



St Mary's Church Newsletter

27th September 2015

St.MARY'S Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

- 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.
- 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.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Lead.....Revd Julian Sullivan
Preach.....Revd Jeremy Clines
Stewards.....Ann and Christine R
Reader.....Veronica
Intercessor.....Sam D
Communion Assist.....Veronica & Della
Music.....Kevin, David, Veronica

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 17

*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 MARYS.

Monday - Thursday

11.30am - 2pm Cafe open. Lovingly made and tasty food at low prices.

Monday

1 - 3pm. Small Group - Pilgrim Course exploring The Bible. All welcome. Karen has more details.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am. Toddler group meets in the Hall. Please speak to Miriam for more information, and pray for this growing group of 30 children and their parents!

3.45pm Family Choir in the Hall. Jonah Man Jazz. Please see Yo for details.

8pm Life and Faith group using Pilgrim material. See more info below.

Friday

10.30am. A special time for under 5's and their parents/carers with a Bible story, simple crafts singing and toys. In the church centre. Please speak to Karen for more information.

SATURDAY

The Annual Diocesan Development Day - held this year at new York Stadium, Rotherham. Theme "Communicating Well" including workshops on preaching, communicating through our buildings, social media, and 100 ways to get your church noticed. Please sign up at the back if you would like to go, further info also available from Julian or Karen.

HARVEST PET SERVICE: ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Our Harvest Festival Service on **Sunday 4th October** will be an opportunity for people to bring their pets to church, as part of our celebration of creation.

Cats, Dogs, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits, Crocodiles, Goldfish, whatever, have delighted us in past services. You may also like to bring a photograph or a drawing / painting / model of

your animal for display. We will have the opportunity to show our pets to the congregation and talk about what they mean to us and how we care for them.

Naturally we want to make sure this is not an alarming experience for our pets so please ensure they are securely held, in a basket or on a lead, in the interests of harmony.

As usual, you are invited to bring Harvest gifts for offering during the service. Produce will be given in support of The Cathedral Archer Project.

WELCOME TO STUDENTS

Whether returning after the summer break or visiting our church for the first time, a very warm welcome from all of us. There will be a welcome lunch on Sunday 11th October at the home of George and Christine Rees for all our students - please ask them, welcomers or clergy for separate invitations with more details.

PILGRIM GROUPS

In our Autumn programme we explore ways to approach the Bible, a profound influence on the western world. Christians read the Bible believing that we will hear God speaking and learn more about who he is and what he has done for us. This course will lead up to Bible Sunday on 25 October.

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, led by group members.

"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.

There will be two opportunities to explore our faith together and with those who are seeking

to know more, using the Pilgrim course over the next six weeks. As usual a group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 8pm at St Mary's and we are re-starting a day time group on Monday afternoons 1-3pm in the Parish Room. Please speak to Julian or Karen about these groups, and do invite others to join us.

WHIRLOW SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

October events sheet is displayed on the notice boards at the back of church.

COMMON FUND

At our July meeting the PCC discussed the Common Fund (formerly Parish Share). We have pledged £25500 to the Diocese for 2016 as a minimum, increased from £25000 this year. We would like to pay more in recognition of the help and support we have received from the diocese and continue to receive. In order to try to ensure that we can cover all our outgoings this year we have decided to hold a gift day on October 18th. There will be more details next month.

NEW TREASURER

Angela Martin took over as Church Treasurer from Margaret at the beginning of August. She will deal with receipts for payment, though for moment Margaret is still the point of contact for covenants and planned giving.

NEXT SUNDAY: 4TH OCTOBER

10.30am Harvest All Age Communion

People with jobs: Karen (lead & celebrate), Julian (preach), John & Michael E. (stewards), Andy & Elaine C (communion assistants), Steve & Rachel (music). Dog whisperer (Julian).

4.30 FIX - for all those in year 5 and above. An active time of exploring the Bible and our faith.

6pm Youth Group for all those in Yr 9 and above. See Karen for more details.

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