



St Mary's Church Newsletter

December 2022

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.

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 11th December 10.30 - Holy Communion with groups for children and young people – followed by "Youth Lunch"

Sunday 18th December – NO MORNING SERVICE.

4pm Community Christmas Celebration - with Nativity, Carols, Food, Donkeys. Bring a torch !
Help needed to serve and set up before hand.

Saturday 24th December 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Communion.

Sunday 25th December 10.30am Christmas Day Communion Service for All Ages.

MESSY CHURCH

This **Friday 9th December 4pm** Messy Church - please come and enjoy a Christmas

themed Messy Church including more christingles. Any volunteers welcome from 3.30, or and eat with us about 5.30 and help us clear up so we are done by 7pm!

UKRAINIAN HUB



We are all invited to join the Ukrainian Hub for their celebration of St Nikolas 11am to 12.30pm on Saturday 17th December – warmly invited to pop in!

CHRISTMAS MEALS - HELP NEEDED

Help needed in the Community Centre to serve Christmas Meals in December: **Tuesday 13th; Thursday 15th; Monday 19th** arrive about 12.30pm. Please see Claire if you might be able to help.

SOCIAL SUPERMARKET GIFTS

Extra food items wanted to offer for Christmas (not basic eg beans/pasta etc.) but something a bit special eg, sweet/savoury biscuits, tin of ham/salmon etc. Drop of at reception in the week or bring to church next Sunday.

ST MARY'S PRAYER COMMUNITY

We give thanks to the living God for the life of St

Mary's.

We praise God for the faithful witness of St Mary's over the years.

We pray for the challenges of this season and

that as the people of God we may be wise and courageous, compassionate and just to enable

Happy Christmas from  ST.MARY'S

This year we are following the theme of angels – they are God's special messengers and bring words of healing and hope. During Advent you are invited to write your own message on an angel to display in the church.

Sunday 18th December 4pm

Outside Christmas Event – carols, food, donkeys and the Nativity.
Free event for all – please bring a torch!

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Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December) 11.30pm
Midnight Mass

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Christmas Day (Sunday 25th December) 10.30am
Christmas Celebration

St. Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, Sheffield S2 4QZ
www.stmarys-church.co.uk

*your Kingdom to grow in our midst.
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray together on Mondays at 9am and Thursdays at 12 noon – do join us in person in the Chapel at St Mary's or from wherever you are at those times. There will be no Wednesday evening zoom prayers in December.

GIVING TO ST MARY'S

There is always an offering plate for your cash gifts on a Sunday, we also have a "tap and give" machine for card/phone payments. It is also possible to give regularly by standing order/direct debit. If you are a tax payer please complete a Gift Aid form, this is a valuable source of additional income we can claim back from the government – please ask for more details.

ECO CHURCH INITIATIVE

We have signed up to the Eco church initiative. To achieve the aims there are many criteria under the headings of Worship & Teaching, Building, Land, Community Engagement and Lifestyle, to be worked through. If anyone is interested in being part of a small group looking at this please contact Ann Brownhill. Any meetings would probably be on Zoom in evenings.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR

We are looking to appoint a member of St Mary's Church as a foundation governor to join the governing body at Porter Croft Primary Academy – our church school. Please speak to Karen or Claire if you might be interested to serve our local community in this way. Occasional daytime availability is needed for this role.



With St Mary's Bramall Lane Family Choir and Pianist
WEDNESDAY 14th December 6pm

At: *Golden Lion Pub*
Alderson Road
ALL AGES WELCOME!



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