



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

30th November 2014

Advent Sunday

## 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 Julian Sullivan  
Preacher..... Revd Jeremy Clines  
Reader..... Sam E  
Intercessor..... George R  
Communion..... Kevin & Barbara  
Steward..... Michael & Chester  
Music..... Kevin, Rachel, Yo  
Drinks..... Chester & Joan

## COLLECT

*Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

## ADVENT TEA

You are warmly invited to our Advent tea at the vicarage today from 4.00pm. Any contributions of food welcome but not essential. Carols may be sung, all are welcome - Julian & Veronica.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

St Mary's Café open 11-2pm.

**Wednesday**

7.30pm Minstrels Practice

8pm Life and Faith group

## LITTLE LIGHTS

This **Friday at 10.30am** - A time of worship for pre-school kids and their grown-ups. Singing, stories, crafts, snacks, chat.

## ADVENT TEA

You are warmly invited to the Advent tea this afternoon at the Vicarage, drop in from 4pm. Any contributions of food welcome but not essential. Carols may be sung. All Welcome. Julian and Veronica.

## LIFE AND FAITH GROUP

"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. It is led by different people each week."

"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.

**Wednesday 3rd December at 8pm:** Iona Eucharist with prayer for healing

**Wednesday 10th December:** "Do you repent of your sins? led by Giles Morrison

Wednesday 17th December: Carols around the streets and carol party with mince pies and mulled wine hosted by local residents at Duchess Road Community Centre.

## PORTER CROFT NEWS

Congratulations to Porter Croft Academy who have recently received an Investors in People Award and were graded "Outstanding" at their recent statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Both these mark the significant achievements of the whole staff team at Porter Croft and the Head Teacher in particular. The most recent newsletter from Porter Croft can be found at the back of church or via their website or on Twitter @portercroft

## NEXT MESSY CHURCH

Friday 12th December 4-6pm

## TIMEBUILDERS NEWS

TimeBuilders Project is proving to be very successful - there are

now over 500 members on our database and each week with members involved in over 260 hours of voluntary activity every month.

The challenge is to grow the project in and around the local area and in other parts of the city. In order to do this funding has been secured to employ four new members of staff : James Starkey will be taking over from Bethan who is leaving us at the end of December. Lisa Spink, Christine Batchford and Zafarine Iqbal will also be joining the team in part time capacities.

NB Graham Duncan the Centre Chief Exec. will be speaking at our service next Sunday - one of our regular opportunities to hear from him about the midweek activities of the Centre in the context of our Sunday worship.



## 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 Wednesday 3rd December and Thursday 11th December. See Steve T-L.

## NON-MUSICIAN HELP NEEDED

On Fargate on Saturday 6th December, our Sharrow Christmas Minstrels will be playing and singing carols with other churches to raise money for Christian Aid from 12.30-1.30. If you'd like to help but don't fancy the playing or singing, they could do with some help holding a collecting bucket. Other times might be useful too. Please speak to Yo or Steve today if you might be able to help. Thanks.

## 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](mailto:angelaemartin@hotmail.com).

## NEXT SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

### 10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Julian (lead, celebrate); Graham D (preach); Della (read); Margaret I (intercessor); Steve (drinks); John & Margaret I (stewards); Micheael & Miriam (communion assistants); Sam E., Jess, Veronica (music)

### Youth Groups

FIX 4.30pm and Youth 6pm - Getting ready to celebrate Christmas !!

...find out more...talk to someone...send some news...

Follow @marys\_church on twitter for congregational news, or text follow marys\_church to 86444 for news via text message (may be a charge)

[stmarys-church.co.uk](http://stmarys-church.co.uk)  
Newsletters available online  
news to [steve@to-lo.co.uk](mailto:steve@to-lo.co.uk) or  
0783 5420392

St Marys facebook group  
[facebook.com/stmarysbl](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysbl)

Vicar: Revd. Julian Sullivan  
[jandvsullivan@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jandvsullivan@blueyonder.co.uk)  
0114 272 4987

Youth, Student and Families Worker:  
Georgia Hoskin  
mb: 0771 323 7027

Associate Vicar: Revd. Karen Cribb  
[revkaren@stmarys-church.co.uk](mailto:revkaren@stmarys-church.co.uk)  
0114 223 0237