



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

March 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 MARCH

This **Sunday 10th 10.30am** Mothing Sunday Service for All Ages led by our Young People.

**Sunday 17th 10.30am** - Passiontide Holy Communion with groups for children and young people – with a special welcome to Gavin and Pete, representatives from Church Action on Poverty. The service will be followed by the Dreams and Reality Concert – please see next page for further details.

**Sunday 24th 10.30am** - Palm Sunday a service for All Ages

**Sunday 31st March 10.30am**- Easter Sunday Holy Communion for All Ages - we will share breakfast from 9.30am before this service

## EASTER SERVICES

Please see the separate invitation for more details. Maundy **Thursday 28th March** - there will be a reflective service in the evening.

**Good Friday 29th March** - Activities for All Ages from 11am-1pm with a quiet space also available in the chapel.

**Easter Sunday 31st March 10.30 am** - A

Celebration of Holy Communion for all ages with breakfast before from **9.30am**.

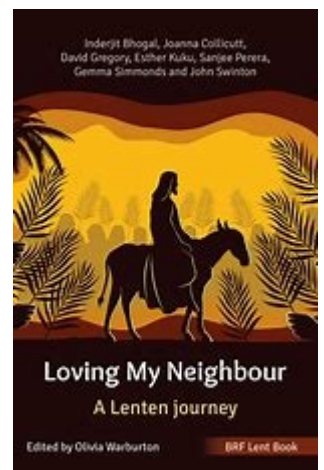
## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will be on **Friday 22nd March** – we set up from 3.30pm and welcome families in from 4pm, we gather to eat together about 5.15pm and then clear up. Messy church is aimed at families with primary school age children, we explore a Bible story through a variety of crafts and activities. Our young people and a number of adults make up the team of people who host this event and enable it to run – please speak to Karen if you are able to come along and help on this occasion.

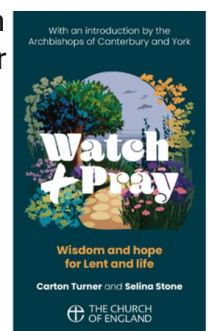
## LENT STUDY GROUP

Lent Group – will meet on **Wednesday 13th and 20th March 7.30pm** at St Mary's please speak to Miriam or Karen for more

details – we are reflecting on the Lent book “Loving my neighbour” but you do not need to be reading the book to come and share in prayer and fellowship with us. Just a reminder that copies of the book are still available and that “Watch and Pray” the Church of England reflections for Lent are available as an app or online – See the



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## ADVANCE NOTICES

The Bishop of Sheffield will be coming to take our service on **21st April** which will be followed by a shared lunch. **Sunday 28th April** will be our Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the service – this is an opportunity to reflect together on the work of our church, our priorities and vision, and to elect church wardens and members of the church council – more details to follow soon.

## FAMILY CHOIR

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

**LET'S END POVERTY**

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

£6/£3- Buy tickets using link below

<https://bit.ly/yoschoir>

or speak to Yo 07925 734 420

This is the cumulation of all the months of hard work by Family choir. Please come!

After the concert Family choir has a break until **Wednesday 17th April**.

## AROCHA TIPS FOR APRIL

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Re-evaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage.

#Letsendpoverty Potrait Exhibition has been funded by Charity 'Church Action on Poverty' who will be in our service March 17th - Come along to find out more about the #letsendpoverty pre-election campaign



@ St Mary's Bramall Lane, Sheffield S2 4QZ  
Sunday 17th March

12 noon: doors and veggie lunch  
1.15pm: concert

See portraits of local people by choir member Stephen

Bring cash for ice-cream, lucky bucket and donations

All profits go to the good work of St Mary's

Singing **Disney** songs



Tickets £6/£3 concessions

Book at <https://bit.ly/yoschoir> or use the QR code



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Please give donations for Easter flowers to Ann Brownhill. Some of us we are doing this in memory of Rosemary Goff RIP.

If anyone has spare flower plants to spare, the gardening group would welcome them. Please speak to Margaret for more information...

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

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