

9th May 2010

6th Sunday Of Easter

St. MARY'S  
Newsletter



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.

We have a tremendous opportunity in May to seek God together. As a Diocese we have set aside Ten Days of Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost (13-23 May). As we pray together we will be doing exactly what Jesus asks his disciples to do after the resurrection. Jesus does not send the disciples out in mission straight away. At the end of Luke's gospel he asks them to wait in the city until they are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24.49). The Book of Acts tells us that after Jesus had ascended into heaven the core of the Christian community – women and men – constantly devoted themselves to prayer. This is the time and this is the moment to root ourselves more deeply in the life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that in due season we can bear all kinds of fruit.

## This Morning's Worship

### "Looking forward to Ascension"

#### 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service	Drinks	Margaret A
	Music	Steve, Bryony, Jess
	Steward	Kate K

At St Mary's we are planning ways to engage in prayer for the church and our neighbourhood. Maureen is organizing 'Prayer Triplets' so that we can meet in threes to pray together, when convenient. Karen is setting up some prayer stations in the chapel for people to participate when they can. We are organizing a 'prayer walk' in the area on the evening of **Wednesday 19th May**, meeting earlier than usual. If you could put this in your diary, details will follow. A 'prayer vigil' is to be held in the chapel on **Saturday 22nd May**. Please sign up for a time when you can come and pray so that a continuous chain of prayer is maintained. Resources on hand.

You may like to use the prayer below:

#### **A Special Prayer to use every day**

**God of every time and place,  
you hold each moment and shape each  
day;  
you hold this Diocese, our Bishops and our  
clergy;  
you hold our parishes and deaneries;  
you hold our people and our communities;  
by the gentleness of your Spirit transform  
us,  
with the gifts of your Spirit equip us,  
in the boldness of your Spirit send us out,  
to serve you and transform the world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

## Collect For 6th Sunday Of Easter

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
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.

## Ten Days Of Prayer - UPDATE

Ten Days of Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost 2010

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## Result Of APCM:

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PCC: Tom Mather, Giles Morrison, Peter Rowe.

Church Warden: Elaine Cox, One warden post vacant – suggestions please to JS.

Deanery Synod Reps: Steve Tozer Loft & Veronica Sullivan.

## The Week Ahead

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**Tuesday:** Home group after Easter – see Karen Cribb for details.

**Wednesday:** 9.30am Toy Library & Parent & Toddler group.

**Faith & Life 8.00pm Wednesday** – special deanery event at St Gabriels, Greystones – see later - It would be good if we could send a group to this.

## Christian Aid Week

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Begins TODAY.

You and your household are offered three red envelopes for you and friends or family to use. Please fill in the gift aid section if you're a taxpayer and return today or next Sunday via the collection plate.

Do have a look at photos in 'Narthex' (space between Nave, where we worship and the hall).

They show the Haiti feeding-the-4800-daily project and the toilets-in-kenyan-slums project that Christian Aid support.

Please pray for church and community centre volunteers who will be delivering invitations to our LAZY SUNDAY fund-raiser next week. Please take time to pray for those inviting and being invited as this is a great opportunity to meet local people, build friendships and support Christian Aid.

All are welcome to join in with LAZY SUNDAY. Phone yo if you'd like to help – 258 4382

## Special Deanery Meeting

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There will be a special meeting organised by our Deanery around Bishop Steven's paper on Sustainable Patterns of Stipendiary Ministry . It will be held on **Wednesday 12th May 7.45pm** at St Gabriel's Church, Greystones. The document

sets out the major changes we are facing as a Diocese which affect us all. It would be especially good to welcome Churchwardens, Readers and PCC members as well as Synod Reps and Clergy.

This meeting is in preparation for a Deanery Synod on Wednesday 9th June at St Mary's Bramall Lane when Synod will gather feedback, discuss the document and formulate Eccesall Deanery's response. Our new Archdeacon, Martyn Snow, will be there.

## Come And Sing

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Royal Society for Church Music are organising a performance of Haydn's St Nicholas Mass with an orchestra at St John's Church, Ranmoor on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May**. An opportunity to come and learn, then sing it liturgically within a communion service. Rehearsal from 3.00pm, Liturgical performance 6.30pm.

## Another Musical Opportunity

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•In the footsteps of David •, An Instrumental Workshop. This **Saturday 15th May** at All Saints, Ecclesall 2 pm - 5 pm led by Matthew Redfearn with Liz Tipple and Judith Ennis

Psalm 33 encourages us to praise God and to play skillfully using various musical instruments. The afternoon will include sectional rehearsals for strings, woodwind, and brass and saxophone as well as an opportunity to play arrangements of hymns and worship songs together as an orchestra with rhythm section. Cost £3 per person

Come and benefit from the quality expertise on offer at what promises to be an interesting and enjoyable afternoon. For further information, contact Helen Bent 01709 -363850 helen@thebents.co.uk

## Next Sunday - 16<sup>th</sup> May

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### 10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do: Della (readings); Elaine C (prayers); Elaine & David (drinks); Margaret A (steward); Veronica & Elaine C (communion assistants); Steve, Veronica, Keith (music)

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