

22nd March 2009

Mothering Sunday

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Della
	Drinks	Margaret A
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Music	Jon, Yo

Please note that this evening's Taize Prayer service has been cancelled

Collect For Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family
to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to
bind together and to heal;
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.

At St Marys This Week

PCC	Meets at the Vicarage on Monday 7.30pm
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30
Tuesday Group	Meets in the home of Dave and Penny 8pm . Looking at 'Hope'.

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

Earth Hour – Turn Your Lights Off

Saturday, March 28, 8.30-9.30pm

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has lent his voice to Earth Hour's global call for action on climate change.

"Climate change is the greatest human induced crisis facing the world today. It is totally indiscriminate of race, culture and religion. It affects every human being on the planet," said the Archbishop.

For the first time in history, people of all ages, nationalities, race and background have the opportunity to use their light switch as their vote – Switching off your lights is a vote for Earth, or leaving them on is a vote for global warming. WWF are urging the world to VOTE EARTH and reach the target of 1 billion votes, which will be presented to world leaders at the Global Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 2009.

With over 500 cities in 75 countries already signed up to take part in the lights out campaign, Earth Hour 2009 is anticipated to be one of the greatest social movements the world has ever witnessed.

"If we all perform this one simple act together, it will send a message to our governments too powerful for them to ignore. They will know the eyes of the world are watching," he said.

Earth Hour is a WWF initiative that began in Sydney in 2007 as a one-city campaign, when over two million people switched off their lights for one hour. In 2008 the lights out campaign went global, with over 50 million people in 371 cities, across 35 countries flicking the switch. Earth Hour 2009 is well on the way to reaching out to one billion people in 1,000 cities around the world.

The Earth Hour website: <http://www.earthhour.org/about/>

This newsletter is available on the internet at <http://www.stmarys-church.co.uk/>
To submit news or to receive emails when this newsletter is updated, steve@tozer-loft.fsnet.co.uk

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Darkness At Whirlow

30th April - A Guide Through Darkness

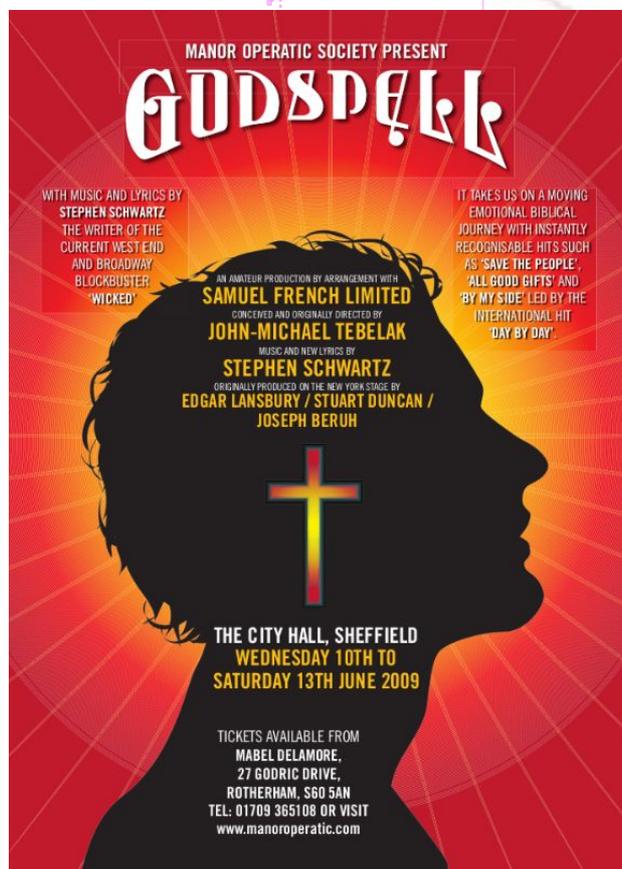
A Guide Through Darkness – John of the Cross led by Rev Nick Helm.

10am-4pm at Whirlow Grange, Ecclesall Rd. South S11 9PZ.

Cost £20 Contact Conference Co-ordinator t: 236 3173

Godspell

This musical, based on St Matthew's Gospel is being performed by the wonderful Manor Operatic Society at the City Hall, Sheffield **between 10th June and 13th June**. If anyone would like to go with others from St Marys, please give ticket money to Della by *Easter Day*.



Iona News

Anyone joining the church trip to Iona later this year who would like to start saving towards the cost of the trip is welcome to give money to

Margaret Ibbetson (Treasurer) or Yo at any time. Please make sure you get a receipt if you do this.

Don't forget next Sunday's Iona meal following the morning service

Grandparents In Mission

Brierley
Consultancy

Brierley Consultancy & Church Army
Invite you to a listening forum to explore

ChurchArmy
www.churcharmy.org.uk

Grandparents and Mission

Identifying opportunities for greater effectiveness

day conference

Reflecting on:
> Older People - the Mainstay of the Church.
> Grandparents and Changing Social Patterns

Tuesday 19th May 2009
10:30am - 3:15pm
Wilson Carlile Campus, Sheffield

A chance to network with other grandparents, share ideas for nurturing the spiritual lives of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, hear input on the changing nature of grand parenting in our society, raise important issues for further resourcing, identify ways in which local churches and their leaders could support grandparents in their congregations. Limited places are available.

Ask Steve for more details an application form

Diocesan Development Day 2009

"Worship Changes Lives". **Saturday 3rd October**
At the Philadelphia Campus

Keynote Speaker: Peter Moger, National Worship Development Officer and Bishop Steven.

Workshops for everyone including a wide range of mission-shaped worship opportunities. Put the date in your diary now. Come to be enthused and equipped.

More information and a booking form will be sent out after Easter. Speak to Julian if interested.

Next Sunday – 29th March

5th Sunday in Lent

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Margaret I (readings); Della (prayers); Della & Caroline (communion assistants); Christine (drinks); Steve & Veronica (music)

After the service there will be a simple 'Iona-style' lunch of bread, soup and cheese in the hall to which all are welcome. Not just those travelling to Iona.

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