



St Mary's Church Newsletter

November 2023

SEESWELCOME 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.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th Nov 10.30am - All Age Holy Communion- celebrating All Saints- followed by a bring and share lunch- everyone welcome.

Sunday 12th Nov 10.30am - Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people

Sunday 19th Nov 10.30am - Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people

Sunday 26th Nov 10.30am - Holy Communion for All Ages celebrating Christ the King Sunday

Sunday 3rd December - Bishop Sophie will be joining us for our service at the start of Advent- we will have a bring and share lunch together after the service.

CHURCH AND CENTRE AGM

Wednesday 15th November at St Mary's 7.30pm - the work of St Mary's Community Centre and Annual Accounts are presented to the PCC. It is an open meeting and anyone who is interested in the work and mission of St Mary's is very welcome to attend.

ST MARY'S YOUTH

St Mary's Youth have been active in the Diocese and regionally and we have enjoyed celebrating with them on Sunday mornings. This link below is of our young people leading a workshop on the Diocesan Development Day. They are truly inspirational, please take the time to watch and be inspired!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhnvRTdzsUU&list=PLFZB0G5UvUNTNaQkMja3K-BtsxWa8iG8T&index=4>

GIVING TO ST MARY'S

We value all that people offer to St Mary's..... time, talents, participation and your financial support. There are a variety of ways to do this - we have a tap and give machine which accepts cards and phones, there is a plate for cash collections or you can set up a standing order or direct debit from your bank. If you are a tax-payer we can also reclaim additional funding from HMRC so please complete a gift aid form. All the forms are available by the tap and give machine- or ask those on welcome duty by the door.

ECHO CHURCH

Created by A Rocha UK, with the ambition to inspire and assist churches in embedding creation care throughout the whole of church life. There are three levels of the Eco Church Award – Bronze, Silver, and Gold. To achieve these, you first take part in a survey exploring all aspects of church life. You can gain points to take you all the way to an Eco Church Gold Award. We have a good way to go yet and it involves the centre looking for example at materials they use. We will be considering our outside space and how to make it more attractive to wild life as well as the community.

Eco Church- A date for your diary!



XR Sheffield and South Yorkshire Climate Alliance are jointly hosting a screening at the Showroom of a very powerful film

'Once You Know ' 5.30 pm Thursday 30th November

The film will be followed by a really helpful facilitated discussion to help us face what's coming towards us due to the Climate Emergency

For booking details please see link below:

<https://www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/onceyouknow>

MEET OUR PREDECESSORS

Have you ever noticed the names on the gravestones and wondered about their lives? Kate Faulkes from the university will be talking about her research into the people who were buried in the churchyard between 1830s and 1850s on **28th November at 6.00pm** in the nave. It will finish at **7.00pm**. An opportunity to hear about people attending St. Mary's including those who were influential in Sheffield and what the women did.

NEW PIANO!

We are very lucky to soon be receiving a new piano bought for us by a musical friend. Watch this space for a Piano Party to celebrate all our music at St Mary's

REASONS TO SING!

St Mary's was very lucky to be involved in this project with Steel City Choristers which involved 27 people from our Social Supermarket in 6 weeks of Singing Workshops culminating in a great, full house concert here at St Mary's last month. Donations from the concert have bought our piano cover. Read more about project on St Mary's or Steel City Choristers websites



'Count on Me' Bruno Mars- chosen by Julia (St Mary's employee)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W6LnGRzdow>



We at St Mary's sent 40 postcards to our MPs asking them to raise UK poverty as a pre-election issue in parliament, giving our reasons for speaking up. #letsendcpoverty is a growing UK movement and is behind our Dreams and Realities Portrait Project at St Mary's culminating **17th March 2024**

St Mary's has launched its 'Dreams and Realities' Portrait project alongside Family choir. Funded by Church Action on Poverty, Stephen Martin, Church and Choir member will paint portraits of 10 choir members living with dignity but difficulty on the front line of poverty.



See Yo (mobile 07925634420) for more details of the Dreams and Realities' Potrait project from **Sunday 17th March 2024**. Please keep the date in your diaries.

'Mama' Spice girls - chosen by Maureen (St Mary's volunteer)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2sZsopzRhk>

FAMILY CHOIR

Come and sing with us every **Wednesday** in term time **3.30-5pm** pay as you feel.

Disney songs (concert will be **17th March**) and Christmas Carols. 40 of us are going to the Gareth Malone Sing-along this month! Let Yo know if you want to be on ticket waiting list.

BEER AND CAROLS!

Come and sing Carols in The Golden Lion Pub, Anderson Road S2 4UB (10 minutes walk from St Mary's)

Wednesday 13th Dec 6pm Free Buffet



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