

24th May 2009

7th Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning

Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.

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 west end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

This Morning's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Maureen
	Drinks	Margaret A
	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate
	Music	Jon, Veronica, Jess
	Steward	Doreen & Joan

Collect For Easter 7

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Joint Statement On Political Extremism

The following statement has been released by the Bishop, along with other faith leaders in Sheffield:

As leaders of faith communities in South Yorkshire, we affirm the values of unity, tolerance and mutual respect, which have always helped people from

different backgrounds to live together.

We are deeply concerned at the activity of racist and fascist groups such as the British National Party, which use people's fears to stir up race hate. We reject their demonisation of Muslims, and their claim to speak for Christians, as an affront to all our religions and beliefs and a danger to the unity of the whole community.

On **4 June**, the people of Yorkshire and the Humber will choose our representatives in the European Parliament. The regional voting system means that every vote counts, wherever it is cast. A high turnout will help prevent candidates on extremist platforms from winning seats.

So we urge the overwhelming majority to turn out and vote, and give a clear message that extremism and hatred are not welcome here. USE YOUR VOTE!

Onside Event For Men

5th June at Riverside Suite,
Sheffield Wednesday Football
Stadium S6 1SW



Guest Speaker: Richard M. Sutton, a businessman who had everything and who lost even more. Come and hear his story

Free entry. Bar - Quiz - Food - and Good Company! tel: 07772926278

www.onsideevents.co.uk/

Shoe-String Retreat

21 - 24 July Christ Church Stannington

Inspir Sheffield is running a Shoe-String Retreat.

This is an opportunity to go on a daytime only, budget, individually guided retreat without going away. Christ Church is an ideal setting and many people have found this a real blessing for a number of years.

Contact: Muriel Roberts, 0114 255 1473 or Philip West, 0114 232 4490

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Refugee Week 15th-22nd June

The Simple Acts campaign is about inspiring people to use small, everyday actions to change perceptions of refugees.

It consists of 20 actions that can be done by anyone and that encourage us to learn and do more with refugees. With every person who joins the campaign and does a small thing with and for refugees, we get a little closer to removing barriers between communities and to creating the kind of world we all want to live in.

Find out how you can get involved:

www.simpleacts.org.uk/



A Singing Day With Geoff Weaver

Saturday 13 June: 10 am – 4.30 pm

St. Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, Sheffield

Geoff (RSCM Senior Adviser and Tutor) is leading this singing day will use the new, world music photocopiable resource 'In every corner sing'. The day will conclude with a short act of worship.

Drinks will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Cost: RSCM & SADOCA Members £4; Non-members £5; Under 16s £2

Contact: Helen Bent, 01709-363850
helen@thebents.co.uk

Need A Gardener?

The new gardener at Whirlow Grange in Sheffield has two days spare capacity and would welcome commissions from deserving clergy/parishioners who need to keep their gardens tidy but do not have the time. Steve the gardener is available on an hourly basis, terms will be in the region of £8 per hour plus travelling subject to the tasks

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required. It would be helpful if clients had their own equipment but not essential.

Contact: Graham Holland, 0114 2363173.

New Bishop – New Book

Bishop Steven has issued a call for churches to refocus on Jesus as the compass to navigate the changing terrain of the world, in his new book *Jesus' People: What the Church should do next*.

Bishop Steven sets out a simple manifesto for a fresh vision for the Church that crosses the divide between different traditions and approaches. The short book has been described by Martyn Atkins, General Secretary of the British Methodist Church, as "a passionately sane piece of prophecy to be ignored at our peril."

Taking his cue from Jesus' teaching about assessing the 'fruits' of endeavours (Matthew 7.20), Steven argues that "the source and the secret of lasting fruitfulness for any Christian community is not technique or good planning or the latest ideas. It does not rest primarily in great leadership or wealth or natural human ability. The source and secret of lasting fruitfulness is whether or not we are connected to and abiding in the vine: it depends on our connection to Jesus."

Having encouraged Christians to focus on the person and teaching of Jesus as their compass to navigate change, Steven Croft moves on to look at the Beatitudes, Jesus' teaching at the Sermon on the Mount. He considers the need not only to build the Church but also to change the world, and offers thoughts on finding the strength for change through Bible study, worship, fellowship and prayer. Each chapter ends with suggestions for reflection and discussion individually or in groups.

"Jesus' People will challenge the reader to rethink both the role of Jesus in the Church and that of the Church in today's society and culture," comments Steven.

Jesus' People: What the Church should do next, priced £7.99, is available from Christian bookshops, or by mail order via the web.

Next Sunday – Pentecost

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Della (readings); Christine (drinks); Giles & Karen (communion assistants); Della (prayers); Jon, Yo?, Veronica (music); Steve (steward)



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