's by 3pm. If you would like to know more or volunteer to take part please speak to Karen.

HARC APPEAL

HARC (Homeless and Rootless at Christmas) are running an appeal for clothing and shoes suitable for young men to distribute at their Christmas project at the Archer Project behind the cathedral.

They are also looking for general and kitchen volunteers as well as entertainment - music, bingo, quizzes etc. - for the guests.

Please contact Angela Martin for more details: angelaemartin@hotmail.com.

WHIRLOW SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

There will be an Advent Quiet Day on **Saturday 29th November**, 9.45-3.45. At St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane. £13. For more info see <http://www.whirlowgrange.co.uk/spirituality> or phone 0114 235 3704.

Also an advance notice that an event to mark the leaving of Revd Philip Roderick is planned for **Saturday 7th February 2015**.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Vivacity choir (including church member David Francis) are performing a Christmas Concert on **Saturday 6th December, 6.30pm**, at All Saints Parish Church, Ringinglow Road, S11 7PQ. Tickets £6 adv., door £7.50, u16s free. Raising money for 'Sooper Troopers'. Book online: www.vivacitychoir.com or phone 0114 2475024.

NEXT SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Julian (lead, celebrate); Jeremy C (preach); Sam E (read); George R (intercessor); Chester and Joan (drinks); Michael and Chester (stewards); Kevin and Barbara (communion assistants); Kevin, Rachel, Yo (music)

4pm onward. Advent tea at the Vicarage.

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