



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

24th February 2019

Second Sunday Before Lent

## WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.
- 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.
- 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.

### 10.30 Holy Communion

Lead, Celebrate ..... Revd Karen Cribb,  
Preach..... Maureen Food  
Stewards..... Barbara  
Intercessions..... Della  
Drinks..... Maureen  
Music.....Jem, David, Jess,  
..... James

### COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

### Monday

10am -12 noon. Hospitality and Holiness St Mary's Café will be open for free tea, coffee and cakes! This will be run and hosted by the church community. Please drop in/lend a hand.

### Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group. At St Marys. Please see Miriam for further info.

3.30 drinks, 4pm singing. Family Choir will be honing our Queen Songs for a Spring Equinox Performance **Wednesday 20th March**. Still time to come and join us ..its free and you'll find it's also... a kind of magic!

### ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service on **Wednesday 6th March at 7pm** at St Oswalds

### LENT

We are planning a series of Lent sessions on Wednesday evenings. Involving hot baked potatoes and then a reflection. We hope to cover a wide range of issues. More details to follow. Starting **Wednesday 13th March** until Wednesday 10th April **7pm in the Café @ St Mary's** – except on the 20th March when we will be joining in with the Family Choir Performance.

### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Our Annual Church Meeting will be on **Sunday 7th April** - advance notice for your diaries - but also the first request for reports photos etc to be included in our annual report - please send these to Catherine Rooker-Brown - her details are at the bottom of the newsletter.

### YOUTH EVENT DATES

Please book these dates in your youth diary!

Higher Tour at O2 Academy,  
**15th March**

Shine Live at St Thomas,  
Crookes, **26th April**

and Shine Live **at St Mary's 21st June!**



## NEW WARDEN AND OTHER ROLES

Please do re-read the leaflet Claire shared a couple of weeks ago - there are lots of opportunities for people to use their gifts and skills at church - please speak to Claire, Karen, George or Margaret in the first instance.

## HELP WITH ASSEMBLIES

If anyone would be interested in helping with Open the Book Assemblies at Porter Croft Academy, please speak to Amy or Karen. We're hoping to do this twice each half term this year. Thanks.

## NEXT SUNDAY 3RD MARCH

**Shared lunch after church - please stay as we eat together and get to know one another better - please bring something savoury or sweet to share if you are able.**

## DIOCESAN EVENTS...

## CHRISTIAN AID'S CAMPAIGNS ROADSHOW

TOMORROW - Monday 25th February at St. Andrews Psalter Lane | 7 - 9PM

Join Christian Aid to reflect on how far we've come as a movement for justice, learn how you can campaign confidently in your church and local community, and hear the latest on the Big Shift Campaign. They'll share tips, plan actions, and work together towards a more just and equal world.

## JOINED UP CONFERENCE

children families youth schools

Saturday 9 March, 2019 will be the fourth annual Joined Up Conference in Sheffield for youth, schools, children's and families workers, as well as parents, church leaders and schools' chaplains!

Venue: St Thomas Church, Philadelphia (Gilpin

Street, Sheffield, S6 3BL)

<https://joinedupconference.com.wordpress.com/>

## MARY: CALL & INCARNATION

...a quiet day for the Feast of the Annunciation

March 25th at Whirlow Spirituality Centre  
9.30am - 3.30pm

Revered by some and ignored by others, Mary offers inspiration for our own response to God's call as well as a rich treasury of reflections for prayer and Christian living. The day will include prompts and reflections from scripture and art, as well as space and time to be quiet, reflect and pray. Led by Chris Ellis, Baptist minister and Whirlow board member.

## GODLY PLAY UK

Childhood Spirituality Conference

May 11th Sheffield Cathedral 10.30am - 4pm

How do our adult perceptions of children's 'free play' influence our work with children? This will be explored by main speaker, Prof Elizabeth Wood, Head of Education at the University of Sheffield. Afternoon workshops will develop this theme of 'free play' and include 'Playful Theology', 'The Spiritual Dialogue of Children's Play', 'Playful Art', 'Play and Adulthood' and more. For anyone with an interest in spirituality and/or childhood and anyone who is free to play. (Cost £47)

<https://www.godlyplay.uk/conference-and-enrichment-days-2019/>

## 10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Claire (lead, celebrate, preach); Melvyn (readings); Steve T-L (intercessions); Margaret & John (drinks); Christine P. (steward); John, Yo (music)

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

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