



St Mary's Church Newsletter

17th January 2016

St.MARY'S Second Sunday of 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

Preacher.....	Giles Morrison
Celebrate.....	Revd Julian Sullivan
Stewards.....	Chester & Christine P
Communion Assist.....	Andy & Elaine C
Reader.....	Veronica
.....	Isiah 62:1-5;
.....	1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
.....	John 2: 1-11.
Prayers.....	David F.
Drinks	Della
Music.....	Kevin, Veronica, David

COLLECT

*Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
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.

Monday

7.30 for 7.45 start PCC meet at the Vicarage.

Wednesday

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

(Families Choir will restart after half-term)

8pm. Life and Faith, details below.

SHARROW CHURCHES UNITED

Next **Sunday 24th January** at 4.30pm. Annual Service with Sharrow Churches to celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year we are worshipping together at Lansdowne Chapel on Cemetery Road beginning with tea and cake, including worship led by Outcry, a focus on inter-faith work and Julian will lead a reflection.

LIFE AND FAITH

Wednesdays 8pm.

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.

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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. Congregation are also very welcome to the Wednesday evening service.

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

SUPPORTING CEDRIC

Cedric Mazimpaka will be travelling to Rio de Janeiro in March as a volunteer with Street Child World Cup. Street Child World Cup is a global campaign for street children to receive the protection and opportunities that all children deserve. Through football, art and the only international street child conference they aim to challenge the negative perceptions and treatment of street children. If you are able to support Cedric in this great opportunity please visit his just giving page :



<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/cedric-mazimpaka>

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Andy Cribb can also tell you more about this.

PORTER CROFT NEWS

Porter Croft Primary Academy - are beginning the process of appointing a new Headteacher following the resignation of Jim Dugmore, the current Head who will be moving to a new school in September 2016. Please keep this in your prayers and speak to Karen, Naomi or Penny who are all governors if you would like to know more.

TEA - COFFEE - BISCUITS

We all enjoy these but the drinks team is still in need of an extra person or two. It's not a big task and the rota is flexible. But it really helps to spread this between a good number of volunteers. Please do chat to anyone who does after service drinks to find out what is involved. Thanks!

GUIDED MEDITATION

New Guided Meditation group - will begin on Monday 18th January 12.30pm in the Chapel for an hour (in three 20 minute slots to allow people to come and go.) Drawing on the wisdom of Christian Scripture and tradition this group will offer space for people to reflect and meet with God in a prayerful quiet space. Congregation, timebuilders, Centre staff and Centre users are all warmly invited. More information from Kate or Karen.

NEXT SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead, celebrate); Julian (preach); Elaine C (read); Sam D (prayers); Barbara (drinks); Ann and Christine R (steward); Kevin and Barbara (communion assistants); Steve, Yo, Veronica (music)

4.30pm Annual Service with Sharrow Churches.