



St Mary's Church Newsletter

3rd December 2017

First Sunday in Advent

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- 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

Lead and preach..... Revd Claire Dawson
Prayers..... Michael E
Readings..... Elaine C
Stewards..... Kate & Michael E
Music..... David, Jem, Steve

COLLECT

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

TODAY 12.30 - 2PM: YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A time of good food, fun games and loads of laughter. See Amy.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday

7pm – 9.00pm. Refugees & Asylum Seekers. Organisations working with refugees, stories of a refugee, art exhibition and food. All Welcome.

Wednesday

3.30 - 5pm. Practice carols with the Family Choir at St Marys.

Saturday

10am - 4pm. St Mary's Marvellous Christmas Market. Christmassy and vintage.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES/EVENTS

Tuesday 12th 7pm SANDS (stillbirth and neonatal death society) Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 13th 6pm Street Carols meet at St Mary's, 7pm lighting of the Tree at Duchess Road & Community Carols and food with TARA (with Minstrels)

Friday 15th Messy Church

Saturday 16th December 10.30am-12 meet at Landsdowne Chapel to sing around flats (with Minstrels)

Sunday 17th 4pm Carol Service (with Minstrels from 3.30pm)

Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle, **11.30pm** Midnight Mass

10.30 Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MUSIC! MINSTRELS & FAMILY CHOIR

There are singing practices with the Family Choir at St Marys on Wednesday 6th December and at Meersbrook United Reformed Church on **Thursday 7th December**. (£3 per person, discounts for families).

Everyone is also welcome to join in with Carol Singing on the B-Roads in Meersbrook, ending with mulled wine and shared snacks at Meersbrook Hall on **Thursday 14th December**. Meet at 6pm at the Hall.

For all outdoor singing dress warmly and with a torch or lantern! Contact Yo for details on all musical events 0792 5634420

SHINE LIVE YOUTH EVENT

Community Mission on **Saturday 16th December 9:30am-1pm** at St John's, Park.

A time for young people to work together to transform a church building and bless the congregation at Christmas. See Amy.

SING SHEFFIELD CAROLS

St Andrews Psalter Lane (31 Psalter Lane, S11 8YL) are hosting a 'Sheffield Carols' evening on **Thursday 14th December 6.30 – 9.00 pm**. Come and have a great family evening singing Sheffield Carols – with Homemade soup and cakes and Christmas gift stalls. Entrance free.

SHEFFIELD HOMELESS SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

St Mary's Toddler group are collecting and you are invited to pitch in! Please leave the items in the Vestry and Miriam will collect them, or bring them to the Toddlers group between 9.30am and 11.30am on Wednesday (final date 13th December).

Suggestions:

Food Items - Tined food with pull ring only, instant soups, cans of pop, hot chocolates.

Warm clothing- Items such as socks, hats, scarves and gloves.

Toiletries- Deodorant, tooth paste & tooth brush, shower gel, shampoo.

Note pad & Pen.

Christmas treats - For example chocolates and treats & a Christmas card

ADVENT POSADA

Would you like Mary Joseph and baby Jesus to stay at your house for a few days over the next few weeks? We hope they will visit as many of us as possible, and as we pass them from one home to another with a simple prayer, it is an opportunity to visit each other too. Please sign up with Karen.

BREATHE DEEP YOUTH EVENT

... is coming up on **27th January**. There will be time for worship, games, music, workshops, videos, crafts, chill and loads more. Its £5 each and you'll receive a Subway lunch too! Let Amy know if you want to come along!

NEXT WEEK: ADVENT SUNDAY

Throughout Advent we are going to have the seats in the round for the morning service. We have cards and flyers to put through doors in the community, inviting people to Advent and Christmas events - if you have time please stay and help.

9.30 BCP COMMUNION

10.30 ALL AGE WORSHIP

People with jobs to do next week: Karen (lead); Maureen (preach); Chris R and Odette (stewards); Yo, Steve, Nate, Jess, Reuben (music)

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