

# St Mary's Church Newsletter **IANUARY 2024**

# 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 IANUARY

Sunday 7th 10.30am - All Age Holy Communion celebrating The Epiphany

Sunday 14th 10.30am - Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people.

Sunday 21st 10.30am- Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people.

Sunday 28th 10.30am - Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people.

Sunday February 4th 10.30am- All Age Holy Communion

#### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Wednesday 24th January 7.30pm PCC Meeting

Friday 26th January 4.00pm Messy Church is suitable for families with primary school age children. Youth and other adults very welcome to come and help – from **3.30 pm** onwards.

Saturday 27th January Breathe Deep Day for all young people aged 11-18 - please let us know via the whatsapp group or speak to George or Miriam to book in.

It's a fun day at Sheffield Cathedral with a mix of music, fun, food, workshops and worship - and some of youth are leading one of the workshops - the rest of church look forward to hearing all about it....and seeing the pictures.

Sunday Feb 4th 1-3pm Women's Interfaith Forum at St Mary's Bramall Lane.

### A COVENANT WITH GOD

I am no longer my own but yours. let me have nothing: Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things,

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth. let it be ratified in heaven.'

#### AROCHA TIP FOR JANUARY

Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird

watching to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or



vegetables, or exploring an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK, be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this coming year and allow it to lead your thoughts towards God our Creator. Further ideas can be found at:

arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature

# FAMILY CHOIR

Starts **Wednesday 17th January 4.00pm** at St Marys. Learning disney songs. All ages and abilities welcome.

Pay as you feel!

### DREAMS AND REALITIES PORTRAIT PROJECT

10 Portraits of Family Choir Friends living on the Front-line UK Poverty.

The portraits highlight this very real and difficult issue as our General Election approches. The portraits have been painted by our own Stephen Martin from St Marys and the project part funded by Church Action on Poverty.

**Exhibition Opening Date** 

**Sunday 17th March** afternoon alongside Family Choir Disney Concert. Tickets will be on sale from end of February.

# GIVING TO ST MARYS

We value all that people offer to St Marys...... time, talents, participation and your financial support. There are a variety of ways to do this:

• We have a tap and give machine which accepts cards and phones,

• There is a plate for cash collections or you can set up a standing order or direct debit from your bank.

• If you are a tax-payer we can also reclaim additional funding from HMRC so please complete a gift aid form. All the forms are available by the tap and give machine – or ask those on welcome duty by the door.

• There's an online giving page on the church website or <u>here</u>

### PIANO PARTY!!!

Friday 19th January 7.15pm



Book tickets for our Piano Party here at St Mary's

St Mary's Bramall Lane Sheffield S2 4QZ

Piano

Party

An evening of beautiful Music to Celebrate our New Piano

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7.15pm

Tickets £8/£3 concs Free glass wine and crisps https://bit.ly/stmaryspiano All profits given to the good work of St Mary



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