



St Mary's Church Newsletter

16th December 2018

Third Sunday in Advent

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.
- 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.
- 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.

10.30 Holy Communion

Lead/Celebrate.....	Revd Karen Cribb
Preach.....	Maureen Food
Bible Readings.....	Zephaniah 3 : 14 - end.
.....	Philippians 4 : 4-7
.....	Luke 3 :7-18
Reader.....	Melvyn
Intercessor.....	Steve T-L
Stewards.....	Maureen & Michelle
Drinks.....	Christine P
Music.....	Kevin, Jess, David

4pm Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Come and bring your friends.

COLLECT

*God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday

10am -12 noon. Hospitality and Holiness St Mary's Café will be open for free tea, coffee and cakes! This will be run and hosted by the church community. Please drop in/lend a hand.

Tuesday

9.30am Porter Croft Primary Academy Christmas Celebration Service at St Mary's

Wednesday

No Toddlers Group this week.

Thursday

No Thursday evening group this week - restart January 10th for two final sessions exploring the Common Good.

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you all so much for joining in the carol singing in the city centre. We raised £910, a wonderful boost for the work of Christian Aid. PS Date for next year 7th December 2019.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS DATES

Sunday 23rd December

No service in the morning.

4pm Christingle Service

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight service

Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Day Service

NEW YEAR DATES

Sunday 6th January we are worshipping with the other churches in our Mission Partnership at 10.30am at St Andrews Psalter Lane.

BREATHE DEEP DAY 2019

Breathe Deep is back on 26 January 2019 at St

Thomas Church, Philadelphia. Breathe Deep is our annual youth event for young people all over the diocese. A morning full of worship, teaching, workshops and questions, followed by a Subway lunch and a load of activities in the afternoon.



<https://breathedeepday.wordpress.com/>

RENEWED - DIOCESAN STRATEGY

Our strategy sets out a map for how we might realise our vision for the Diocese by 2025. The RENEWED part of the strategy aims to maintain as a first priority a real reliance on the Spirit of God in prayer and worship and in the consecration of our lives, as individuals and communities.



Under this part of the strategy, the diocese will seek to recruit and resource a prayer community of 2025 members who will:

1. Say the Lord's Prayer daily;
2. Read at least one verse of the Bible every day;
3. Say the Diocesan Vision Prayer daily; and
4. Pause daily before God at 20.25 (or at any hour between 20 & 25 past) to seek the renewing power of God's Spirit for the Diocese, praying for 2.5% of the population of the diocese to be part of our worshipping community, and that other Christian denominations will also grow in size.

In addition to this, the diocese will commit to host 25 prayer gatherings a year, each to be attended by a bishop, two in every deanery and

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one in the Cathedral.

The prayer community will be made up of adults and young people from across the diocese. Anyone can be a part of it, but please note that membership implies a level of commitment - as outlined above, and for the duration of the strategy. If you would like to be a part of this you can sign up below.

Even if you feel that the commitment of the prayer community is too much, you can still get involved in many ways. See diocesan website for more details (click on renewed logo)

Diocesan Strategy Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

*Renew us as we make your love known;
Release us to share freely together in mission;
and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,
both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.
Amen*

LAST WEEK - ZURI'S BAPTISM



NEXT SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER

NO MORNING SERVICE

4pm Christingle Service

An informal celebration - comes dressed as a nativity character if you wish (adults and children) retell the Christmas story and make your own Christingle.