



St Mary's Church Newsletter

April 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 APRIL

This **Sunday 16th April** Morning Worship in Easter-time and celebrating the Baptism of Cedric Evans – there are separate Youth and Children's groups this morning.

Our Annual Meeting (APCM) will follow this service.

23rd April 10.30am Morning Worship in Easter Season. There will be a separate children's group this week.

30th April 10.30am Holy Communion for All Ages

ADVANCED NOTICE



Christian Aid Week 14th – 21st May. So 21st May will be our fundraising Sunday with

Breakfast and Lunch and our service will focus on the work of Christian Aid throughout the world. **Sunday 14th May** will be "Carwash Sunday"

WELCOME TO ROSE

Revd Rose Upson joined us at Easter time and will be on placement at St Mary's for the coming months. Rose was ordained deacon in the Cathedral last summer and we look forward to her ministry amongst us.

ST MARY'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

Please pick up a new prayer leaflet for this Easter Season – it enables us to pray as one, even though we are not always able to meet together. A reminder that we meet for prayers in the Chapel every **Monday at 9am** and **Thursday at 12 noon**.

ECO CHURCH: TOP TIPS FOR APRIL

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. As the weather warms up, it's worth considering what journeys can be made by walking or cycling. Could you get off a stop early to walk the rest of your journey, take a relaxing stroll home, or hop on a bike and enjoy a cycle friendly route.

Reduce food waste. In UK every day we throw away 20 million slices of bread, 4.4 million potatoes, 3.1 million glasses of milk, 2.7 million carrots, 2.2 million slices of ham, 1.2 million tomatoes 1 million onions, 900,000 bananas, 800,000 apples. A quarter of this is due to cooking, preparing or serving too much not only costing households £3.5 billion per year, but most ends up in landfill creating methane a more potent greenhouse gas than CO₂. (information from [Wrap](#))

RINGING IN HARMONY CONCERT

Saturday 20th May 7pm Tickets £10 (free for under 12 yrs) Northern Bell Orchestra and New Chamber Choir – a musical feast of handbells and chamber choir music here at St Marys – for more details please see the posters in church or

speak to Margaret Ibbetson who will be playing in the concert !

CENTRE NEWS

Sheffield Stands with Ukraine Photo Exhibition will be at St Mary's for the whole of April – do take some time to read these very moving and informative displays. The Ukrainian community continue to use St Mary's on Saturdays for their community gathering and Ukrainian school for children, as well as a monthly Ukrainian Orthodox Service. Please continue to pray for the peace of Ukraine.

SHEFFIELD WOMEN'S INTERFAITH PRESENTS

FAITH, HOPE AND LIFE

COME AND SHARE:
REFLECTIONS ON HOW OUR FAITH/NON FAITH PRACTICES SUPPORT US IN LIFE AND BRING US HOPE.

1:00 - 3:00PM

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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

SAVE THE DATES:
16TH JULY 2023
15TH OCTOBER 2023

REASONS TO SING

This project is a great collaboration between users of the Social Supermarket at St Mary's and 'Steel City Choristers' the one-time Cathedral Choir now bringing choral music to the community.



[See the St Mary's website](#) to read more about the project and hear 20 people talk in brief about their favourite songs



BIG SING FOR THE KING (OR JUST FOR FUN!)

St Mary's Family Choir is 10 years old just before the coronation! Come and celebrate with a 'Big Sing for the King (or just for fun!)

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Wednesday 3rd May after school 3.30pm free drinks and gathering outside St Mary's if it sunny, in the hall if it's rainy. Singing 4-5pm

Wear a crown! Bring a picnic for afterwards when the ice-cream van is coming!

CAROL KING CHOIR

Join our Family Choir to learn Carol King songs
Wednesdays in termtime
3.30 drinks. 4pm singing.
All abilities welcome!
Pay as you feel



In the Autumn a small choir will form around the social supermarket and join in a wonderful concert with Steel City Choristers on **7th October 2023**

THE BIG ONE

Huge Climate Justice protest in London this month **Friday 21st April**

Over 100 organisations including Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, Tearfund, Green Christian, Cafod, Iona Community and Amos Trust are supporting the event



Gathering of 100,000 people expected will be asking our government to take much, much more action in the face of the climate crisis

10 friends from St Mary's will be going taking a banner we will all make together during the service on Sunday 16th.

Please pray for the safety and success of the event.

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