

12th September 2010

15th 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.

Tuesday evening home group Restarts this Tuesday 14th September 8pm. Venue to be confirmed. For more details please speak to Andy or Karen Cribb.

Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 9.30am: Toddler group at St Marys

Wednesday Prayers 8pm: Come and pray for our community, our nation and our world. There will be opportunity to share concerns to pray for each other and our church / centre. Biblical reflection will be woven into the evening.

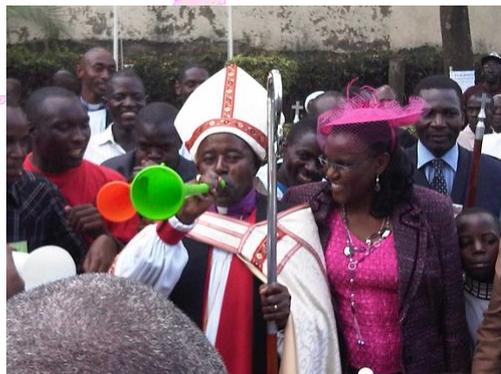
This Morning's Worship

9.30am Prayer Book Communion in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service	Drinks	Youth Fellowship
	Music	Steve, Yo, Veronica, Briony
	Stewards	Kate K

Bishop Joel Waweru

Joel Waweru who worked here for several years in the late 1990s, was enthroned as Bishop of



Nairobi last Sunday.

Andy and Hannah flew to Nairobi to attend the service, and sent some pictures back. More on the church website (link below).

Collect For 15th Sunday After Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Racial Justice

Churches Together in South Yorkshire – committing to Racial Justice

The Week Ahead At St Marys

Monday–Wednesday: 8.30am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Monday evening: The Centre Board of Trustees meet. Please pray for them.

Confession, Contemplation and Celebration 12th September 3pm here at St Mary 's

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Bishop's Letter

This month, Bishop Steven writes

The Big Conversation

The Prime Minister's Big Conversation has been in the news a lot since the election. There's a lot about the idea that I really like. Here are ten reasons why we should join in (in no particular order).

1. There is a lot at stake in public life. It's very clear that from the autumn onwards we will be facing major cuts in public spending. That will affect all our lives.
2. We clearly need a big new vision for our society. The General Election simply kick started the debate. People are realising it's not about getting richer but about living better. Christians have a lot to say.
3. Conversation works. It can happen at many different levels. It involves listening as well as speaking. It is dialogue within a relationship. People learn new things.
4. Conversation is free. Anyone can join in. The Big Conversation can happen around the dinner table at home, in the pub or the cafe, in the Board Room, at the back of church after coffee or at the special meeting. We can text or facebook or twitter. What kind of Britain do we want to see? What's our vision for our town or city. Where will you join in?
5. The Church is in a unique place to contribute. We are there in every single community. We know our patch. We bring together young and old, rich and poor. Christian values have shaped our society and our great institutions. We need to be confident partners around the table not hiding in a back room.
6. Christians have a lot to say about justice and striving for a more equal society. We need to say loud and clear: "Please can we work together to create a more equal society". We want an end to the rising gap between rich and poor - for everyone's benefit. That should be our benchmark for a successful government.
7. Christians have a lot to say about protecting the weak and the vulnerable. We are going to have to learn to make our voice heard again as the cuts unfold. We need to speak out for the very poor, those on benefits, the asylum seekers, the prisoners.
8. Christians have local involvement but global vision. We are a worldwide family: brothers and

sisters together. We want a vision for Britain in which we play a full part in shaping the world to be a better place.

9. Christians know that change is never easy. Our faith takes evil seriously in all its forms. But our story teaches us that if we persevere, by God's grace, good will overcome it.

10. Finally, Christians know that fine words have to be backed up with action. Christian faith is about who you are and what you do as well as about what you say.

Big conversations like this one don't happen very often. Take every chance to get involved. Create some chances locally as well. Let's see if we can make a difference. +Steven

God Loves The NHS

A DAY
CONFERENCE TO
INSPIRE, UPLIFT
AND RESOURCE
CHRISTIANS WHO
WORK WITHIN
THE NHS

**GOD'S
NHS**

DATE
Saturday 27th November 2010

VENUE
St Thomas' Church Philadelphia
6 Gilpin Street | Sheffield | S6 3BL

For more info and booking go to
www.stthomaschurch.org.uk/workplace/godlovesnhs

INSPIRE.UPLIFT.RESOURCE...

Next Sunday – 19th September

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do: Margaret I (readings); Elaine C (prayers); Veronica (drinks); Margaret A (steward); Della & Caroline (communion assistants); Yo, Jess (music)

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