



St Mary's Church Newsletter

1st March 2015

Second Sunday in Lent

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 far end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

This Sunday morning we welcome Revd Mark Cockayne as our preacher. Mark heads up the Parish Support Team and will also take the opportunity to tell us a little more about that and the work of the wider Diocese.

Also at 4pm today there is the Licensing and Installation of Father Grant Naylor at St Matthews - please keep him and the parish in your prayers.

10.30 PARISH EUCHARIST

Leader..... Revd Julian Sullivan
Preacher..... Revd Mark Cockayne
Reader..... Michael E.
..... Genesis 17 1-7 & 15-16;
..... Romans 4 :13 - end .
..... Mark 8 : 31- end
Prayers..... Della S
Communion Assistants.... Veronica and Della
Drinks..... Veronica
Stewards..... John & Margaret I
Music..... Sam E., Kevin, Yo.

COLLECT

*Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

4.30PM FIX, 6PM YOUTH GROUP

For more information on either of these please see Georgia

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday-Thursday

Café open 11-2pm

Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Toddler Group. See Miriam for information.

3.30-4.40pm Family Choir. Songs from Frozen. See Yo for details.

Wednesday

8pm. Life and Faith Lent group (notice below)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th March. Rescheduling of Little Lights (from Friday 6th), our monthly time of worship for pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. See Karen for more details.

Sunday 22nd March Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We are now preparing the year book 2014-15 and invite contributions from usual contributors to give a snapshot of parish life.

LIFE AND FAITH LENT GROUP

To Easter 2015 Life & Faith will explore what we believe as shown in The Creeds.

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.

Think of the Creeds as a hamper full of good things to be unpacked and unwrapped, tasted and savoured. Or a desktop of a computer or tablet, full of icons. Behind each one is a whole world of meaning to be explored and they all connect together.

Lent 2015: "I Believe"

Wednesdays at 8.00pm at St Mary's

Wed 4th March. Trinity: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Wed 11th: Fully God and fully human.

Wed 18th: Crucified, risen and ascended

Wed 25th: I believe in the Holy Spirit?

Wed 1st April: Holy, catholic, apostolic church

Please see Julian for more details.

MESSY CHURCH UPDATE

Messy Church met again on Friday and enjoyed exploring the story of Blind Bartemaus together. If you want to know more please do pick up one of the leaflets from Friday, also on the noticeboard, check out the Facebook page or chat to Miriam, Georgia, Chris or Margaret.

REAL EASTER EGGS

Can now be ordered and will be delivered here - please see the poster and sign up sheet at the back of church.

LENT: CHRISTIAN VOICES IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

March 4th - Prof. Tom McLeish

Science and Religion, Wisdom and Faith

March 11th - Martin Woodroffe

Beyond Nice - Creating Excellent Work Relationships

March 18th - Dr. Richard Sudworth

The Truth of the Gospel and Interfaith Dialogue

March 25th - Dr. Nick Spencer

Atheists: The Origin of the Species

The events will be at All Saints Ecclesall, on **Wednesdays**, starting from **7:30pm**.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD SOCIETY?

Hallam Justice and Peace Commission, on **Saturday 21st March**. Includes contributions from Church Action on Poverty and CAFOD. Sessions: 'A 2020 vision of society' and 'How can we promote the Live Simply Campaign?' 9.00am until 1pm. Hallam Diocesan Pastoral Centre, St Charles Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield S9 3WU. To book: t: 0114 2343580 or sacredheart479@btinternet.com. See Miriam for more info.

RESEARCH INTO LONELINESS

Timebuilder Research Groups have been developing a very interesting inquiry into loneliness. The research explores the effects on the individual, the impact in our community and possible solutions.

In March we would like to welcome more people to become researchers. You only need a willingness to talk openly about loneliness. The new group starts on **Thursday 5th March** at **3 – 5pm** and runs for the following six weeks, ideally attending all sessions. More info James.Starky@timebuilders.org.uk m:07421745829

NEXT SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

9.30 BCP Communion

10.30 All Age Service

Those with jobs to do: Godly Play team (lead and preach); Light Factory (readings and prayers); Kate and Odette (stewards); Sam E, David F, Jess, Sam M. (music).

...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)

Vicar: Revd. Canon Julian Sullivan
jandvsullivan@blueyonder.co.uk
0114 272 4987

stmarys-church.co.uk
Newsletters available online
news to steve@to-lo.co.uk or
0783 5420392

Youth, Student and Families Worker:
georgia.hoskin@stmarys-church.co.uk
0771 323 7027

St Marys facebook group
facebook.com/stmarysbl

Associate Vicar: Revd. Karen Cribb
revkaren@stmarys-church.co.uk
0114 223 0237