



St Mary's Church Newsletter

March 2023

WELCOME TO 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 MARCH

5th March All Age Holy Communion

12th March Holy Communion with groups for Children and Young people

19th March All Age Worship

26th March Passion Sunday and the start of Holy Week Holy Communion with baptism and groups for children and young people.

MESSY CHURCH

Friday 10th March from 4pm – 6pm – come and join us!

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 6th April 7pm at St Augustines Brocco Bank – simple shared meal followed by Holy Communion service

Good Friday 7th April at St Mary's 11am – 1.30pm Space for quiet reflection with a service at 12.30.

Easter Sunday 9th April Breakfast from 9am followed by our Easter Celebration with Holy Communion for All Ages 10.30am

ADVANCED NOTICE

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 16th April**

PRAYING IN LENT

Please pick up a leaflet for our shared prayers during Lent. We are not meeting together this year but are encouraged to join together in prayer.

You might also like to follow the ministry of ARISE Sheffield – Christians from across the denominations Christians in Sheffield are being invited to cover the city in prayer and to light up the streets you pray for on an interactive map – for more details see the banner at the end of the playstreet outside church or go to arisesheffield.org

COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

- Sarah Tulley started work as our new Centre CEO this first week of March – please keep her in your prayers as she listens, learns, finds her feet and gets to know St Mary's, working with Claire and the other Centre staff in particular to find good ways forward for St Mary's.

- The debt advice service based at St Mary's is thriving and the PCC have agreed to support this work financially, in the hope that it will grow and be an important part of our work with people going forwards. We are looking to appoint a manager for this discrete piece of work and look forward to hearing more about it in our Sunday worship.

BISHOP PETE LENT LECTURES

Bishop Pete Wilcox will be delivering devotional lectures based on Psalm 22 three times across the Diocese in Lent.

Tuesday 7th March, Doncaster Minster

Thursday 16th March, Rotherham Minster

Monday 20th March, Sheffield Cathedral

Each lecture will start at 7pm (refreshments served from 6.30pm) and last for about 50 mins, with 20 minutes for questions and comments. This will then lead into Compline led by the host clergy. Each event will last 90 minutes in total.

FAMILY CHOIR

Come and hear Songs from Westside Story!

Sunday 26th March here at St Mary's after church.

Tickets: adults £5, kids £2.50 available from Yo today. Include NYC lunch!

Any enquiries call Yo 07925 634 420

ECO CHURCH TIPS



- Walk where you can. It's good for your health as well as the environment
- Buy a funky shopping trolley or rucksack to carry your things.
- Buy waterproof clothes so you can walk even when it's raining. Listen to the Norwegians who say 'There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing'.
- Calculate your carbon footprint - use Climate Stewards calculator

www.climatestewards.org

Hug a tree and consider God's creation.

You might also like to Watch this years Shrove Tuesday lectures on the theme of the climate emergency – both are very thought provoking

The first talk is ***The Church in the Anthropocene: Being human, being holy***, delivered by Hannah Malcolm, an Ordinand in the Church of England and writing up her PhD on a theological account of encountering loss in a time of climate change.

The second talk was delivered by Bishop Pete: ***Chaos in Creation: Job 38-41 and the challenge of the climate emergency***.

Both videos can be seen on the Sheffield Diocese website

THE BIG ONE

Friday 21st April 2023

[Join 100,000 outside parliament for 'The Big One'](#)

The most dangerous myth about environmentalism is that you have to be living a perfect, carbon-neutral lifestyle in order to legitimately call for climate action. This idea spreads whenever a climate activist is asked how they travelled to a TV studio, or what they're wearing, or if they drive a car. It's a tactic designed to discredit, demean, and discourage people from getting involved. The reality is, your future needs you wherever you are at. Don't put off getting involved because you eat meat, drive a car, go on holiday, have gas central heating or use an iPhone. No one cares. This isn't about individual change: it's about system change. We all live in this imperfect system and make decisions within it: you don't have to have opted out of society to know that it needs to change. So please don't wait. If you care about your future and that of our kids, please make arrangements to be in Westminster on 21st April. We need you, wherever you are at. We need 100,000 perfectly imperfect citizens calling for change while we still can..

You don't have to 'join' or even agree with Extinction Rebellion.. There are probably 100 groups committed to being there on 21 April, as well as individuals who are affiliated to none of them. You just have to agree that there is a fairer, more responsible, greener future there for the taking, and turn up with love for the human and non-human world.

Tell Yo if you hope to come to 'The Big One' with her, Nate, George and Tracey. Yo 07925 634 420



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