

5th February 2012

3rd Sunday 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.

This Week At St Marys

Foundations in Faith

Tuesday 7.30pm The Foundations in Faith course continues. It is still OK to join up at the last minute, details to be found on the Hymn Book stand or contact Karen.

Toddler Group

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am

Conversation Club

Friday 10am - 2pm 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.

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	James / Claire
	Prayers	Steve
	Stewards	John & Margaret
	Drinks	Dorothy
	Children	Tom, Kim, Miriam, Odette
	Music	Kevin, Jess, Jem

PCC Quiet Day

The PCC Quiet Morning will be on **Saturday 18th February** starting at the Cathedral 9.30am, and concluding with lunch at the Blue Moon Cafe.

Shared Lunch

Please note that our next shared lunch together will follow the Sunday morning service on **19th February**. All welcome.

Experiencing God's Love – Lent 2012

To experience the extent of the love that God pours out on us day after day is powerful and life changing indeed. This course helps us to explore the depths of that love and to reflect on

Collect For 3rd Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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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how our lives might be transformed by it.

Five evenings at St Mary's will lead us up to the beginning of Lent. Five more evenings at Sheffield Cathedral with Bishop Steven, will take us through Lent to Easter.

The course is suitable for both those new to Christian faith and those more experienced in their faith. It offers the opportunity to explore and learn together from the material and from each other. Experiencing God's Love is suitable for those seeking Baptism or Confirmation

At St Mary's Cafe Part 1 Psalms

Wed 8 Feb Tended Psalm 23
Wed 15 Feb Welcomed Psalm 16
Wed 22 Feb Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's

At Sheffield Cathedral Part 2 Gospel of John

Wed 29 Feb Rooted: John 2. 1-10
Wed 7 Mar Washed John 13. 1-20

'Palestine, The Bible And The Imperial Imagination'

A Public Lecture by Professor Keith Whitelam at Quaker Meeting House 10 St James Street, Sheffield, S1 2EW on **Wednesday 8th February 7.30pm**. Professor Whitelam is the author of *The Invention of Ancient Israel, the Silencing of Palestinian History* and has recently retired from the chair of Biblical Studies at Sheffield University. He has published a number of studies challenging the view that the Old Testament can be interpreted as a straightforward historical account of the events it describes.

A Fresh Look At The Old Testament

An Introductory Course in Six Lessons, ideal for Local Preachers, Lay Readers at The Urban Theology Unit, 210 Abbeyfield Road, Sheffield by Revd Dr Noel Irwin. The course will begin on **Thursday 2nd February 7-9pm**. It will cost £25 for the whole course or £5 per lesson.

Programme:

2 February - What are the Hebrew Bible and Old Testament?
9 February - The Torah/Pentateuch,
23 February - The Deuteronomistic History
1 March - Prophecy
8 March - The Writings
15 March - An Old Testament Theology?.

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Pray For General Synod

Please remember in prayer all elected members of the General Synod from our Diocese who will travel to Westminster on Monday for a highly important gathering. You will be able to follow proceedings via the Church of England website as events unfold.

www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/general-synod.aspx

What Makes A Good Society?

Next **Friday (10th)** our local MP, Paul Blomfield is leading the first 'Cafe Culture' discussion event at the Harland Cafe (formerly Cafe Euro – just over Bramall Lane) on 'What makes a Good Society?' Tickets are £6.00, which includes a meal and a donation to my chosen charity, the Archer Project, and are available from the Harland Cafe.

If you can't go, he'd still like to hear your views.

Living On A Prayer

Rev George Huysse-Smith (who had a placement at St Marys while she was training for ordination) is living in St. Michael's Church, Grimsby for 1 week to raise money for a trip to Gambia with students from the Grimsby Institute, to help children in a disadvantaged community. For details, and how to help:

www.livinsonaprayer2012.blogspot.com

Next Sunday – 12th February

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to: Veronica (drinks); Kate & Odette (Stewards); Steve, John, Veronica (music)



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