



St Mary's Church Newsletter

October 2023

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday 8th October 10.30am - All Age Holy Communion with a focus on Racial Justice

Sunday 15th October 10.30am - Morning Worship with a separate group for children and a special focus on Church Action on Poverty Sunday. Gavin Hastings from CAoP will be sharing about their work and campaigning against poverty and we will be launching a community arts project at the start of Challenge Poverty Week which Yo has been working on. You are also invited (if you are able) to bring items for our Social Supermarket: Pasta; Rice; Noodles; Chick Peas; Sanitary Towels.

Sunday 22nd October 10.30am - Holy Communion for All Ages

Sunday 29th October 10.30am - Holy Communion with baptism

Sunday 5th November 10.30am - Holy Communion for All Ages celebrating All Saints



day – after the service you are invited to stay for lunch and to bring some food for us all to share. We will also do this on **Sunday 3rd December** when Bishop Sophie will be joining us for our service.



PRAYING TOGETHER

please pick up the new St Mary's Prayer Community leaflet – we hope this helps and encourages each of us to pray for one another, our church community and the activities of St Mary's during the week. This time we have taken the themes of Harvest, Black History Month and All Saints as a focus for our prayers.

GIVING TO ST MARYS

We value all that people offer to St Marys..... 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.

MESSY CHURCH

This **Friday 13th October 4pm** for families with children of primary school age, and helpers of all ages welcome. We have a variety of crafts and activities from 4pm, we gather for a Bible story and singing at about 5pm and then we finish our time by eating together at 5.30. Extra help is always welcome anytime from 3.30 – 6.30pm Please speak to Karen for more information.

come to St Mary's for their end of year service on Thursday 20th July.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History month. At St Mary's we will be marking and celebrating this in different ways.

A Collect for Black History Month

Compassionate God,
who sent Jesus Christ
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and
inequalities,
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,
to see the image of God in every person
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.
May we be generous in our love of others
as we work towards ending misunderstanding,
racism and injustice; creating communities of
human flourishing,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

SHEFFIELD WOMEN'S INTERFAITH FORUM

**Sunday 15th October 1pm
to 3pm** at St Mary's – all
women are welcome to
attend. On the 15th we
shall be simply sharing
food together and having
conversations. If you
would like to bring some
food to share you would
be most welcome.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Thank you to all those who have agreed to
assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.
This is helping to serve the congregation by
distributing the bread and wine when we have

Communion together. On the 8th October we
shall be commissioning all those who have
volunteered and whose name has been
approved by the PCC.

REASONS TO SING CONCERT YESTERDAY

This was a really wonderful event! 12 beautiful
songs sung in 4 part harmony by Steel City
Choristers.

6 of the songs were chosen by people linked to
our Social Supermarket here at St Marys
including Odette from our church and Julia who
works in the centre.

12 community singers had rehearsed these 6
songs over the past few weeks with Yo and we
were absorbed into 'the big choir' which was an
amazing experience!

There was a huge audience of
over 100 and a choir of more
than 40 including the 12
Community Singers from St
Mary's

200 amazing quiches and
cakes were made by Gemma
and Merys our chefs and our
own Christine Maclean and
served by wonderful
volunteers from St Mary's

The project was a
collaborative effort by so many
in our St Mary's community
along with Steel City
Choristers who managed all
the fundraising and were able
to make a large financial

contribution to St Mary's Centre and Church

Do look out for more news of this fantastic
project (that was piloted last year at Parsons
Cross initiative). We are the second food
resource to run it.



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

Follow @marys_church on twitter for
congregational news.



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