



St Mary's Church Newsletter

24th March 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

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

This morning we welcome the Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain the Archdeacon of Sheffield as our preacher. Malcolm has come to know St Mary's over several visits and he is one of those involved in the appointment process of our new Vicar.

10.30 PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb
Lead..... Archdeacon
Readings..... Acts 11: 1-18
..... Revelation 21: 1-6
..... John 13: 31-35
Reader..... David F
Prayers..... Maureen F
Stewards..... Christine P & Barbara
Communion Assistants.... Kate and Michael
Music..... Jon, Yo

COLLECT FOR EASTER FIVE

*Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world*

*and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve
to the glory of God the Father.*

MADE OF MORE

Teen boys course starts today 5pm at church. Please pray this will be a great opportunity for our young men - and keep them in your prayers.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

11.30am - 2pm Cafe open. Lovingly made and tasty food at low prices.

Monday

12.30 - 1.30pm. Guided meditation in the chapel. Please see Kate for more information.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group, church centre.

Tuesday

7.45pm PCC Section 12 meeting - when all our paperwork regarding the appointment of a new Incumbent will be approved and go forward in advance of advertising the post next month - keep praying!

PORTER CROFT NEWS

Porter Croft - our church primary academy are shortlisting and interviewing for a new Deputy Headteacher and a new senior teacher this week. Please keep the Academy, its Governors and all those involved in your prayers during this time of change and development.

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP STEVEN

It was announced last week that our Bishop of Sheffield has been appointed as the next Bishop of Oxford. He will move over the summer. It is a great loss for our Diocese but Bishop Steven has initiated and embedded a

great wealth of vision, mission and teaching which will continue to enable and enrich our churches.

TIMEBUILDERS ON RADIO SHEFFIELD

Listen to James, our Timebuilders Coordinator talking about the project on radio Sheffield.

Here's the show:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03pkps6>

At 8.50 mins into the programme.

CHRISTIAN AID LAZY SUNDAY

We will be running Lazy Sunday on May 8th but we



do rely on teams of volunteers to do this - helping

to prepare, serve and host breakfasts and lunches, organise and contribute to our bake sales and other fundraising opportunities. if you would like to know more please speak to Miriam or Michelle - and would volunteers from previous years please step up again?

FOOD BANK

St Mary's is now a collection point for Gleadless Valley Food Bank. Please consider bringing any of these to St Mary's whenever you can: Milk (uht), 500g sugar, carton fruit juice, pasta sauce, tins (tomatos, puddings, fruit, meat, fish, soup), cereals, tea bags, instant coffee, instant mash, rice, pasta, jam, biscuits. Thank you.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Are you fully engaged with the different ways

of keeping in touch with St Mary's? Twitter and facebook addresses are always flagged on the bottom of this newsletter, but there's more...

Just send a blank email to marys-news+subscribe@googlegroups.com

to subscribe to our email group - you get a few emails each week with news of events and prayer requests that often don't make it to our own newsletter.

Flickr - this is an archive of 1,000s of photos showing the life and work of St Marys - if you sign up you can submit pictures (please do - its a very useful resource) but anyone can view the photos just from <https://www.flickr.com/groups/stmarysbl>

TIMEBUILDERS

A selection of opportunities this week:

Knit, Stitch & Natter: Tuesday

1-3pm. Knitting & cross stitch group, equipment provided, please donate for materials, at St Mary's. Free.

Watercolour and Pastels Class: 1-3pm Wednesday. Hosted by Kate, Pay2 TimeCredits or £2.

Walking for Wellbeing: Meet in St Mary's Café Friday at 12.30, set off at 1pm. Hosted by Tyrone and Sam. Free

NEXT SUNDAY - 29TH APRIL

10.30 Parish Eucharist

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead, celebrate, preach); Elaine C (readings); Barbara T (prayers); John & Margaret (stewards); Kevin, Jess, David (music).



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