



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

16th January 2022

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

- 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.

## WELCOME TO ST MARYS

**16th January:**

10.30 Holy Communion

There will be both Youth and Children's groups meeting this morning

**Next Sunday 23rd January:**

10.30 Child-friendly Holy Communion

## COVID SAFETY AT ST MARYS

We ask people to wear masks on the move and whilst singing.

In order for us to operate safely it REALLY HELPS IF YOU BOOK IN FOR THE SERVICE. To book a seat please contact Ann Brownhill.

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## PCC MEET THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 19th January** – on zoom and Centre Trustees meet next **Monday 24th January**.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**31st January 10.30** All Age Service for Candlemas

**6th February 10.30** We will welcome Jon Sparkes our new Centre Manager at this service which will focus on this aspect of St Mary's life and mission.

**13th February 10.30** Holy Communion

**20th February 10.30** All Age Service

**27th February 10.30** Holy Communion

**Ash Wednesday 2nd March 7.30pm** Mission Partnership Holy Communion Service at St Oswalds

**6th March 10.30** Child-friendly Holy Communion

We hope to run regular children and youth groups in the coming weeks – but this is only possible if we have people willing both to lead and to support those who are leading the sessions. Please speak to Claire, Karen or Miriam if you might be willing to explore this.

## LENT 2022

We will anticipate Lent with a Pancake Party on Tuesday 1st March 4-6pm an opportunity to meet and chat and eat together – everyone welcome – more details to follow.

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion will be held with our Mission Partnership Churches at 7.30pm at St Oswalds on Abbeydale Road.

Lent is an opportunity for us to meet during the week in a more informal way – options might include eating together, bible study, prayer, conversation, learning from one another, focusing on particular topics or areas of interest/concern. If you have any suggestions for what we might do during Lent please do speak to Claire or Karen – and share your ideas on the flipchart at the back of church – this may spark ideas from other people too.

## CONGRATULATIONS MEGANE

Congratulations Megane – on being elected Head Girl at school. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they navigate their way through this time of assessments, exams and uncertainties, and as they continue to contribute so much to our church and God's kingdom - Zara Denno currently leads the Christian Union at her school (High Storrs). We look forward to hearing from our young people regularly in our services this year.

## PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

has restarted and continues to meet every **Wednesday morning** – Please see Miriam for more information.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

is served every **Thursday 12.30** and all are welcome – please speak to Maureen, Claire or Karen for more information – or just turn up and enjoy good food and god company.

## CREATIVE JANUARY

Consider this your invitation to join in with others from St Marys to take part in the 'January Challenge' organised by a national group called 64 million artists. It is 31 days of fun, quick and free creative challenges to kickstart your year. We thought this could only be a hopeful way to begin an uncertain year, and a fun way to get to know each other better. It's free and no pressure but we can share what we do as we go along. You need to sign up here to receive the daily emails:

<https://64millionartists.com/thejanuarychallenge/>

and ideally chose the 'we are human' theme so we are all doing the same thing. For more information please chat with Clare Rishbeth and we hope to include some of this in our Sunday worship this month.

## MESSY CHURCH

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

Follow @marys\_church on twitter for congregational news.



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is planned for the **second Friday** of each month **4-6pm** starting again on **February 11th** BUT again this is only possible if we have enough volunteers – to prepare/set up, to help run the sessions and to clear up – so if you only have an hour that would be great. Please speak to Miriam or Karen if you are able to help. We usually have about 50 adults and children each month and it is an important part of our ministry to the local community.

## FAMILY CHOIR

- A choir for any age and any ability: come and join our singing family!
- Starts **Wednesday 26th January**, here at St Mary's
- Cuppa 3.30pm Singing 4-4.45pm
- Suggested donation £1
- We are singing a delicious set of Nat King Cole songs!
- Any enqs Yo 07925 634 420

Save The Date! **Sunday March 6th 2pm**

Yo's 3 Choirs will join with a guest choir to perform

[A Feast of Nat King Cole Songs](#)

Here at St Mary's.

Tickets on sale from 6th February