



St Mary's Church Newsletter

July 2023

TO WELCOME T ST MARYS

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

SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY

2nd July – Holy Communion with Separate groups for children and young people.

9th July – Holy Communion Service with Baptism (Youth weekend away)

16th July – All Age Service

23rd July – Holy Communion for all Ages

30th July – All Age Service for the feast of Mary Magdalene – celebrating the work of the Centre

YOUTH WEEKEND AWAY

Youth Weekend away - We are taking 15 members of our Youth Group away to Edale for the weekend 7-9 July. It will be a time of sharing fun, food, friendship, conversation, activities, prayer, and lots more. Please pray for us – for safety and for God's rich blessings – we look forward to telling you all about it on our return !

MESSY CHURCH

Friday 14th July 4-6pm All welcome – come to volunteer and help with games and craft activities or preparing the meal ...or come and join in its ideal for all primary school children

and their families.

NEWS FROM PORTER CROFT PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our church school has been awarded the Leeds Beckett Bronze Award as an Anti-Racism school - they have been working towards for the last two years – a big undertaking affecting whole curriculum and resources and only one other school in Sheffield has received the award. They have also been awarded the National Eco-school award with distinction, re-awarded the Platinum level from Modeshift re green travel and won the Planet Protectors competition run by The Moor!!!

Bishop Sophie is coming to school on the afternoon of Monday 17th July to celebrate and to “present” these awards and then school will come to St Mary's for their end of year service on Thursday 20th July.

CHURCH COUNCIL

PCC meets on Wednesday **12th July 7.30pm** at St Mary's

ADVANCED NOTICES

Seaside Trip to Cleethorpes – will be on **Saturday 5th August** £5 per adult and free for children – please sign up and pay (in part) to secure your place.

Community Summer Fun day will be on **Wednesday 23rd August**.

Family Activity Mornings – Wednesdays on **August 2nd, 9th and 16th**

MISSION ACTION PLANNING

Members of the PCC will be asking for some help filling in questions about the life of St Mary's Church. If you have thoughts and haven't been asked please talk to any PCC member.

PRAYING WITH ST MARYS

we meet in the Chapel every Monday at 9am and Thursday at 12 noon for a short time of prayer. All welcome – or pray where you are. We use our shared prayer cycle leaflet – there is a new edition for the summer months – please do pick one up so that we can be praying together each day for the church, the world and St Mary's.

Jeu d'esprit

*Flame dancing Spirit, come,
Sweep us off our feet and
Dance us through our days.
Surprise us with your rhythms,
Dare us to try new steps, explore
New patterns and new partnerships.
Release us from old routines,
To swing in abandoned joy
And fearful adventure.
And in the intervals,
Rest us,
In your still centre*
Ann Lewin

There are lots of helpful apps and online resources to help us pray and hear Gods word each day – a few suggestions are below. Use the digital version of this newsletter for clickable links...

- [The Lectio365 app \(from the 24-7prayer movement\)](#)
- [Time to Pray app \(from the Church of England\) and these have both audio and text.](#)
- [The Iona Community have a youtube channel which streams their prayers](#)

FAMILY CHOIR



Thanks to everyone who came to hear us here at St Mary's last Thursday when we sang 8 songs by Carole King in a chorus of 40 with Yo's other choirs

The concert included a special version of 'Beautiful' by a small group in 4 part harmony

Church volunteers served vegiburgers alongside an impressive bring and share salad bar and everyone had an ice-cream!

Donations covered the costs of hospitality at the event plus some towards choir running costs.

Family Choir is having a summer break and will reconvene on Wednesdays 3.30 for 4pm from **September 13th 2023**

We will be singing Disney songs in preparation for a concert **Sunday 17th March 2024** alongside an exhibition of Challenge Poverty Choir Portraits.

Please join us! We are all age, all ability, pay as you feel each session

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