

18th January 2009

2nd Sunday Of Epiphany

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Elaine C
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Communion Assistants	Della & Caroline
	Prayers	Maureen F
	Steward	Margaret A
	Music	Jon, Veronica, Ortrude

Collect For Today

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

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Christian Unity Service

We celebrate the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **tonight at 6.30pm** at Cemetery Road Baptist Church. All welcome.

New Bishop

Next Sunday, a large group from St Marys will be attending the Consecration of Dr Stephen Croft as the new Bishop of Sheffield in York Minster.

They will be leaving from St Mary's churchyard on **Sunday 25th Jan at 9.00 am sharp. Please be there in good time.** Let Julian know if there are problems with this.

Confirmations

Cards will be available today with dates and times of sessions up to Pentecost, starting in two weeks time on **Sunday 1st February.**

This Week At St Marys

Communication Group	Meets 8pm in the parish room
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30
Little Lights	meets this Friday 23rd January 1 - 2.30pm. A special time in church for under fives and their parents or carers with singing, stories and simple crafts. This term we will be thinking about some of the stories that Jesus told. For more information speak to Karen.
Music Group Practice	This Thursday 7.30pm in church. See Yo for details.

Iona News

We have planned some taster days through the year leading up to **July 11th** to help us prepare for this pilgrimage. All are welcome to join us on these occasions as the party actually going is presenting all of us.

We have a small steering group comprising: Maureen F, Yo, Margaret I and Julian, to oversee Iona preparations. Please refer questions you may have to them.

If you are joining the group travelling to Iona, would you like to start saving towards the cost? Cash, or cheques to St Marys Bramall Lane PCC, can be given to Church Treasurer Margaret I on any Sunday.

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There are just 24 Sundays left to save on!

Sharrow Today

Keep an eye out for the latest issue of Sharrow Today. Alongside several very interesting pieces about people and events in this part of Sheffield, there's an article entitled *Communities together at St Mary's* which is all about the volunteering, mentoring and befriending projects here at St Marys.

Also available for download at <http://www.sharrowcf.org.uk/news.html>

Dave Bilborough At St Marys

On the evening of **Saturday 7th March**, please put in your diaries that there will be an acoustic gig here at St Marys with renowned singer-songwriter Dave Bilborough, plus two excellent support artists. Tickets will be available soon at £8 / £5 (limited number available). This event is being supported by many local churches as well as St Marys.

X:site

The next x:site is on **Saturday 31st January 6-8pm**, a fun evening of worship, games and activities for all children of junior school age. Pre-booking is recommended and Karen has forms and more information.

Beverage And Refreshment Ministries

The BARM team (also known as the people who make drinks for us after the service) are urgently looking for some new members.

This is a really important part of what happens at St Marys. The duty involves preparing a trolley, and making sure everything's ready just before the service, along with making and serving the drinks at the end, plus helping with the washing up. If you are often late and couldn't do the whole thing, don't let that put you off – perhaps you could help serve and someone else could do the setting up. Even just washing up would be a big help.

Please speak to Julian, Elaine, or Jon, if you might be able to help. Thank you.

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"Teas, coffees... drinks, snacks anyone?"

Don't worry – the PCC has no plans for a trolley service before the final blessing!

St Marys Centre AGM

This will be held in St Marys on the evening of **Monday 9th February**. Questions are to be submitted in advance. More details later.

Gardener Wanted, Whirlow Grange

One of the attributes of the Whirlow Grange Christian Spirituality and Conference Centre is its award winning gardens. Well here is your chance to make them even better. Commencing in the Spring there will be a vacancy for a Gardener or even better an active couple. Hours and pay negotiable. Tel: 0114 236 3173

Next Sunday – 26th January

The Conversion of St Paul

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Della (readings); Dolly (drinks); Veronica & Elaine (Communion assistants); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Jon, Veronica, Jess (music)



Taize Prayer:

Discovering inner life through simple sung prayer.

7.30pm next Sunday in church.

6.30pm for singing practice.

