

23rd January 2011

3rd Sunday Of Epiphany

**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.

Tonight (Sunday) 7.15pm: Youth Fellowship meet in the Cafe. See Penny or Andy.

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

Weekly Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion

Wednesday 10am-12noon: Toddler group

Wednesday Night: See Confirmation Course below.

TONIGHT - Service For Christian Unity

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Music	Steve, Yo, Jeremy, Jess
	Prayers	Steve
	Communion Assistants	Della & Caroline
	Drinks	Youth Fellowship
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan

Sharrow Churches join to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **THIS EVENING** at St Mary's Wesleyan Reformed Church, just across the dual carriageway, at **6.30pm**. Revd James Chapman, associate pastor from Cemetery Road Baptist Church, will speak. Come and raise the roof!!

Barn Dance

Collect For 3rd Sunday Of Epiphany

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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.

Don't miss our Burns Night celebrations on **Saturday 5th February at 7.30pm**. Haggis or Pie & Peas but not both, will be on the menu. Music and Barn Dance by our old friends Oscar The Frog. Did you know that poet Ian McMillan, 'The Bard of Barnsley' was a founder member of OTF? Look out for tickets. The evening is free but we need to know numbers.

For Your Prayers

The Week Ahead

PCC meet at the vicarage on Monday **at 7.30pm** for a cup of something and a 7.45 start.

Streets of the Parish we are praying for this month : Shoreham St; Cherry Street; Lancing Rd; Store St; Cream St.

From Wednesday to Friday this week, all the Curates in the Diocese will be on a training conference at Whirlow Grange. The subject is Fresh Expressions - please pray for Karen and

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all the other curates, that it will be an inspiring few days.

Confirmation Course

Part 1 of our confirmation course will be on **Wed 26 Jan at 8pm** in Mary's Marvellous Cafe. This will run from Jan 26 offering sessions based on Psalm 107. We have planned a quiet day at Whirlow Grange on **Saturday 5 March, from 10.00 - 4.00** for those being confirmed, led by Bishop Steven

Part 2 will run from **March 16** on Wednesdays up to Easter and will be held at the Cathedral. We will have a choice of starting at 5.45 pm with evensong, or coming for a meal at 6.30pm, or joining the session led by Bishop Steven at 7.30pm. These will be based around studies in Mark's Gospel and are open to anyone who would like to attend along with those being confirmed.

You can sign up for the course today on the list by the door. For more info see Julian.

Good News (and Carpets) From Afghanistan To St Marys

Saturday 29th January 10 - 1pm here at St. Mary's, Afghan action present Hope in Afghanistan - a family friendly morning of stories, kite making, carpet weaving, Afghan clothing, music art and food.



See last week's newsletter for details about the organisation, or please contact Graham Duncan on 0114 223 0223 or Afghan Action on www.afghanaction.com

Chilean Miner Comes To Sheffield

José Henriquez will tell his amazing story at the

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Victoria Hall, Norfolk St on **Friday 28th January at 8pm**. José was the miners' spiritual leader. He will be travelling in UK with Alf Cooper, protestant chaplain to Chilean president Pinera. Admission by ticket (free) available from chileanminersvisit@hotmail.co.uk, or from Blue Moon café or Victoria Hall Reception, or call 0114 285 4354.

The Real Easter Egg

It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is.

The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the pack. It also supports charity and development projects - buying everything from medical equipment for new mums here at home, to chicken and fresh water for farmers in Africa.



The direct sale price of The Real Easter Egg is £4.50 each which includes a charitable donation, VAT, handling and delivery to your church single drop off point. The 125g high quality Fairtrade milk chocolate can be ordered in multiples of 12.

More information from www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Please speak to Karen if you might be interested in ordering one or two or more !!- orders have to be placed by the end of January.

There's also a competition to design an advert for the Real Easter Egg - see <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/comp> for details.

Next Sunday – 30th January

10.30am Parish Communion. People with jobs to do: Kate (readings); Veronica (drinks); Veronica (stewards); Veronica & Elaine (communion assistants); Jon, Veronica, Jeremy, Jess (music)

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