



St Mary's Church Newsletter

6th December 2015

Second 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

We welcome Revd Graham Duncan our Centre Chief Exec as our preacher this morning.

Lead.....Revd Karen Cribb
Celebrate.....Revd Julian Sullivan
Preach.....Revd Graham Duncan
Reader.....Paul U
Prayers.....Della
Drinks.....Barbara
Communion Assist.....Barbara & Giles
Stewards.....John & Margaret
Music.....Kevin, Veronica, Jem

COLLECT

*Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.*

YOUTH EVENTS TODAY

Fix 4.30 - 6pm No Youth Group this evening - some of our teenagers have been away at the Oakes Christian Holiday Centre this weekend, and others will go over the next few weekends - please pray that they will be significant times in the faith and spiritual development of our young people.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS.

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.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Monday 14th 10.30am Porter Croft Academy Christmas Service.

Wednesday 16th 7pm Carol Singing round the local streets

Friday 18th 4pm Messy Crib Messy Church (incorporating the Crib service which used to be held on Saturday morning)

Sunday 20th Dec 4pm Carol Service.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10.30am All Age Communion.

SINGING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS

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

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.

GIFTS

One of the things Karen mentioned in her talk for the Gift Day was the fact that we can give our time and talents as well as our money. If you feel you have a talent for reading the Bible in church or leading the intercessions, please talk to me today or next weekend, as I'm preparing the rota for these tasks for the next few months. Those who already do this find it very rewarding - why not chat to someone you've seen reading or leading the prayers and ask them. Many thanks too to all those who already take part in this valuable ministry. Barbara (07875 251935, b.thompson@sheffield.ac.uk)

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.

December

Wed 9th In all my Relationships

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

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Wed 16th Carols round the streets

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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.

u 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.

NEXT SUNDAY - ADVENT 3

9.30am BCP in chapel

10.30 All Age Christingle

Service using our Messy Church format, an interactive hour to reflect together creatively on Jesus the Light of the World. Do take the opportunity to invite others to this service and be ready to welcome some families from our monthly Friday Messy Church.

People with jobs to do: Margaret & John I (drinks); Kate & Odette (stewards); Kate & Michael (communion assistants); Steve, Reuben, Jess, Jem (music)