



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

May 2024

## 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 MAY

**Sunday 5th 10.30am** Service for All Ages

**Sunday 12th 10.30am** - Holy Communion for the start of Christian Aid week with separate groups for children and young people. Our Young people will be holding their annual car wash on that Sunday - all proceeds to Christian Aid.

**Sunday 19th 10.30am** - Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday with a separate group for children

**Sunday 26th** - Breakfast will be served from **9.30am** and our service will follow soon after **10.30am** Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to Christian Aid.

## SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID



Every year this is our opportunity to support the work of Christian Aid throughout the world with our prayers and particularly with our financial giving. Due to everyone's generosity we are able to set and meet a target of giving £1,000 each year. Our service on **Sunday 12th** will particularly help us reflect on the work of Christian Aid. The opportunity to give financially will be open for the whole month - either in cash or online - please use the Christian Aid envelopes for your cash and see the separate posters for ways to give electronically.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO COME

PCC Meeting **Wednesday 15th May 7.30pm** at St Mary's Church. Following elections at our APCM this will be our first PCC meeting with our newly elected members. In particular we would like to welcome Roland and Omobolaji to their first meeting on the 15th.

**Sunday 19th May 1-3pm** Women's Interfaith Meeting- please come and share food and conversation around what prayer means for us.

## CLAIRE'S SABBATICAL

After 20 years being ordained a priest, Claire is having a 3 month Sabbatical from **1st July until 7th October**. During this time different people will hopefully be encouraged to help lead and preach for us on a Sunday morning. Claire will share some of her plans with us over the coming weeks.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church in May will be held on **Friday 31st** - we have a great team of volunteers but we would welcome extra help in setting up from **3.30pm**, preparing the meal and running the session from **4.00pm**. We eat together from about **5.15pm** and then clearing up from about **6.00pm**. Messy Church is aimed at families with Primary age children.

## PRAYING TOGETHER AT ST MARY'S

We meet to pray together in person every Monday (Not Bank holidays) at **9.00am** and each Thursday at **12.00 noon**.

We also have shared prayers so that we can pray the same themes as a church even if we are unable to meet in person. This month we are focusing on the themes from "Thy Kingdom Come" - these are "Come Holy Spirit" and asking that God might "Transform Revive and Heal" the nations of the world, the Church, our communities and each of us. Additionally we are encouraged to pray specifically for five people to come to know Jesus. Prayer cards are available at the back of church.



## HISTORY TALK

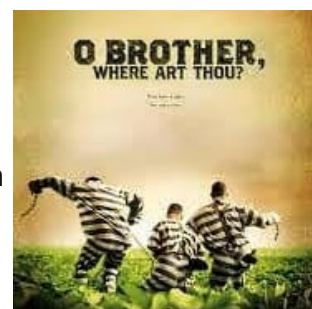
**13th May 2024 6.30pm**  
Welcome refreshments.  
**6.45pm -8.00pm**

We are inviting you to come along and learn about some of the Sheffield residents who were buried here in the grounds of St Mary's during the 19th century. Kate Faulkes will be speaking about her research into the four Sheffield Waterloo churches, built with money raised to give thanks. St Mary's is one of those churches and is Grade II\* listed. Entrance is free but please book large groups by ringing 0114 2230223 or emailing [admin@stmarys-church.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmarys-church.co.uk)



## FAMILY CHOIR

Join our community choir here at St Mary's for its last run of rehearsals....the choir has run for 11 years but is coming to an end with our performance on **Friday 5th July 5-7pm**..please save the date and join us for music, food and fun!



We meet every Wednesday in term-time in St Mary's Community Hall and are accompanied by a lovely pianist.. **3.30pm** cuppa, **4.00-5.00pm** singing  
All ages, abilities and backgrounds welcome.

We are a small, friendly bunch, learning to sing in three part harmony.



Currently our songs are from the film 'O Brother Where Art Thou' including 'You Are My Sunshine' and 'Down in the River to Pray' Choir is pay as you feel and we'd love to welcome you! Any enquiries phone YO 07925 634 420.

## ECO CHURCH

**Saturday 22nd June 2024** in London-please speak to Yo for further details 07925 634 420



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