

20<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Christ The King

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.

After the service all are welcome to stay and enjoy a meal together. Followed by...

Today Living Nativity

Don't forget that there will be lots of events in town this afternoon from 1-5.30pm including members of local churches presenting a 'living nativity' on the Moor. Please go and give them your support, and pray for the conversations and impressions which arise.

Today's Worship

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Readings	Kate
	Prayers	James / Claire
	Drinks	Margaret I
	Stewards	Raman, Margaret A
	Children	Kim, Jo, Tom, Sally
	Music	Jon, Kevin, Veronica
	Communion Assistants	Caroline, Della

This Week At St Marys

PCC	Meet at the Vicarage on <b>Monday at 7.30pm</b>
Jam and Chutney	<b>Tuesday 10.30am</b> Community Jam/chutney making. All welcome, soup lunch provided. Letters with more information available on the hymn book stand or from Karen.
Monthly Friday Prayers	in the Parish Room on <b>Friday from 9.30am to 10.30am</b> . We will be praying for all who come to this building whether for worship, work, meeting, solitude, learning or recreation. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of prayer. Please speak to Karen, Maureen or Julian, leave any written requests for prayers on board near font.
Conversation Club	<b>Friday 10am - 2pm</b> English Conversation Club including simple lunch. Call in any time for help with confidence in English conversation, homework or basic English. If you are able to offer to help provide this in a voluntary capacity please speak to Maureen or Miriam, and encourage those you know who might benefit from attending to join us.

Collect For Christ The King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Today Today Fellowship Lunch

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## Growing The Body Of Christ

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**Wednesday 23rd November 7.30pm** Bishop Steven is visiting our deanery to talk about his vision and strategy for growth in the church. The meeting will be held at Ecclesall Parish Church. Everyone is welcome and a group will be leaving from St Mary's at about 7pm. Please speak to Julian if you are interested in going.

## Sharrow Minstrels

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This group of musicians and singers from local churches are reforming to play traditional carols at a few Christmas events in the area. They'll be practising at 7-8.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please speak to Steve if you might like to join in (contact details below).

## Meaningful Christmas Tree Decorations

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Fairtrade Chocolate Decorations for your Christmas tree which carry images of the characters of the Nativity on them and so help tell the real story of Christmas. £4 per set of 6. Karen has a small stock available for purchase. She also has Advent Calendars available at the same price.

"These yummy decorations are an opportunity for parents, grandparents and Godparents to buy an interactive gift that allows the family Christmas tree to be a bit more Meaningful by a telling of the Christmas story at home and through their support of Fairtrade."

## Christmas Shoe Boxes

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Once again Toddler Group are putting together some Christmas Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you are able to contribute a small gift towards this please take a leaflet from the back of church which outlines some suggested items : small soft toys; small musical instruments, colouring pencils, gloves, toothbrush and toothpaste ..... There will be a box at the back of church for your gifts. Please speak to Miriam, Maureen or Karen to know more about this.

## Oaks Folks

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Friday - Sunday. Please pray for our older children - Sam, Emily, Bryony and Mimi as they go away to the

Oakes Centre for their "Discipleship weekend".

## Foundations In Faith Course

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This discipleship course is taught as a rolling programme across the Diocese, in three terms of eight evenings. It offers more than most parishes can normally provide through Bible study groups, but is less demanding than School of Ministry. Part One of the Course covers; Worship, Using the Bible, Christian Ethics and Church History. It will be running here at St Mary's in the New Year (Tuesday evenings. 17 Jan-20 March 2012. 7.30pm-9.15pm). If you would be interested in attending or finding out more about it please speak to Karen.

## Big Sing For ASSIST

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Do you like to sing, or do you just like hearing beautiful music? ASSIST Sheffield is putting on a "Big Sing" on Saturday 26th November at 6-8 pm, at the Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield (opposite the Crucible).

It will be led by the master of music at St Marie's Cathedral, Philip Jakob, who is a member of the Iona Community. The music is mainly from the Christian tradition but everyone is welcome whatever their faith. No singing talent is needed! You may want to join in or just sit and listen to the music in quiet reflection. There is no charge, although there will be an opportunity to make a donation to ASSIST's work.

## ASSIST Carol Service

You are warmly invited to the ASSIST carol service on Saturday 10th December at 3pm. This year this will be held at Sacred Heart in Hillsborough, 479 Langsett Road, Hillsborough S6 2LN. The church is on the tram route and easily accessible by bus and car.

## Next Sunday – Advent Sunday

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People with jobs to do next Sunday: Veronica (Readings); Giles (Prayers) Elaine & David (drinks); Veronica & Elaine (Communion Assistants); Doreen & Joan (Stewards).

## Advent Tea

Next Sunday - All are welcome to our Advent Tea at the Vicarage at **4.00pm**.

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