



St Mary's Church Newsletter

21st February 2016

Second Sunday in Lent

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 ALL AGE WORSHIP

Lead, Preach, Celebrate.... Revd Karen Cribb
Readings Keith H
Intercessions..... Margaret I
Stewards..... Chester & Ann
Communion Assistants.... Sally R, Margaret A
Music..... Steve, Yo, Jess
Readings..... Genesis 15:1-12,17,18
..... Philippians 3:17-4:1
..... Luke 13: 31- end

COLLECT

*Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

During Lent this year we are focussing on the

Psalms - we will take one Psalm each week, use it in our Sunday worship together, and provide opportunities and suggestions to help us focus on it throughout the week both individually and through our midweek groups.

Last week we held Psalm 100 - a Psalm of Joy and a call to worship. This week we will be considering Psalm 130 - A Psalm of longing and waiting for God.

*"Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice.*

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

*If you Lord kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand ?*

*But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.*

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.*

I wait for the Lord,

*more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

*Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love,*

and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."

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.

PCC 7.30pm Please use the Parish Room door.

Tuesday

Evening, Lent group, see below for info.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group in the church centre, see Miriam for details.

Family Choir. **3.30pm** drinks, singing **4-5pm.**

This half term singing Irish songs, please see Yo for info.

LENT GROUPS

Our Tuesday and Wednesday evening groups will meet weekly throughout Lent to provide an opportunity to meet informally for prayer and to reflect on the Bible together. Our focus will be on the Psalms, and we will also include these in our Sunday worship. Tuesday evenings meet in someone's home and Wednesday evenings meet at St Mary's. For more information please speak to Revd. Chris Rees or Maureen.

JARS OF CHANGE

Maureen writes: Christian Aid and WaterAid ask us to "turn our coins into clean water" with their "Jars of Change" appeal this Lent. Simply by putting our small change into jars throughout Lent. Donations raised through this appeal can really make a difference: £15 would provide a child with a lasting supply of clean water. WaterAid has lots of fundraising tips on their webpage www.wateraid.org.



Please see Maureen if you would like a 'Jar of change' sleeves. She will then collect your pennies raised at the end of Lent and make a collective donation from St. Mary's.

DIARY DATES

Feb 22nd, March 14th, and April 18th, PCC Meetings

BOLLYWOOD EVENING

Bollywood night - a Fundraiser for Timebuilders and Church Army Saturday 19th March. Try on the saris and suits....learn the dance routines....taste the flavours...feel the heat.

Tickets £14.50 includes 3 course Indian meal.

(over 12's only) Tickets and publicity available from today.

PORTER CROFT NEWS

The advert for a new Headteacher is out - full details at <https://t.co/RnWVwWf9WR>. Please keep this process in your prayers.

VACANCY INFORMATION

Following Julian's retirement as Vicar we are now in a period of "vacancy" (formerly known as an inter-regnum), which may last for about one year. There is a clear and ordered process towards a new appointment in which the Area Dean and Archdeacon will work with us. This process will be outlined to the PCC at their next meeting tomorrow and that information will then be shared with the congregation. In the meantime Margaret and George as church wardens and Karen as Associate Vicar will be the first point of call for any information, questions and enquiries.

A prayer for use during our vacancy:

Generous God

we thank you for

all those who have ministered faithfully at St Mary's.

Help us in this time, to continue

to share responsibility, to grow in faith,

to love one another, to serve our communities, and to welcome all.

Bless and guard us Lord Jesus Christ as we seek to follow you together.

Lead and inspire us Holy Spirit of God

that we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom come. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead and preach); Chester and Ann (stewards); Sally and Margaret A (Communion Assist), Margaret I (prayers), Keith H (readings), Steve, Yo, Jess (music).

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