



St Mary's Church Newsletter

29th November 2015

First Sunday in Advent

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

Preach.....	Revd Julian Sullivan
Celebrate.....	Revd Julian Sullivan
Reader.....	Kate K
Prayers.....	David F
Communion Assist.....	Elaine C and Kevin
Drinks.....	Della
Stewards.....	Ann and Christine R
Music.....	Steve, Rachel and Jem

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

Julian writes: You are warmly invited to our Advent Tea at the Vicarage today, from 4pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS.

Monday

1pm Messy Church planning. New team members welcome. Please speak to Chris if you can come and help plan for our Messy Christingle and Messy Crib Services.

Monday - Thursday

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

Wednesday

3.45pm Family Choir in the Hall: Carols!

8pm Life and Faith group using Pilgrim material.

Friday

10.30 - 12 noon Little Lights. A special time of being Church together for all children under five and their parent or carer.

Saturday

Carol singing in Fargate (details below)

SINGING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

Join the Family Choir to learn carols on Wednesdays at St Mary's on the 2nd Dec and 9th Dec (3.45pm start).

Come and sing carols for Christian Aid. . .

Saturday 5th December on Fargate near H&M Carol sheets and Santa Hats provided! See Kevin or Yo for more details or just turn up.

Other Carol singing dates. . . .

Wednesday 16th December meet here at St Mary's 7pm to sing round the streets and then refreshments at Duchess Road Community Centre thanks to local residents association.

Saturday 19th December 10am meet at Landsdowne Chapel to sing with other churches round Landsdowne flats

Sunday 20th Dec 3.30pm sing with us at the church door before Carol Service.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 6th December We will welcome Graham Duncan, our Centre Chief Executive coming to preach and share with us at the morning service.

FIX and Youth Group in afternoon.

10.30am Sunday 13th December. Messy Christingle Service.

4pm Friday 18th December. Messy Church Messy Crib.

LIFE AND FAITH

Wednesdays 8pm.

In our winter programme we explore what it means to live as a child of the Kingdom of God and follow in the way of Christ each day as a member of his church. How does it affect our life at work as well as at home? How does it affect what we do with the gifts we have been given? How is the Christian faith changing us and shaping us so that we become more like Jesus?

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.

December

Wed 2nd Iona Communion with healing
Wed 9th In all my Relationships
Wed 16th Carols round the streets

January 2016

Wed 6th Epiphany Communion
Wed 13th Confronting Injustices in the world
Wed 20th Treading lightly on the earth
Wed 27th Special Deanery Service

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour .. He has mercy on those who fear him from generation to generation .. Casting down the mighty .. lifting up the lowly .. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty .." Magnificat Luke 1: 46-55.

FAREWELL JULIAN

Julian's Retirement and Farewell Celebrations will be on the weekend of **January 30th and 31st** with a Saturday evening Ceilidh and Supper and Sunday Morning final service followed by a lunch. There will also be a service on **Wednesday 27th January** for colleagues from the Diocese, the city and beyond.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Are being filled by Toddler Group and Messy Church again this year - if you would like to make a shoebox up or contribute to one please speak to Miriam or Karen - there are leaflets and boxes at the back of Church today.

ADVENT QUIET DAYS

are being held at Whirlow on December 2nd or 5th 10am - 15.45 their theme is Benedictus: Blessed be God led by Revd Graham Pigott
Cost: £15 More details on Whirlow Spirituality website or phone 0114 235 3704

NEXT SUNDAY: 6TH DECEMBER

10.30 Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (Celebrate); Paul U. (read); Della S. (pray); Barbara (drinks); John & Margaret (steward); Kevin, Veronica, Jem & Yo (music); Barbara & Giles (communion)

4.30pm FIX and **6pm** Youth Group

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

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