



St Mary's Church Newsletter

Christmas Services 2018

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- For communion services gluten free wafers are available. 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 23RD DECEMBER

No service at 10.30am.

4pm Christingle Service

An informal celebration - come dressed as a nativity character if you wish (adults and children) retell the Christmas story and make your own Christingle.

Lead..... Revd Karen Cribb
Reader..... Nate
Prayers.....Michelle W

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm Midnight Service

Lead, Celebrate..... Revd Claire Dawson
Preach..... Revd Jeremy Clines

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am Christmas Day Service

Lead Revd Claire Dawson and Revd Karen Cribb
Music..... Jeremy, Steve, Yo, Nate.

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER

10.30 Holy Communion

Lead, Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb
Reader..... Kate K
Prayers.....Della S
Music..... Jon, Jess, David

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY

Mission Partnership Joint Service

10.30am at St Andrews Psalter Lane.
No service at St Marys.

THURSDAY EVENING GROUP

The Thursday evening group restarts on Thursday 10th January for the two final sessions exploring the Common Good.

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you all so much for joining in the carol singing in the city centre. We raised £910, a wonderful boost for the work of Christian Aid. PS Date for next year 7th December 2019.

BREATHE DEEP DAY 2019

Breathe Deep is back on 26 January 2019 at St Thomas Church, Philadelphia. Breathe Deep is our annual youth event for young people all over the diocese. A morning full of worship, teaching, workshops and questions, followed



by a Subway lunch and a load of activities in the

afternoon.

<https://breathedeepday.wordpress.com/>

RENEWED - DIOCESAN STRATEGY

Our strategy sets out a map for how we might realise our vision for the Diocese by 2025. The RENEWED part of the strategy aims to maintain as a first priority a real reliance on the Spirit of God in prayer and worship and in the consecration of our lives, as individuals and communities.

Under this part of the strategy, the diocese will seek to recruit and resource a prayer community of 2025 members who will:

1. Say the Lord's Prayer daily;
2. Read at least one verse of the Bible every day;
3. Say the Diocesan Vision Prayer daily; and
4. Pause daily before God at 20.25 (or at any hour between 20 & 25 past) to seek the renewing power of God's Spirit for the Diocese, praying for 2.5% of the population of the diocese to be part of our worshipping community, and that other Christian denominations will also grow in size.

In addition to this, the diocese will commit to host 25 prayer gatherings a year, each to be attended by a bishop, two in every deanery and one in the Cathedral.

The prayer community will be made up of adults and young people from across the diocese. Anyone can be a part of it, but please note that membership implies a level of commitment - as outlined above, and for the duration of the strategy. If you would like to be a part of this you can sign up below.

Even if you feel that the commitment of the prayer community is too much, you can still get involved in many ways. See diocesan website for more details (click on renewed logo)

Diocesan Strategy Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

*Renew us as we make your love known;
Release us to share freely together in mission;
and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.
Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,
both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.
Amen*



*Wishing you a very merry
Christmas and every blessing
in 2019!*

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