



St Mary's Church Newsletter

November 2022

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.
- 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 NOVEMBER (10.30)

Sunday 6th Holy Communion with separate children's groups.

Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion with Youth and Children's groups

Sunday 20th Holy Communion with Youth and children's groups.

Sunday 27th Advent Sunday Holy Communion with children's group. Followed by a shared meal in the Hall. Offers of food welcome, please speak to Miriam or Karen who can co-ordinate offers.

MESSY CHURCH

Friday 11th November from 4pm and informal space for building community and exploring Gods' word through crafts, games, worship and sharing food together. A space for all ages to learn, worship, celebrate and eat together – new team members always welcome anytime between 3.30pm – 7pm.

ST MARY'S PRAYER COMMUNITY

A Prayer for St Mary's

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 your Kingdom to grow in our midst.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We are going to start a Community of Prayer at St Mary's. Jesus asks us to pray; it is part of being a disciple, it draws us to the heart of God and sustains life. We will aim to pray in person at St Mary's Chapel 9am Monday and 12pm Thursday. We will hold a zoom prayer meeting 7pm on Wednesdays (see link below). Over the next few weeks we will be sending out rhythm of prayer - areas of life for us to focus our prayers on together as a community.

St Mary's faces a number of challenges at this time. Jon Sparkes the new Centre Manager is off on long term sick- this situation needs really careful management and wise decision making for St Mary's future.

Join Zoom Meeting

It will be the same link each week – Wednesdays 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82463467989?pwd=Y2NKVXNjeHBudFFnZXhMRStBcTdEUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6346 7989

Passcode: 976916

CANON KAREN

Open invitation - Karen will be installed as a Canon at a special service in Sheffield Cathedral on **Sunday 13th November at 4pm**. This does not change her role at St Mary's but rather is an acknowledgement of her contribution to the life of the Diocese. Everyone is welcome.

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.

PCC

PCC will meet on **Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm** at St Mary's and the Centre AGM will be held at St Mary's on **Monday 21st November at 7.30pm**.

DEANERY EVENING

At Sheffield Cathedral with Bishop Pete at **7pm** on **Wednesday 9th November**. An event for everyone with the focus of the evening on encouragement and listening. Bishop Pete and the senior staff want to hear about the situation in your local parish. Refreshments

will be provided.

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.

CAROL SINGERS

An open invitation for all those who enjoy singing carols -to join in with others to support Christian Aid on **Saturday 3rd December 12 noon – 1pm** at the bottom of The Moor.

FAMILY CHOIR

Come and sing **Christmas Carols** with St Mary's Family Choir

£1 per person/pay as feel

Here @St Mary's in the hall

Wednesdays 4-5pm

November 23rd, 30th, December 7th

We will sing together...

...in local pub

December 14th 6pm all welcome

....and at St Mary's

Outdoor Carol Service **Sunday 18th December 3.30pm (before 4pm service)**

Come and share winter warmth and Christmas cheer!

...find out more...talk to someone...send some news...

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