



St Mary's Church Newsletter

26th November 2017

Christ the King

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- 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.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Today we will be having a slightly shorter service and then feeding back at the end of the service from the Listening Exercise.

As part of our joint work with the Centre we are wanting to engage more locally and perhaps develop the Duchess Road green space. There will be an opportunity after today's service to visit the site and explore possibilities. We are going to put a large Christmas tree up for the 13th December and our street carolling will finish there at 7pm for Carols & Lighting of the tree – we hope many of you will be able to join us.

Lead and preach.....	Revd Karen Cribb
Prayers.....	Michelle W
Readings.....	Ro B
Stewards.....	John & Bilonda
Music.....	Jon, Yo, Reuben
Bible Readings.....	Ezekiel 34 : 11 – 24
.....	Ephesians 1 : 15 - end
.....	Matthew 25 : 31 - end

COLLECT

*God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.*

REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS.

Monday 4th December (please note change of date and time). From 7pm – 9.00pm.
Organisations working with refugees, stories of a refugee, art exhibition and food. All Welcome. If you would like to help plan the event please speak to Claire.

ST MARYS YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday 3rd December, 12:30-2pm

A time of good food, fun games and loads of laughter. See Amy for details.

BREATHE DEEP YOUTH EVENT

is coming up on **27th January**. There will be time for worship, games, music, workshops, videos, crafts, chill and loads more. Its £5 each and you'll receive a Subway lunch too! Let Amy know if you want to come along and to find out more details!

CAROL SERVICE STORYTELLING

We are doing a 'shorter form' storytelling of the Christmas story as part of the St Mary's Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December**. Community storytelling is where a group of people learn a story by heart (in this case direct from the gospel) and together share it. The passages to learn will be short, as short as a couple of verses, so please don't let that put you off if you are curious to take part! There are 16 people in our congregation who have taken part in one of these already, ask them what they loved about it! We would love to include new voices. I need to know who is interested

soon! Please email or text me by this Tuesday 21st November (crishbeth@googlemail.com or 0775 473 0507). One rehearsal only, Sunday 10th at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES/EVENTS

Friday 1st December 3.15pm Porter Croft Academy Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd 12.30-1.30pm Carol Sing on Fargate for Christian Aid (with Minstrels)

Monday 4th 7pm Refugees Aware Event

Tuesday 12th 7pm SANDS (stillbirth and neonatal death society) Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 13th 6pm Street Carols meet at St Mary's 7pm lighting of the Tree at Duchess Road & Community Carols and food with TARA (with Minstrels)

Friday 15th Messy Church

Saturday 16th December 10.30am-12 meet at Landsdowne Chapel to sing around flats (with Minstrels)

Sunday 17th 4pm Carol Service (with Minstrels from 3.30)

Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle, 11.30pm Midnight Mass

10.30 Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

Do you or anyone you know play acoustic instruments that can be played outside? Or do you have an instrument in the back of the cupboard you could dust off and bring back to life for Christmas?

There are practices at St Marys on Wednesday 29th November and 6th December and at Meersbrook United Reformed Church on Thursdays 30th November and 7th December. (£3 per person, discounts for families).

As well as the St Marys above where the Minstrels are mentioned, you're also welcome to join in with Carol Singing on the B-Roads in

...find out more...talk to someone...send some news...

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Meersbrook, ending with mulled wine and shared snacks at Meersbrook Hall on Thursday 14th December. Meet at 6pm at the Hall. Contact Yo for details on 0792 5634420

FAMILIES CHOIR

Performed songs from Les Miserables on Wednesday this week. A big crowd came to listen and to have tea provided by Timebuilders - Well done all.



NEXT WEEK: ADVENT SUNDAY

Throughout Advent we are going to have the seats in the round for the morning service. We have cards and flyers to put through doors in the community, inviting people to Advent and Christmas events - if you have time please stay and help.

People with jobs to do next week:

Claire (lead, celebrate, preach); Elaine C (readings); Michael E (prayers); Kate & Michael E (stewards); David, Jem, Steve (music)

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