

9th January 2011

The Baptism Of Christ

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.

Today's Worship

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service	Drinks	Lucy
	Music	Kev, Jess, Bryony
	Steward	Kate K

Collect For The Baptism Of Christ

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the
Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
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.

The Week Ahead

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

Weekly Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

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Monday St Marys Board Meeting

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.

Wednesday – Home Group Meeting: venue to be confirmed. More details from Karen or Andy.

TODAY – New Year Celebration

Highfield Trinity Congregations New Year Celebration - **2.30pm** followed by food and fellowship - all local churches invited.

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Come and meet one of the 33 rescued Chilean miners. And the one they all put their trust in.

Victoria Hall, Sheffield Friday 28th January 8pm. Tickets available by calling 0114 285 4354

Email: chileanminersvisit@hotmail.co.uk or from Reception at the Victoria Hall.

Christian Aid Carol Sing

Please thank everyone who came to sing on Fargate before Christmas. We raised the marvellous amount of *£1,358,* with another donation to come, which will take the total to over £1400.

The date for next year is Saturday 10th December 2011

Please thank everyone who took part - the good weather made it a most enjoyable day.



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Big Sing

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IN AID OF

ASSIST (ASYLUM SEEKERS IN NEED) - 2001-2011

Led by Philip Jakob
Master of Music at St Marie's Cathedral
Member of the Iona Community

Friday 21st January 2011
6-8pm



Central United Reformed Church
(Norfolk Street, Sheffield)

A 'Big Sing' features songs from the Iona Community. It is an opportunity to meet people from a variety of Christian traditions to sing your favourite songs from Iona and take home some new ones. Come to sing or just to enjoy the music - everyone is welcome.

The Big Sing is free but there will be a chance to make a donation to ASSIST, which supports destitute asylum seekers in Sheffield. Please stay for tea and coffee with us afterwards.

For more details, contact Assist:
0114 275 4960/07791 450620, assist_efa@hotmail.co.uk
www.assistent.co.uk Charity No 1100854

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The Feast Of The Epiphany

By Rob Marshall

The Feast of the Epiphany which begins on January 6th marks the moment when the Magi arrive at the stable in Bethlehem but also inaugurates a whole season of celebration and reflection in the life of the Church until the Feast of the Presentation or Candlemass.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" and was traditionally the moment when Jesus was "manifested" to the Gentiles. These three strangers from the east are led to the place of birth bearing rich and symbolic gifts.

The introduction to the Epiphany season in Times and Seasons which accompanies Common Worship suggests that it is "an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church".

The readings for the season focus on how Jesus is presented to the world through his baptism and

through the great signs which he presents as symbols of the significance of his incarnation.

So, in churches across the Diocese, people will continue to connect with the implications of the incarnation in this season of wonder, celebration and revelation when the true purpose of Christ is made clear to all.

John Keble's poem "The Star" urges us not to lose sight of the wonder before us:

*"Ne'er may we lose it from our sight,
Till all our hopes and thoughts are led
To where it stays its lucid light
Over our Saviour's lowly bed."*

And in keeping our eyes firmly fixed on the source of our hope we can pray with confidence one of the wonderful Eucharistic prefaces throughout this season:

*And now we give you thanks
Because in the incarnation of the Word
A new light has dawned upon the world,
That all the nations may be brought out of
darkness to see the radiance of your glory.
Amen.*

Foundations Of Faith

"Foundations of Faith" is the new training course from the Diocese of Sheffield. It is a discipleship course which is ideal for anyone who might be interested in going deeper into the Christian faith. It offers more than most parishes can normally offer on their own, but has no minimum academic requirement, and is much less demanding than, for example, the School of Ministry.

In 2011 the course consists of an overview of the content of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation in eight evenings! The course is helping people to develop in their Christian faith, in their understanding and commitment.

It is planned to offer the course on **Thursday evenings 7.30pm-9.15pm at Church of Christ, Darnall, from 27th January to 24th March 2011.** For more information, please contact Trish Stafford at Church House

Next Sunday – 16th January

10.30am Parish Communion. People with jobs to do: Chris M (drinks); Margaret A (steward); Jon, Veronica, Jess (music).

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