

27<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Third Sunday Of 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.

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

**Tuesday Home Group** in Lent - please see Andy for a list of dates, venues and activities.

**Weekly Thursday 8.30am** Holy Communion

**Wednesday 10am-12noon:** Toddler group

**Christians Against The Cuts**

There will be a launch meeting on **Tuesday 29 March 7.30-9pm** at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church, Sheffield S11. We oppose the current public spending cuts on the grounds that they increase unemployment, poverty and social exclusion. Revd Canon Nick Jowett will speak on Christians and social justice and there will be a speaker from the Sheffield Anti Cuts Alliance. For further details contact Margaret Stone on [margaret@stone103.plus.co](mailto:margaret@stone103.plus.co).

**Today's Worship**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Readings	Louise C
	Prayers	Michael E
	Drinks	Della
	Stewards	??
	Communion Assistants	Veronica & Elaine C
	Light Factory	Tom, Andy, Caroline
	Music Group	Jo, Tom, Francine, Rachel

**Help Wanted**

If anyone might be interested in leading or helping with Sunday School groups or creche, please speak to Jo or Tom Mather.

Also, Caroline would like to know if anyone could donate a hairdryer. Something to do with candle wax. Please ask her for details if you can help.

**Collect For 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

**For Your Prayers**

Streets of the Parish we are praying for this month: Vincent Road; South View Road; South View Crescent.

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### Lazy Sunday at St Marys – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011

PCC agreed on Monday that a small steering group should be gathered to plan and organise this year's Lazy Sunday (fundraiser for Christian Aid). If you are interested please speak to Karen or Yo who hope to start the planning in the next couple of weeks.

### New Sewing Class At St Marys

New sewing class starting at St. Mary's - every Monday 12-3pm for beginners and the experienced - all welcome - sewing machines available £1 per session.

### St Marys On Your Mobile Phone

Send text 'follow stmarysnews' to 86444 to get church news (reminders about events etc) on your mobile phone. See Steve for details.



### Bishop's Letter For April

*The Bishop of Doncaster writes:*

#### **From dereliction to restoration**

The most beautiful classic car I ever owned was a 1959 Triumph TR3A. It was dark blue and had been extensively restored. It had a fast road cam, twin Webber carbs, a sports exhaust and was tuned on a rolling road. For a 52 year old car, the engine of which was designed for tractors in WW2, it was perfectly capable of holding its own in modern traffic and had, on occasions, surprised many a BMW, Porches, and over-confident boy racers. The car had an interesting history. It was found completely derelict bricked up in a disused factory. The story is that it was owned by an old man who was very fond of it and intended one day to restore it. Unfortunately, he died and the car was forgotten only to be discovered when the factory was re-developed. By then it was a sorry sight. The bodywork had rusted beyond repair, the engine had seized and the leather interior had disintegrated. However, an enthusiast spotted it and saw what it could become. He bought it and spent years restoring it to show condition, scouring Europe to find replacement parts.

This movement from dereliction to restoration, for me, is a parable. We are entering the Easter season

when we engage with the most profound Christian truth; the death and resurrection of Jesus. Death and resurrection is a theme woven into the Christian story and is a fundamental fact of life. "Unless a seed fall into the ground and die....." Death is not the opposite of life; it is the opposite of birth. Death is therefore a continuation of life and is the movement from dereliction to restoration, or in the language of the New Testament – resurrection.

"I believe... in the resurrection of the body." This is the claim we make whenever we say the creed. But what does it mean? Tom Wright in his excellent book 'Surprised by Hope,' claims that the early church believed that the purpose of this new body is to enable us to rule wisely over God's new world. Forget those images we all seem to have of lounging on fluffy white clouds playing a harp, or gazing beatifically into one another's eyes, there will be work to do caring for the new creation, and we shall enjoy doing it. All the gifts and graces we have now will be enriched and ennobled and given back to us to serve one another and to glorify Christ. This creaking collection of bone, brain, muscle, hair and cells which we cart around the face of the earth now, will be taken and made new before being handed back. The eye of the master carpenter has already seen the beauty and glorious potential in each one of us. Hard to believe I know, but even the occasionally grumpy St Paul admits that we will be given new bodies.

John Betjeman sums it up brilliantly in the poem, 'The Lenten Season'.

I'd hate to think that I exist  
Because some nuclear physicist  
Has not, as yet, blown up the earth  
And done away with life and birth.  
I'd hate to think our final fate  
Was at the mercy of the State,  
That love and joy and all ambitions  
Were made for us by politicians.  
There must, there must be something more.  
Roll back the stone! The tomb explore.

+Cyril

### Next Sunday – Mothering Sunday

**9.30am BCP Communion in the Chapel**

**10.30am Family Service** People with jobs to do: John & Margaret I (stewards)

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