

14th June 2009

First Sunday After Trinity

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

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service	Drinks	Della
	Music	Veronica, Bryony, Steve
	Steward	Kate K

Collect For 1st Sunday After Trinity

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal
nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

Daytrip To Bakewell

There are spaces on this lunch club outing.
Wednesday 1st July depart at 9.30am. Return
4.30pm for tea in St Marys. £10. See Yo 2584382.

Meeting Bishop Steven

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This **Tuesday 16th June 7pm** Bramall Lane:
An Evening with Bishop Steven in the Platinum
Suite of Sheffield United. This will include light
refreshments, worship, question and answer and
a chance to find out what makes Bishop Steven
tick. Everyone welcome - sign up on the list if
you'd like to go.

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/

Sharrow Exhibition Opportunity

Want to exhibit your artwork for free-
commission free? There is an opportunity to
have your work displayed in Highfield Trinity
Church from the **27th- 30th June**, this will form
part of the Sharrow Fringe Festival (two weeks of
celebration before Sharrow Festival on the 4th
July).

The **27th June** will see a celebration event in
the church as they have just had a huge
refurbishment. Between 5-7pm there will be art
activities, exhibition opening, and voices from
exile poetry. The theme for this exhibition is
sanctuary.

The exhibition will also be opening **29th and 30th
10am-7pm** and will be supervised by members
of the church. Please drop your pieces off at the
church on the **24th June between 3-6pm**.
There is no limit on submission, all artwork is left
at the artist's risk (all work will either be locked
in the church or under supervision at the
openings), there are no size restrictions. Please

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provide prices, name of piece, name of artist and contact details for all submissions,

If you would like any further details on the Fringe Festival or the exhibition please email creativeactionnetwork@googlemail.com or call Lu 07854983197

Christian Aid Collection

Our fundraising for Christian Aid during May produced the following results:

Margaret - Midland Street	£5.95
Edmund Rd & Cherry Street	£13.50
Joan & Chester	£33.65
Crompton Street	£19.10
Queens Road	£12.30
John Street /Clough Road	£20.93
Della/Caroline	£14.50
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	£119.93
Community Project	£12.28
Church Youth	£65.00
Toy Library	£20.50
David - Print Room	£13.21
St Mary's – Bramall Lane	£44.38
Lunch Club	£69.21
Barabara Thompson	£36.69
Karibu – African cultural evening	£300.00
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	£681.20

Mystery Plays Feature Picard

Barnsley's Monk Bretton Priory hosts 2009's only outdoor Mystery Plays in the UK between **29th June and 11th July, Monday to Saturdays 7.45pm.**

- Featuring Star Trek's Patrick Stewart and a celebrity cast
- Being performed in the atmospheric setting of Monk Bretton Priory
- Only outdoor Mystery Plays to be performed anywhere in the UK 2009
- Presented by Barnsley's Secret Theatre Company

<http://www.englishmysteryplays.com/> or phone 01226 321741 for more details.

Bishop's Letter

Bishop David writes:

"If only . . ."

We all play this game, consciously or subconsciously, - and perhaps many times every day! "If only this were different. . ." or "If only I hadn't said that. . ." or indeed "If only I had said that. . ."! Perhaps for most of the time it is something that comes and goes and we rapidly forget. But there are times when it is more serious - and some "If onlys" live with us for a long time, perhaps for the rest of our lives. And that can be very tough indeed.

I write this in the week after Pentecost - the gift of God Himself in the Holy Spirit. And for Church people there can come times when we wish that "If only Jesus were here". Before Pentecost, indeed before the death and resurrection of Jesus there was a certain instance (and probably many more) when the first disciples wished that. After the moment when Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John, the rest of the disciples were stuck - they couldn't (according to the boy's father) heal his son. And Jesus came and did it. Marvellous! (see Luke 9, vv. 37-43)

But the disciples (helpless in that situation) after Pentecost are portrayed differently. Perhaps they still often wished "If only Jesus were back" but nowhere are we told that. Still very ordinary men (and women) they got on with the job - in the strength and support of God Himself, the Holy Spirit.

The same is true for us. At our Confirmation we were prayed over, that we would "daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more". Daily!! Surely here lies the key. In the ordinariness of day-to-day life - Monday as well as Sunday, July as well as January, we daily increase - every day and receiving more.

We may have to live with some serious "If onlys" - for that is life. But that gentle yet powerful presence of God, renewed and refreshed every day is what is promised us. God with us. As Paul says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" Or as we say in the Communion Service, "The Lord is here! His Spirit is with us!"

+David

Next Sunday – 21st June

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Veronica (drinks); Margaret A & Penny (Communion Assistants; Maureen (steward); Steve, Veronica (music)

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