



St Mary's Church Newsletter

February 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 FEBRUARY

5th Feb All Age Worship

12th Feb Holy Communion for all Ages

19th Feb All Age Worship with the baptisms of Nina and Alma

26th Feb Holy Communion with groups for children and Young People

MID-WEEK PRAYERS

We meet in the chapel every Monday at 9am and Thursday at midday for a short time of prayer scripture and reflection. Please do join us – either in person or where you are.

Our Prayer for St Mary's

We give thanks to God for the life of St Mary's.

We praise God for the faithful witness of St Mary's over the years.

We pray for the challenges of this season and that as the people of God

we may be wise and courageous, compassionate and just,

*to enable your kingdom to grow in our midst.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our
prayer.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb- We will mark the beginning of Lent with a Joint Churches Service of Ashing and Holy Communion at St Oswald's Church, Abbeydale Road 7.30pm

Pancake party Shrove Tuesday 21st Feb- in anticipation of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Come and make and eat pancakes together from 4.30- 6.30pm.

PCC will meet Wednesday 15th Feb 7.50pm at St Mary's

Messy Church Friday 17th February - once a month we welcome over 60 people for Messy Church- we enjoy activities, worship and food together- volunteers always needed and welcome to come and help for all or some of the time - or just come and join in.

SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Friday Feb 25th marks 365 days since the invasion of Ukraine. At St Mary's we are supporting the Ukrainian Community through the work of the Ukrainian Hub which meets on a Saturday morning at St Mary's. On Friday 25th Feb there is a candle lit vigil in the Peace Gardens at 7pm. Please come and support the people of Ukraine.

CENTRE NEWS

We are delighted to report that the Trustees have appointed Sarah Tully as the CEO for St Mary's Community Centre. Sarah hopes to take up her post at the beginning of March. We have also appointed Sharon Gill and John McCarthy as new part time-receptionist and caretaker respectively. Please keep these and all the staff of the Centre in your prayers.

ECO CHURCH

Please speak to Ann Brownhill for more Eco Church info.

THE BIG ONE - EXTINCTION REBELLION UK

Thank you for caring for our planet in your own home..

It's also time to put pressure on our Government to listen to it's people and DO MORE to mitigate the effects of Global Warming, for the sake of all our children and the world's poorest.

Come to London

Friday 21st April 2023

For 'The Big One'

A mass gathering outside the Houses of Parliament.

Affordable coaches will transport us from Sheffield and back.

Express your interest in coach

bit.ly/transport

Sign up to say you are coming on 21st April

<https://extinctionrebellion.uk/the-big-one/>

Let George or Yo know you are coming so we can travel and stand together.

SIGN THE PETITION!

It has been 4 years this week since Sheffield City Council declared a climate Emergency.. But we need them to speed up thier response on our behalf! Please sign the petition this week ! @ [https://](https://www.southyorkshireclimatealliance.org.uk/2023/01/sheffield-must-accelerate-response-to-climate-emergency-petition)

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SHOW THE LOVE

People across the country and all around the world are feeling the impacts of climate change and spiralling cost of living, but are united in wanting to see a safer, greener future. The solutions are there. We need to support the people hardest hit across the world by the impacts of climate change. We need to protect and restore nature. And we need to support to stop our homes wasting energy and to quickly move towards cheaper and cleaner renewables and bring down the household bills and give us reliable, secure energy the nation can be proud of.

This February, people from all walks of life will use the power of **green hearts** to show decision makers that we want to see **urgent action to tackle climate change, protect nature and bring down bills.**

Start small- take action and #ShowThe Love for our planet.

Writing to your MP is a quick and simple way to get your voice heard... and send them a green heart.

Tell your MP to **champion action on the climate, nature and cost of living crisis** and to **urge the Prime Minister and the Chancellor to prioritise these issues in 2023 and beyond.**

You can write and address your letter and green heart in our prayers today.

You can find out more about this Campaign here: www.theclimatecoalition.org/

Family Choir

Come and sing Songs from Westside Story! All ages and abilities welcome. Here in the hall at St Mary's **Wednesdays 3.30** drinks 4pm singing £1pp/ pay as you feel. Any enquiries call Yo 07925 634 420