



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.

There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome either to leave their children or stay with them.

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.

to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **This Week At St Marys**

Wednesday **9.30am** – Parent & Toddlers in the hall.

**Wednesday 8pm** – see below...

### **Lent Course**

York Lent Course entitled: "When I Survey" led by members of St Mary's. It includes CD introduction, Bible notes and questions for discussion.

The focus is primarily on the cross with the use of core biblical texts which follow the story of the crucifixion. Other material is drawn on to broaden the outlook which is committed to "wondering" about mystery and the reality of life.

This is an opportunity to challenge and refresh your faith this Lent season.

Session Two: This **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 8pm in the Cafe** "Into the Great Silence led by Lucy Lauener

### **Campaign To Stop Odette Being Deported**

The organisation ASSIST have offered to help us organise ourselves so that if a campaign is needed it is all ready with all her friends easily alerted as to what we need to do. It has been suggested that we need to get everyone together. Kath will then come and talk with us and encourage us to bring forward suggestions/ideas. It would hopefully be no more than half an hour. Please let Odette and Kate know if you are willing to help.

### **This Morning's Worship**

**We Welcome Rev. Michael Jarrett to lead our service this morning**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Music	Steve, Keith
	Readings	Della
	Prayers	Kate K
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Karen
	Light Factory	Jo, Tom, Andy/James
	Drinks	Christine P
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan

### **Collect For Second Sunday Of Lent**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that are contrary

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If people who feel they would like to help please let me or Odette know. I would suggest we could meet in a couple of weeks on Wednesday night half an hour before the Lent groups but am open to suggestion if that is not feasible.

I realise some people, who would be keen to support Odette, who have young children might find an early evening meeting difficult but I would still like your names; e-mail, telephone numbers, that is one of the first priorities to get this organised to people can be easily contacted to keep you informed of proposed actions and let you know if something happens.

Thank you for reading this - Kate Khoaz

## Bishop Cyril's Letter

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### BISHOP'S LETTER – MARCH 2010

An issue that is currently receiving a great deal of attention, especially because of a general election looming on the horizon, is that of immigration. It may therefore be timely to do some theological and historical reflection on the subject.

Martin Luther King believed in a vision of a World House. "Unless people live together as brothers and sisters, we will perish together as fools".

At least theoretically the UK is a world house. If we go back far enough almost everyone in Britain may be seen to have their origins elsewhere. We are in truth a nation of immigrants able to trace our roots throughout Europe, Russia, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. In the past immigrant groups came to invade our shores and seize land. The Romans in the first century, the Norsemen and Vikings in the eighth and ninth century, and then the Norman Conquest in the eleventh century. In addition we have always encouraged mobility of population in and out of Great Britain.

Essentially the UK is a peace-loving, inclusive, hospitable nation championing individual human rights. At the heart of our legal, political, educational and religious traditions is an emphasis on seeking and sustaining peace. Despite the current anxiety about the number of immigrants and asylum seekers, hospitality is still at the heart of the British psyche.

An important reason for this is to do with the way our nation has been shaped by the Bible. The Sermon on the Mount is a frequently quoted reference point for public and private behaviour, and sets the scene for a society based on generosity, mercy and grace.

Hospitality is fundamental to Christianity. We are to practise it as a quality and skill to be nurtured. The

distinctive emphasis of Christian hospitality is that it offers generosity to those who do not have the resources to return it. It is not a bribe tied to an advantage. It provides a place for strangers and refugees. It honours the poor and dispossessed giving them life and hope. The deeper reality is that human hospitality reflects God's hospitality; we are to welcome the refugee, the asylum seeker as God has welcomed us. It is emphatically not a Christian view to resist the proper settlement of people of other nations within our shores. Fascism, however it is expressed, is an evil to be abhorred.

Remember the words of Martin Luther King, may we give ourselves to building a world house.

+Cyril

## Carbon Fast

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All parishes in the Diocese of Sheffield are invited to join in the Carbon Fast this Lent. Having looked at the 2010 Tearfund Carbon Fast carefully we decided have produced a diocesan version of the Carbon Fast, based on Tearfund's 2009 Carbon Fast as we feel that this a better, simpler introduction to Carbon Fasting. Bishop Steven writes: "All of us need to think more deeply about the energy we use and the effects on other people. I commend the Diocese of Sheffield's Carbon Fast for Lent 2010 as a really helpful and imaginative way to focus on the effects of climate change on the world's poorest people". If you have any questions about the Carbon Fast, please contact Jackie Butcher, the World Development Adviser by email (preferred) [ja\\_butcher@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ja_butcher@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone (0114 262 1293 or 0774 800 4866). See diocesan website for full details.

## Next Week – 7<sup>th</sup> March

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**We will be welcoming Rev. Michael Jarrett back to lead our service.**

### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: John, Yo, Jess (music); John & Margaret I (steward); Margaret I (drinks); Maureen (readings); Michael (prayers); Hannah, Karen (Light Factory); Giles & Karen (communion assistants)

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