

1st March 2009

First Sunday Of Lent

**St. MARY'S
Newsletter**



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Maureen F
	Drinks	Veronica
	Communion Assistants	Penny & Elaine
	Prayers	Michael K
	Steward	John & Margaret I
	Music	Steve, Yo, Ortrude

nearly four years now.

Other Events This Week

Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30
Parish Room Prayers	Friday 9.30am – 10.30am Womens World Day of Prayer

Community Centre AGM

The Community Centre AGM was held last month. It was a positive evening during which Graham gave a great presentation on what is currently happening in the Centre during the week - he has also produced a written version. There is a copy on the notice board and additional copies available from Andy/Karen. You could also receive it electronically if you prefer. Please take the time to read it and to use it not only as a source of information but also as inspiration for your prayers for all the goes on at St. Mary's. Minutes of the meeting will also be available soon.

Dave Bilborough At St Marys

Next Saturday 7th March 7.15pm. Acoustic Night

Top of bill is long established Christian Singer/Songwriter Dave Bilbrough. Support acts are Philippa Hanna and Alex Quinn.

Last tickets available today (£8/£5 if there are any left) or phone Yo 258 4382 for a great evening of live music.

Yo still needs some 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

Collect For 1st Sunday In Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

This Week's Confirmation Events

This evening at 6.30pm in the parish room / library: What kind of library is the Bible? How can we use it on our spiritual journey?

And on **Friday**, *Earth, Wind, and Fire*.

At the Sheffield Listen Centre A campfire, flowing water and a piece of rope. Our faith in God, God's faith in us and who is the Holy Spirit?

See Julian for more details about these events.

Odette

Please pray for Immigration to receive her proof of nationality so a fair decision can be made regarding her asylum claim. Please pray for her five children and sister who she hasn't seen for

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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.

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 - ***THIS EVENING***

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

Speakers: Linda McAvan, MEP for Yorkshire and Humberside and Jenny Brown, Christian Aid's Senior EU Relations Adviser.

Sunday 8 March - **Film screening**

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY: HOW CUBA SURVIVED PEAK OIL

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.

Steve has more information (contact details in footer).

Observing Lent On T'Interweb

Archbishop's Lenten message on YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1d0TG4hnNRs>

Love Life Live Lent is a campaign you can follow via facebook or twitter which helps you share and encourage others around small positive actions in your daily life

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr2109.html>

Care For The Family Events

'Motherhood - a Roller Coaster Ride 2009' in The Megacentre, Sheffield on **Tuesday 10 March**

Wherever you are in the roller coaster ride of motherhood, you'll find Dianne Parsons's warmth and wisdom encouraging and life affirming. Special guests Marion White and Cathy Madavan are joining Dianne to chat about the ups and

downs of life as a mum.

At the end of the evening:

- You'll have laughed a lot
- You'll feel affirmed as a mum
- You'll know that even when your kids are driving you crazy, most of it is normal!
- You'll leave the motherhood guilt thing behind

Details at

<http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/mum/>

Easter Story On Fargate

Saturday 28 March 2pm

Easter Story: A Play for our Times

In 2009 it will begin at the top of Fargate, move to the Town Hall steps, then to Barkers Pool, and finish in the Peace Gardens. The audience stand for each of the four short scenes and then move with the play, giving a sense of being involved.

For more information or to help or take part contact Philip West - philipwest@givemail.co.uk tel 232 4490

Vacancy At Whirlow

GARDENER

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.

In the first instance please contact Graham Holland the Warden and General Manager at Whirlow Grange, on 0114 2363173 or by e-mail manager@whirlowgrange.co.uk

Sharrow Lantern Festival

Is coming up on **5th April**. Theme: Folk Lore

Details of event and lantern-making workshops are on <http://www.creativeaction.net/> website

Next Sunday - 8th March

2nd Sunday in Lent

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Kate K (stewards); Steve, Veronica, Jess (music)

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