



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

3rd January 2016

Epiphany

## 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 Karen Cribb
Celebrate.....	Revd Karen Cribb
Reader.....	Elaine
Readings.....	Isaiah 60 : 1-6
.....	Ephesians 3 : 1-12
.....	Mathew 2 : 1-12
Prayers.....	Della S
Stewards.....	John and Margaret
Music.....	Jem, Kevin, Rachel

## COLLECT

*Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

### Monday - Thursday

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

### Wednesday

**9.30 - 11.30am.** Toddler group starts up again, ask Miriam for details.

**1pm.** Messy Church Planning meeting - others welcome please speak to Chris Rees or Miriam for more details.

**8pm.** Life and Faith, details below.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 15th January 4 - 6pm.** Messy Church.

**Monday 18th January.** PCC.

**Sunday 24th January 4pm.** Sharrow Churches United Service, Lansdowne Chapel on Cemetery Road.

## CAROL SINGERS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Well done to all the Fargate Carol Singers who raised £996.81 for Christian Aid - this will be match funded by the government. Get the date for next year in your shiny new diaries:

**Saturday 3rd December 2016.**

## MAKING TEA

We need an extra volunteer(s) for the drinks rota as this is now getting short of people. Please ask Elaine for information.

## 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.

### 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.

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church to give an indication of numbers at each event.

### BREATHE DEEP

From: <http://www.breathedeepday.info>

Breathe Deep is BACK! How do you like the sound of spending a day with loads of young Christians like yourself from across South Yorkshire?

On **Saturday 30th January** in Sheffield, we're opening the doors to the third youth development day, called *breathedeep* for young people aged 11-18.

We'll be exploring some important issues alongside worshipping, bouncing, eating, chilling, gaming, making and dancing.

Have you ever heard God's rhythm? It's like a life-giving heartbeat that brings hope, love and change to the world and ourselves. The next *Breathe Deep* day is all about that rhythm, looking at our relationship with him, our own lifestyle and how we give to others.

### WHIRLOW SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

**3rd January 7pm.** Reflective Covenant Service with Communion in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit - no need to book.

**9th January 9.30 - 5pm.** Day of Retreat. (£15)

**14th January 8pm - 9.30pm.** Praying with The Jesus Prayer (£5)

**19th January 9.45am - 3.45pm.** Simple Quiet Day (£12)

All dates for the 2016 Simple Quiet Days, Days of Retreat and Praying with ... Series are now on the website

[www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org/whats-on](http://www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org/whats-on)

### NEXT SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY

**9.30 BCP Communion**

**10.30 All Age Worship**

People with jobs to do: Julian (lead), Karen (preach), Light Factory (reading and prayers), Kate and Odette (stewards); Steve, Yo, Nate and Reuben (music)

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

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