

12th December 2010

3rd Sunday Of Advent

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.

Monday 13th December 10-2pm Asian Peoples Project Christmas celebration. Open invitation to all.

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

Weekly Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10am-12noon: Toddler group

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting: in St Mary's Cafe **8.00pm:** 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.

Thursday 16th December 10am Porter Croft School Carol Service at St. Mary's with their choir then singing at Lunch Club.

Today's Worship

9.30am Holy communion (BCP)

10.30am Christingle Service	Drinks	Margaret I
	Music	Steve, Yo, Bryony
	Readings	Isaiah 35.1-10 Matthew 1.2-11
	Steward	Kate K

Carols Round The Crib

Saturday 18th December at 10am we are holding a "Carols Round the Crib" for children under 7 years and their families - so it would be great to have a few volunteers to welcome people and help be involved in that service.

Please take the Christmas leaflets and use them to invite children and their families to these events.

Collect For 3rd Sunday Of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Creche – Can You Help?

We urgently need people who are prepared to go on the rota for creche. It involves looking after children 0 – 4 years old in the hall during the 10.30am service, no more than once every 4 weeks. Please talk to Jo Mather if you would like more information or if you think you could help.

Also, if anyone is interested in helping or leading a Sunday School group after Christmas, please speak to Jo or Tom Mather.

The Week Ahead

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Nativity Art At Highfield Trinity

Our friends at Highfield Trinity Church are mounting an exhibition:

The story of the Nativity told in art

at Highfield Trinity Church, London Road, Sharrow
A free exhibition by local Christian artists
Friday 17th and Saturday 18th December
10 am to 7 pm

ASSIST Celebration / Fundraiser

Friday 17th December 5.30 – 10.30pm

Creative Action Network and Side by Side Drama Group invite you to an evening to showcase the diversity, creativity and talent of groups and individuals in Sharrow and the surrounding area at Sharrow Old Junior School, South View Road, Sharrow.

City of Sanctuary hope that people will get into the Christmas spirit at these fun events and help ASSIST to help those that are forgotten, but not gone.

Feedback From BBC Broadcast

From Stephen Lowe (ex-Archdeacon of Sheffield and Bishop of Hulme):

I thought yesterday's Radio 4 service did you, St Mary's and Faith in the City proud. It was superb. The Urban Church was brilliantly represented and you couldn't have done better.

From Producer Simon Vivian:

This is just a quick word of thanks for all that you did over the weekend to ensure that our Sunday Worship broadcast from Sheffield not only happened in the wintry conditions but was such a wonderfully thought-provoking, challenging and exuberant act of worship. It was a joy to meet you all and to work on such a rewarding broadcast.

I'm glad to hear from Julian that there has been some good feedback from the listeners. One of the



comments I've received was:

"Just some praise. It was mesmerising and uplifting and it connected and absolutely spoke to the audience. I think it was wonderful and can we have some more of this please?"

I will circulate some CDs of the service in due course but, in the meantime, do please pass my gratitude on to all concerned.

Until next time...

From Nick Hutton

I heard the service yesterday morning and thought it was one of the most meaningful Sunday services I have heard broadcast on Radio 4 for a long time. St Mary's certainly came out of it with much credit.

From Tim Bisset, CEO, Church Urban Fund

Thank you for your most helpful words about the work of the Church Urban Fund on the BBC Sunday Worship that I listened to yesterday.

It was good to hear our story still being told so effectively!

Several other friends joined us from around the world (Carribbean, Japan, Netherthorpe)...

Ortrud Aschenbrenner and Kim Langford like this.

Ortrud Aschenbrenner Fantastic! I will be listening from Japan! My best wishes and prayers to all at St Mary's.
02 December at 11:34 · Like

David Loft, Mark Day, Jeremy Clines and 3 others like this.

Mark Perry I listened to the recording just now. Wow it sounded great.
05 December at 13:33 · Like

Christine Batchford listened to the service today - well done st Mary's - it sounded great! and especially well done to the director of music!
05 December at 19:13 · Like

There are more pictures from the broadcast on flickr at <http://icio.us/gv9QPb> thanks to Lucy and Andy.

Next Sunday – 19th December

10.30am Parish Eucharist

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

4pm Carol Service

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