



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

April 2024

Easter

## 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.

## SERVICES IN APRIL

**Sunday 7th April 10.30am** Holy Communion with baptism and a separate group for primary age children.

**Sunday 14th April 10.30am** Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people. Youth Lunch after the service.

**Sunday 21st April 10.30am** Holy Communion and Baptism service with The Bishop of Sheffield followed by a shared lunch.

**Sunday 28th April 10.30am** Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people. This is also our ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will be on **Friday 19th April** setting up from **3.30pm** activities from **4pm** sharing a meal at **5.30pm**

## ADVANCE NOTICES

The Bishop of Sheffield will be coming to take our service on **21st April** which will be followed by a

shared lunch. **Sunday 28th April** will be our Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the service – this is an opportunity to reflect together on the work of our church, our priorities and vision, and to elect church wardens and members of the church council – more details to follow soon.

## CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Please do listen to the podcast three of our young people did for the Diocese. Details on how to access it can be found here [Podcast - The Diocese of Sheffield](#) (anglican.org) – or search for “Words of Grace” on your usual podcast provider (and look for episode 31 - Youth Special). You will also find interviews with both Bishop Sophie and Bishop Pete as well as a whole range of other people talking about their life and their faith.



## DREAMS AND REALITIES

Thankyou to the 30 church volunteers who enabled the giant Family Choir meal and concert last month.

Perhaps you were one of the volunteers, or part of the 190 who enjoyed our performance of Disney Songs and our #letsendpoverty portrait exhibition launch.

The Dreams & Realities Exhibition is on display in the North Aisle throughout this month

The exhibition then goes on a UK tour with the charity 'Church Action on Poverty' ending at The



Greenbelt Festival where Gordon Brown launched the #ketsendpoverty campaign last August

We are so proud of this work by church and choir member Stephen Martin!

Congratulations Stephen!



## FAMILY CHOIR

It's your last chance to join our 'Family Choir'! People of all ages and abilities are welcome to come and learn to sing with Yo and enjoy building up 3 part harmonies in a set of songs from the film 'O Brother Where Art Thou'...

We will meet weekly here in the hall at St Mary's from

**Wednesday 17th April**

3.30pm Cuppa; 4pm Singing

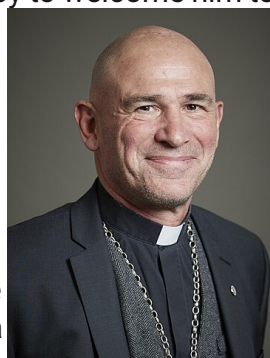
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Our last concert will be **5pm Friday 5th July 2024** as we celebrate the end of 11 years of Family Choir Community Singing here at St Mary's.

## VISIT OF BISHOP PETE

Bishop Pete is the Diocesan Bishop for Sheffield and it will be a joy to welcome him to St Mary's on the **21st**

**April** followed by a shared lunch. +Pete will be conducting baptisms on that day – so if you or any member of your family wish to be baptised please let Claire or Karen know, it will be a lovely celebration.



## ANNUAL MEETING

On **28th April** we will be holding our AGM (Annual General Meeting) after the morning service. During the service Sarah Tully CEO for St Mary's Community Centre will be speaking to us about the work of the community centre. The AGM is where the business of the church is presented to all members; the finance and activities for the past year. At the meeting we also elect our church officers, wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members. If you are interested in standing for election please let Claire and Karen know.

Electoral Roll – if you have been worshipping with us for 6 months and are over 16 years old and are baptised – please sign the electoral role form, this means you can vote at the AGM.

If you have a report to write for the AGM please send it to Sharon by the 12th of April:

Sharon Gill Sharon.Gill@stmarys-church.co.uk

## AROCHA TIPS FOR APRIL

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Reevaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.

WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) the food waste charity says cutting food waste at home could save families up to £1,000pa. Every day, we throw away in this country, 2.9 million potatoes, 25 million slices of bread, 2.1 million carrots, 1.4 million tomatoes, 1 million bananas.

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