



St Mary's Church Newsletter

5th March 2017

First Sunday in Lent

- 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.

7.30pm PCC in the Parish Room.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group. See Miriam.

12.30pm God at the Table

3.30pm Family Choir

DIARY DATES

Friday 17th March: Messy Church

Sunday 19th March: Annual Church Parish Meeting

Tuesday 28th March: Induction Service of Claire Dawson as Vicar of St Marys.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 19th March** - like last year we will have a short service immediately followed by this meeting - an opportunity to hear from one another, do a few important legal things and give thanks to God and one another for the past year. As usual we will put a booklet together to report and reflect on the year, if you usually contribute to that please let Karen or Catherine have your contributions by early March - if you would like to offer to write something please do speak to Karen.

PRAYER FOCUS

Having reflected on "wrestling with conflict" through our Gospel reading today, we pray together for nations, communities, families and individuals caught up in situations of conflict, and we pray for our Diocese in particular at this time.

PCC RESPONSE

At our meeting last week the PCC agreed to send a signed letter in response to the nomination of the new Diocesan bishop. The letter sets out the opposition, of those who signed, to the nomination, and sets out the reasons, it affirms the ministry priorities of the nominee and expresses the deep concerns

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb
Preach..... Revd Karen Cribb
Reader..... Keith H
Bible Readings..... Genesis 2:15-17 & 3: 1-7
..... Romans 5:12-19
..... Matthew 4:1-11
Intercessor..... Michael E
Stewards..... John & Margaret I
Music..... Kevin, Yo, Jess, Jem
Drinks..... Christine P, Helen
Communion Assts.... Andy, Sally, Kate

COLLECT

*Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday

that have been voiced. Please speak to Karen or any member of the PCC for more details.

SIGN A LETTER

Separately to the PCC, a letter is available for anyone to sign, which has been circulated by our own Jeremy Clines and others.

It has been written for those who wish to express their pastoral concern, directly, about the reaction that has resulted from the nomination announcement. It also asks for further conversation with the Bishop of Burnley to further mutual understanding.

You can sign it online here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/TsHZGWErBNlhdOZ43>

(to sign, fill in the details and click 'SAVE' and you will receive a confirmation thank you).

Bishop Peter has written a letter to the diocese "addressing pastorally the issues relating to the appointment of Bishop Philip" which can be found on the diocesan website (click here)

GET INVOLVED

We are looking for a few people to join the PCC (Church Council) - we meet about once a month and together we are concerned with the whole life of St Mary's - practical, financial and spiritual. New voices, opinions and representatives are always welcome. We are also looking for a couple of people to be involved in the overseeing and management of our developing Mission Partnership. If you would like to know more about any of these please do speak up and let us know.

MISSION PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

All the churches in the Mission Partnership have been invited to send a representative to St Andrews Psalter Lane Church "Away day" on **Sunday 19th March** to be held at a nearby venue- they promise good food and good fellowship. If anyone would like to go to represent us please contact Karen who has

more details.

LENT GROUPS

How about joining a small group for Lent?

8pm Tuesdays - picking up on the Sunday Gospel readings - people Jesus met and see in how these encounters fit in with the spiritual formation streams from the Renovare course - see Chris Rees

12.30 - 2.00 Wednesdays - God at the Table - includes a soup and bread lunch - see Miriam

8pm Wednesdays - Life and Faith Group meeting at St. Mary's - see Maureen or Giles and/or...you could join in with St Andrew's...

FORK AND TALK

St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, have invited us to their short series of talks during Lent.

All the events will commence at 7pm. The cost of the evening will be £5 or £4 for unwaged and includes a light meal.

Tuesday 7th March - Feed the hungry

Monday 13th March - Life in Palestine through the eyes of young people

Thursday 23rd March - Climate change: could it bring the next wave of refugees?

If you're interested please speak to Steve T-L or contact anne.hollows@gmail.com.

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH

9.30am BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel

10.30am All Age Worship using Godly play and incorporating the baptism of Andre and Elliot.

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead); Elaine, David, Bilonda, Virgilia (drinks); Kate & Odette (stewards); Steve, Nate, Rachel, David, Reuben (music); Kevin, Caroline, Miriam (communion assistants)

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