

# 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 taxpayer 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.



INVITES YOU TO:

SHEFFIELD WOMENS INTERFAITH

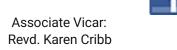
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