



St Mary's Church Newsletter

31st January 2016

Candlemas

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.

This morning we celebrate and give thanks for the 25 years of ministry at St Mary's of Julian and Veronica, in this special service of Farewell.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to stay and share lunch with us after the service.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher..... Revd Julian Sullivan
Lead/Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb
Stewards..... Barbara & Michael E
Communion Assist..... Giles & Kate
Reader..... Kate K
Prayers..... Maureen F
Drinks Margaret & John
Music..... Kevin, David, Jess, Jon, Giles, Rachel.

COLLECT

*Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday - Thursday

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

Monday

12.30 - 1.30pm. Guided meditation in the chapel. Please see Kate for more information.

Wednesday

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

(Families Choir will restart after half-term)

8pm. No Life and Faith this week.

Friday

10.30am - 12.00. Little Lights, a special time in church for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their dazed and confused grown-ups. Bible stories, singing, craft, prayers, drinks and snacks, chat.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday February 10th.** There will be a special service for Ash Wednesday at St Mary's 7.30pm.

LENT GROUPS

Our Tuesday and Wednesday evening groups will meet weekly and provide an opportunity for us to meet informally for prayer and to reflect on the Bible together. This Lent our focus will be on the Psalms. More information available next week and from Maureen, Chris or Karen.

STORYTELLING LUKE FOR LENT

As part of our Maundy Thursday evening (24th March), we hope to have a collective storytelling of the Holy Week story from Luke's gospel. Would you be interested in learning a section of the overall story during Lent, then telling it as part of a group? As a core we hope to have 12 people willing to learn about 500 words by heart (22 verses – about the same as the godly play stories we have heard), but we are **very happy to include people who would prefer to take on a shorter passage**, even just 5 or 6 verses, it really is very flexible. We already have 9 volunteers. You don't need to have any experience of learning things by heart as we will share ideas and find ways to support each other as little or as much as they need. Perfection not required, just enjoyment and a bit of effort. Please chat to or contact Clare Rishbeth for more details, we need to know who wants to be involved by **Sunday 7th Feb**. Email: crishbeth@googlemail.com or text 0775 473 0507.

PORTER CROFT NEWS UPDATE

Please keep the governors in your prayers this week as they meet for their termly governing body meeting on Monday afternoon and as the advert for a new Headteacher is released on Friday. Speak to Karen, Naomi or Penny who are all governors if you would like to know more.

GUIDED MEDITATION

The Guided Meditation group meets the Chapel for an hour each Monday 12.30 - 1.30pm (in three 20 minute slots to allow people to come and go.) Drawing on the wisdom of Christian Scripture and tradition this group offers 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 info from Kate or Karen.

HALF TERM ACTIVITY DAYS

These will run on Wed and Thursday 10th and 11th of February - see poster below. Volunteers are needed for the sessions - please speak to Miriam or Karen if you might be able to offer some help.

MESSY CHURCH AND PLANNING

The next Messy Church will be on **Friday 19th Feb 4-6pm**. Our planning meeting is this **Thursday 4th Feb 10am** in the Parish Room. Please speak to Chris Rees if you would like to join us or know more.

NEXT SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

10.30am Holy Communion


People with jobs to do: Revd Chris Rees (lead, celebrate, preach); Frederic K (readings); Barbara T (prayers); Christine P (Drinks); John and Margaret (steward); Michael and Miriam (communion assistants); Steve, Yo, David (music);

Family Activity Days

in February 2016:
Wed 10th & Thurs 11th

St Mary's is full of fun from 11 - 2pm!
Open to all families with children aged 0-11 years
Children must be accompanied by an adult
Pay only £1 or 1 Timecredit per child
Lots of games and activities to enjoy, toys, bouncy castle, arts & crafts and a toddler area.

St Mary's Community Centre
Bramall Lane
0114 223 0223



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