

15th February 2009

2nd Sunday Before Lent

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Rachel M
	Drinks	Margaret I
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Prayers	Kate K
	Steward	Margaret A
	Music	Jon, Veronica, Ortrude

6.30pm Confirmation Preparation – The Cross

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Our 'whole church experience' preparation for confirmation continues. Artwork through the ages helps us look at the cross and focus on the person of Jesus. Venue: St Mary's Church.

Collect For 2nd Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme
over all things,
now and for ever.

This Week At St Marys

Toddler Group **Wednesday 9.30-11.30**

A Green New Deal

A one-day conference *here at St Marys* on **Saturday 28th February** organised by Sheffield Campaign Against Climate Change.

What are green jobs? How can we create new green jobs? How can we help grow existing green community enterprises and businesses? How can we involve trade unions? How we grow more local food and create effective transport and marketing systems? How we can re-invest in our local green economy? How can we improve our housing stock? How can we use the new Sustainable Communities Act? How can we use the new Local Transport Act to provide a regulated system that serves us? What policies should we demand of our local councils and regeneration agencies? How can we involve faith based communities?

The conference aims to promote an understanding of the global financial, climate and energy crisis we face and develop recommendations for Sheffield to respond at national, local and community levels.

Registration is now open. £15 or £12 for concessions. Steve is going if anyone wants more information (contact details in footer below)

Visit www.sheffieldgreennewdeal.org.uk

Darwin And God

The Bishop of Sheffield's Shrove Tuesday Lectures: Nick Spencer of THEOS - Darwin and God.

Tuesday 24 February, Lectures: 1000 - 1300; Seminar 14.30-15.30 at Victoria Methodist Mission, Norfolk Street, Sheffield.

The 12th February is the bi-centenary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*.

Nick Spencer worked as a researcher and consultant for Research International, The Henley Centre, the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity and the Jubilee Centre before joining Theos. The author of the first and fourth Theos reports, he has also written a number of books including *Asylum and Immigration: A Christian Perspective on a Polarised Debate* and *Christianity, Climate Change and Sustainable Living*.

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Dave Bilborough At St Marys

Saturday 7th March. Tickets are on sale today or phone Yo 258 4382. These will sell like hot cakes so buy soon for a great evening of live music.

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Yo now needs 8 volunteers to help on the night.

Redemption Song

Performed by Riding Lights Theatre Company

Wednesday 11 March at St Luke's, Lodge Moor, Sheffield. Tickets at £5 (no concessions) from Colin Peskett 0114 230 7740

A moving combination of powerful theatre, meditation, prayer and corporate worship. Shot through with moments of great joy and great conflict, robustly and compellingly performed, *Redemption Song* asks each of us to review our understanding of our own faith in the searing bright light of the crucifixion of Christ.

Swapping Stories Writing Group

A chance for local people and those who have sought sanctuary in Sheffield to meet, share experiences and have a go at writing as well: real life, incidents, stories, poems etc

Now on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month:

23rd February, 9th March, 23rd March.

Only basic English needed

Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm at Northern Refugee Centre Street, Leadmill Road. Phone nicola on 2536722 email: nicola@cityofsanctuary.org

Climate Change Seminars

Some key issues being addressed at St Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield (next to Royal Hallamshire Hospital) 6.00 to 7.30 pm followed by opportunity for tea/coffee and informal discussion.

Sunday 1 March

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE EU: MISSED OPPORTUNITY OR KEY PLAYER?

Speakers:

Linda McAvan, MEP for Yorkshire and Humberside, Labour spokesperson on the Environment in the European Parliament, spokesperson on Climate Change for the European Socialist Group.

Jenny Brown, Christian Aid's Senior EU Relations Adviser, whose role is to influence the EU on Christian Aid's development priorities.

Sunday 8 March - Film screening

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: HOW CUBA SURVIVED PEAK OIL

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. Imports of oil were cut by more than half and food by 80 percent. This film shows how Cubans moved from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. This inspiring film will be followed by discussion. It is an excellent introduction to the next seminar. Peak Oil implies that before long the oil is going to run out.

Sunday 15 March

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE – TRIUMPH OR DISASTER, LOCAL OR UNIVERSAL SOLUTION?

Advocates of either a chemical or an organic way of feeding the world appear to be diametrically opposed. The two eminent speakers will help us to see if there is a more creative way forward.

This Week's Climate Clips From Planet Omega

The Omega Group consists of a few Sheffield Christians from Sheffield (some from St Marys have been involved) who designed a Lent Course about climate change which is now being used all around the world.

The next project for the Omega Group is 'Planet Omega' – a website which provides regular feeds of information and ideas, hopeful and challenging, aimed at churches and other groups who are concerned about climate change issues. They will be featuring in this newsletter from time to time.

More information about the Omega Group at <http://omegaclimate.org.uk/>

And this week's clip...

In case you thought the snow meant the climate wasn't changing: The five hottest years on record are (in order) 2005, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004. The 10 hottest years have all occurred since 1990

Next Sunday – 22nd February

Sunday next before Lent

10.30am Parish Communion

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

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