

13th June 2010

2nd Sunday After Trinity

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



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 BCP Communion (upstairs in the chapel)

10.30am Family Service	Music	Jon, Veronica, Bryony
	Drinks	Veronica
	Stewards	Kate K

Collect For 2nd Sunday After Trinity

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing
worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead
before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's
sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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The Week Ahead

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Weekly Monday–Wednesday: 8.30am
Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Weekly Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

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

From The Church Diary

Sunday 4th July 10.30am: Karen Cribb will today be ordained Deacon at Sheffield Cathedral. She will officially be a "Half Time Self Supporting Minister" (SSM) but will mainly be known as Karen. This will be followed by a celebration lunch at St Mary's to which everyone is invited. We may need some indication of numbers. We are very grateful to Revd Brian Cranwell who has agreed to take our Parish Communion today to allow Julian our vicar to join other incumbents in supporting their curates on this special occasion.

Wednesday 7th July 8pm: The second of our midweek worship evenings designed for those who cannot be with us on Sundays due to shift work and other commitments. It is also for those who would enjoy an alternative approach to worship during the week.

Sunday July 18th 10.30am: St Mary celebrates her 180th birthday today close to the festival for Mary Magdalene from whom our church takes its name. We will welcome the Revd Philip Roderick, our new diocesan spirituality advisor to lead us in an imaginative celebration.

Green Fair

This year's Green Fair at St Mary's on **Saturday 26th June** offers entertainment, food and children's fun as well as 6 zones for learning, buying, browsing and celebrating all that is green in Sheffield! (fundraiser for Sheffield Green Party) – see

<http://sheffieldgreenparty.org.uk/get-involved/sheffield-green-fair/> .

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Deanery Synod Report

Steve writes: Ecclesall Deanery Synod held its meeting here at St Marys this week.

A new Vicar at St Chad's Woodseats was welcomed, and parishes had a chance to describe the special events they had put on during the recent 10 days of prayer, of which there were many, and they were varied and imaginative.

The main business was consideration of a document called *Sustainable Patterns of Stipendiary Ministry* which Bishop Steven has written to address the changes in numbers of clergy who are available to parishes. This suggests that our deanery might have to cut the number of clergy by about one.

The main speaker was Martyn Snow, our new Archdeacon.

- He expressed great enthusiasm for the diocesan vision statement and asked us to visualise the communities it described.
- This paper is the first of six which the Bishop was planning, and the most urgent. The next one would be on *growth*.
- The 10 days of prayer (remarkably, this was an idea from diocesan synod) emphasised that prayer must underlie everything else we do.
- Changes are already afoot in the diocese – for example the inclusion of Area Deans in monthly senior staff meetings.
- Clergy would be invited to a series of training events to help clear the way to changes in the nature of stipendiary ministry. There will be changes in the clergy's effective terms and conditions of service, known as 'Common Tenure'.
- Churches would be encouraged to be imaginative in their mission. To include 'Fresh Expressions', and there would be a 'Director of Pioneer Ministries' for the diocese.
- The Bishop was keen to renew at 'catachumenate' pattern of evangelism and nurture.
- The issue of women Bishops to be addressed.

We split up into groups to discuss some of the issues raised in the document, then we shared anything we'd come up with, and there was chance to ask the Archdeacon questions directly. Some reflections overheard:

- Sheffield diocese has failed to introduce patterns of non-stipendiary ministries (eg Lay Readers, Ordained Local Ministers) as widely as other dioceses and is now keen to catch up fast.

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- "The church doesn't know what to do with Self Supporting Ministers" (this came from one of them).

- The diocese says its not keen to reintroduce the idea of 'Ordained Local Ministry' and yet, the suggestion of having ministers licenced to Deaneries seems to be along the same lines and would be challenging.

- Employed people retiring early had greatly boosted the voluntary sector including churches in the recent past, but it seems that in the future people will have to retire later to pay the mortgage and get a pension, so there might be even less lay people to help.

Encouragingly, the Archdeacon finished by acknowledging the history of deaneries coming up with plans which are then rejected by senior clergy. He committed himself to supporting decision-making at the lowest possible level.

Sheffield Night Hike

Is it time to lace up your boots, trek through the night, watch the sun set over the moors and help stamp out poverty?

Register to walk overnight on the Sheffield Night Hike, a 17mile dusk-till-dawn trek out into the Peak District, and do your bit to end poverty.

The walk takes place on **Saturday 3rd July** and follows a circular route over the moors out to Hathersage in the last dying rays of summer sun and then returns to Lodge Moor via Stanedge Pole and the Redmires reservoir as the first signs of a new day emerge over Sheffield.

This is a great challenge to do with friends, family, and youth group. The money raised in sponsorship helps poor communities to help themselves through Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Application forms can be found online at www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk or by contacting Sylvia Buckley on 0114 246 5064 or richard@buckjley.wanadoo.co.uk

Next Sunday – 20th June

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do: Elaine C (readings); Maureen F (prayers); Youth Fellowship (drinks); Margaret A (steward); Della & Caroline (communion assistants).



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