



St Mary's Church Newsletter

February 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 FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th 10.30am - Holy Communion with childrens groups.

Sunday 11th 10.30am - Holy Communion with groups for children and young people.

Sunday 18th 10.30am - First Sunday of Lent. All Age Holy Communion.

Sunday 25th - Holy Communion with groups for children and young people

Ash Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm - joint service at St Oswald's Church (at the junction of Abbeydale Road and Bannerdale Road S7 2DL).

PANCAKE PARTY

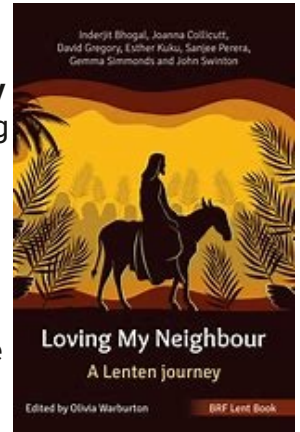
Tuesday 13th February 4.30-6.30pm in the Hall at St Mary's. Come and enjoy making and eating pancakes together.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 3rd March - everyone is invited to stay for lunch after church - and bring some of your favourite/traditional food to share.

LENT STUDY GROUP

We are planning to run a Lent study group meeting at St Mary's on **Wednesday evenings 7.30 – 9pm** using the book "Loving my Neighbour – a Lenten journey." We can order the book on your behalf let us know you want one - but you don't need to purchase the book to be able to be part of the evenings.



Please speak to Miriam for more details.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES WORKER

We are currently advertising to employ a part-time children and families worker for St Mary's – there are details on the noticeboard and website and you can find them here

<https://www.stmarys-church.co.uk/items-1/vacancy-st-marys-childrens-worker>

Please do pray that we are able to appoint someone to this post and pass the information on to any suitable contacts you might have.

COME AND JOIN FAMILY CHOIR

Here at St Marys on **Wednesdays**

February 7th, 21st, 28th

March 6th 9th 13th

All ages and abilities welcome!

We are learning Disney Songs

Our 'Dreams and Reality' Disney Concert is on **Sunday 17th March** (St Patrick's Day!):

**LET'S END
POVERTY**



Portrait Exhibition

Lunch at noon followed (1.15pm) by Concert and #letsendpoverty



£6/£3 Tickets on sale during March.

WOMENS INTERFAITH FORUM

Sunday 4th February 1-3pm: We will be joined by Dr Anju Devianee Keetharuth, who will be giving us an insight into the Vedic way of life to find inner peace in a not so peaceful world.

WOMENS INTERFAITH FORUM SHEFFIELD INVITES YOU TO:

SAVE THE DATES

🕒 1:00pm - 3:00pm

📍 St Mary's Church
Brammal Lane
S2 4QZ

All women of faith and no faith are welcome to our gatherings of conversations, food and friendship

THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: (TOPICS TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE NEW YEAR)

- 🌟 Sunday 4th February 2024
- 🌟 Sunday 19th May 2024
- 🌟 Sunday 18th August 2024
- 🌟 Sunday 27th October 2024

Hold the dates and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

AROCHA GREEN TIPS

Go green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, ecofriendly living? Explore some of these changes at

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

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<https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/>

NO FAITH IN FOSSIL FUELS VIGIL 14TH-24TH FEB

Join the Vigil at any time for as little or as long as you like. Just turn up!

THE NO FAITH IN FOSSIL FUELS VIGIL

14TH -24TH FEB 2024, WESTMINSTER

The Vigil has been organised by Christian Climate Action See their website for more details. christianclimateaction.org/

Some of us from St.Mary's are travelling to London to join the Vigil for the last three hours on **February 24th**. We will be in Parliament Square outside the Carriage Gates from 12 until just before 2, and then we will walk to Downing Street for the final Service from 2 until 3.

If you would like to join us, please contact Matthew Holland on 07514449049

As the climate crisis wreaks havoc, we are drawn to our most ancient of traditions – prayer. We have faith that our prayers are heard and can bring transformation. Lent offers us space to lament our failure to face up to the climate emergency, and as we approach the Easter season of renewal, to seek God to shape a better future for everybody.