

6th February 2011

Sunday 5th Before Lent

St. MARY'S
Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.

There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome either to leave their children or stay with them.

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

10.30am Parish Communion	Music	Steve, Kev, Yo
	Readings	Della
	Prayers	Elaine C
	Stewards	John & Margaret I
	Communion Assistants	Giles & Elaine C
	Light Factory	Tom, Kim, Caroline

Collect For Sunday 5th Before Lent

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted and called
to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
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.

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The Week Ahead

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.

Sunday evening: Youth Fellowship 7pm

Volunteer At St Marys Lunch Club

Would you like to help out at St Mary's lunch club? Serving refreshments and meals, chatting, some light duties, generally being caring with the people that come.

Can you commit to every Thursday 10am-2pm
please call Virginia 0791 768 2930

Diary Date – Fellowship Lunch

Sunday 6th March shared fellowship lunch after church - all welcome. Don't bring food – just come.

For Your Prayers

Streets of the Parish we are praying for this month : Alderson Road, Thorpe Close, Woodhead Road, Randall Street, Harwood Close, Bennet St.

Confirmation Course

The next part of our Confirmation Course will run on **Wednesday** in Mary's Marvellous Cafe. This will offer sessions based on Psalm 107. We have planned a quiet day at Whirlow Grange on **Saturday 5 March, from 10.00 - 4.00** for

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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.

Two Sisters And A Funeral

Two Sisters and a Funeral, Roger Jones presents his exciting new musical on **Saturday 12 March**. It is the moving story of Mary, Martha, Lazarus and Jesus. This is a production like no other, it is assembled all in one day. Anyone is able to join the choir for the musical or you can just be a member of the audience. Choir rehearsals begin at 11am and the public performance is at 5pm. For further information please contact John Mellor on 0114 243 6305 or email jrmellor77@hotmail.com.

Science And Faith Group

The next meeting of the Diocesan Science and Faith group will be on **Wednesday 23 February 7.00pm for 7.30**.

Venue Sheffield Hallam University Chaplaincy 2nd floor Owen Building (which is the building opposite the Novotel on Arundel Gate). Speaker Dr Chris Booth Senior Lecturer in Physics (researching in High Energy Particle Physics) at University of Sheffield and a member of All Saints Totley. Topic 'Do the properties of the universe provide evidence for a creator?'

A Letter From The Bishop Of Egypt

Full text at

<http://www.aco.org/acns/news.cfm/2011/2/2/ACNS4792>

...In the midst of the turmoil which Egypt is going through, we have felt that the Lord is very near to us. We have experienced his peace, and we were assured of his protection. In most of our churches and homes, there have been prayer meetings for the situation and for our beloved country Egypt. All our churches are safe, although they have not been

guarded by the security since Friday when all the security were withdrawn. This assured us that the one who protects the churches is the Lord of the Church...

...I was touched to see young adults, Muslims and Christians, guarding the streets, homes, and our churches. They did not allow any thieves or looters to come near the area. They also arrested some of those and handed them over to the Army. I applaud our local Egyptian clergy and people who joined the youth in the streets in guarding homes and churches...

...Our concern was that extremist groups would take advantage of the demonstrations to push for violence. We thank God that this did not happen. It seems that the majority of the youth who are demonstrating are aware of this possibility. Many of them started to see this possible risk. The youth who were interviewed by the television yesterday mentioned that all what they need is democracy. Many groups this morning are demonstrating in support of President Mubarak, the new government, and peaceful transfer of authority at the end of the Presidents term.

Egypt is a very important country in the whole of the Middle East, and whatever happens in Egypt affects the rest of the countries...We pray that we can set a good example to the surrounding countries...

...Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and words of encouragement.

May the Lord bless you! Yours in Christ,
+Mouneer

The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis
Bishop of the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa
President Bishop of the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

Next Sunday – 13th February

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service People with jobs to do: Kate K (steward); Jon, Yo, Bryony (music)

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