



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

23rd August 2015

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

## WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

*Today, Julian is taking the service at a different St Mary's, in Ecclesfield.*

- 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.

## 10.30 ALL AGE COMMUNION

Celebrant.....Revd Karen Cribb  
Preach.....Revd Jeremy Clines  
Stewards.....Ann and Miriam  
Reader.....Ann B  
Intercessor.....Giles M  
Communion Assist.....Barbara and Giles  
Drinks.....Della  
Music.....David Francis, Jem,  
.....Veronica

## COLLECT FOR TRINITY 12

*God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TO GEORGIA

Today is Georgia's last Sunday with us as she has just heard that she has been accepted in a new post near Winchester and onto an MA course. She has been a fantastic part of St Mary's over the last year and brought a great

deal to her role with children and families, with our young people and students, and at Porter Croft and - we will miss her. Thank you Georgia and God bless you in your next steps.

## GREENBELT

A number of our church family will be enjoying Greenbelt next weekend. There are still tickets available - see the website:  
<http://www.greenbelt.org.uk>

## TRIP TO CLEETHORPES

**New: Could anyone with a Family and Friends Railcard please see Andy C or Miriam?!**

On Saturday 12th September St Mary's Light Factory will be going to the seaside and you are invited! We will be going by train and with the benefit of a group discount and the use of rail cards we should be able to travel for the return cost of Adult £8.10 Child £2.30

It will be great fun and if we have enough people we can take over a whole carriage!! Our train times will be; Depart Sheffield Station 8.03am (arrive 10.40am) Return from Cleethorpes 15.30 (arrive 18.08).

Although this a Light Factory trip we would love any of the wider St Mary's family to join us for the day, the more the better. Buckets and spades optional... fun compulsory.

Please speak to Andy Cribb for more details.

## ODETTE'S CELEBRATION

We want to mark our joy. Party after the service on Sunday 13th Sept.

## DIOCESE DEVELOPMENT DAY

Change of venue for **this annual event on Saturday 3 October**. Due to a delay in building works, the Development Day will now be held at the NEW YORK STADIUM, ROTHERHAM not St Thomas Philadelphia. Nothing else about

the day changes, though car parking is now much easier.

## CROSSROADS MISSION

Bishop Steven writes:

"Twenty-one bishops from across the north of England are visiting the Diocese of Sheffield in September for four days of mission together, led by the Archbishop of York. We've called the mission 'Crossroads'.

As far as I know, it's the first time so many bishops have worked together in mission in this way in a single Diocese in the long history of the Church of England. Many are bringing teams of young adults to work with them. The Bishops are from every Diocese in the Province of York and from every tradition. They include the most recent Bishops to be consecrated for the north: Bishop Libby Lane of Stockport and Bishop Philip North of Burnley.

After an initial service of commissioning in the Cathedral on Thursday 10th September, the Bishops will be assigned to different deaneries. They and their teams will stay with clergy and parishioners. The Bishops and their teams will lead hundreds of different community visits and events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will join in services in local parishes on Sunday morning (13th). We will end the Crossroads mission with a single, large scale event on Sunday afternoon.

### **Born in prayer and carried forward in prayer**

This four day mission to the Diocese of Sheffield was born in prayer. In May 2014, the Archbishop of York invited all the bishops of the north to join him for 36 hours of prayer on Holy Island, one of the cradles of Christian faith in northern Britain.

One of the convictions born in the bishops as we prayed together was that God was calling us to engage in evangelism together to the North of England. The idea was born of bishop's visiting one Diocese each year in

sequence, if possible with teams of young adults. The dates are already booked for similar missions to Blackburn next year and Durham in 2017.

This means that Bishops across the Province will be praying for us and later this week, Bishops will be linked with the Deaneries they will be visiting in September.

However the four days of mission also needs to be rooted in prayer in this Diocese and I would ask that it is the focus of regular prayers and that we pray together for many people to hear the good news of Jesus through that four days in September.

### **What's the aim of the mission?**

Our aim is to sow the good seed of the gospel in many different places in September. We want to go to people who are currently outside or on the edge of the Church. Our hope is that through Crossroads, many people will join enquirers courses in the autumn and come to a living and lifelong faith".

There are lots of events going on but here are a few likely to be more accessible to St Mary's folk:

**Sept 10th Thursday 1.30pm** Launch service at the Cathedral - anyone welcome to attend.

**Thursday 10th** a reception and inter-faith meeting at the Medina Mosque, Wolsley Rd.

**Friday 11th evening** with Paul Blomfield, Alan Billings and Bishop David at the Harland Café on John Street.

## NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST

**10.30am** Holy Communion

People with jobs: Lead and Preach: Karen, Reading: David F, Prayers: Barbara T, Stewards: Christine P and Michael E, Communion Assistants: Kate and Michael, Drinks: Barbara, Music: Rachel M, David Francis.

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