

19th February 2012

Sunday Next 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.

contributions towards biscuits/cake and fruit juice gratefully received.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday **8pm 22nd February** Service of Ashing and Holy Communion for the start of Lent in Church.

This Week At St Marys

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Maureen
	Prayers	James / Claire
	Stewards	Margaret A & Raman
	Drinks	Christine P
	Music	Kevin, Jess

Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30am
Monthly Prayers	We meet for prayer on behalf of all who come to use this building, whether for worship, work, meeting, solitude, learning or recreation. Friday morning in the Parish Room at 9.30am until 10.30am . Maureen for details.
Chutney Making	Friday 10am – see below
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.

Collect For Sunday Next Before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Shared Lunch - TODAY

Fellowship lunch after church, All welcome and any

Chutney Making

Also this **Friday 10am** Community Chutney making Session - working in partnership with Abundance bringing people from all walks of life together to make chutney using waste or unwanted fruit from Sheffield. Anyone welcome to this event which will include soup lunch. Please speak to Karen for more information.

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Jars required - In order to help us with the Community Chutney Making project we need more waste! If you empty a jar of jam, pesto, pasta sauce whatever please don't throw it away, instead send it to us - we can do something good with your waste. Please bring your empty jars to St. Mary's.

Lent – Prayer With Bishop Steven

On Wednesday evenings for the last five weeks we have been studying Bishop Steven's book "Experiencing God's Love" from the perspective of the psalms.

For Lent itself, we will be going to Sheffield Cathedral for Bishop Steven's series on the "Lord's Prayer: Five evenings exploring how to pray".

Wednesdays in Lent: **29 February** and the **7, 14, 21, 28 March** all at **7.30pm** at Sheffield Cathedral with Bishop Steven

The sessions are suitable for all who want to learn more about their faith but especially those who are exploring Christian faith and preparing for baptism and confirmation. A group from St Mary's will be there each week. Please speak to Julian or Karen if you would like to know more and let us know that you are planning to be there.

After Easter we will return to the themes of "Experiencing God's Love" from the perspective of the gospels.

Lent Challenges

The 40 days of Lent (Ash Wednesday to Easter Day) are traditionally a time when Christians reflect on their habits and practices and make some changes to their normal routine/lifestyle. Traditionally this has often meant giving something up and giving more time to prayer. Here are a couple of suggestions of changes Christians are being encouraged to think about this year

Diocesan Lent Challenge

The World Development Adviser and the Board of Faith & Justice, invite Christians in the Diocese to join the 2012 Diocesan Lent Challenge to reduce the amount of meat they eat this Lent. This is to stand in solidarity with the poor, for whom meat is a luxury and to encourage more sustainable food production (an area of land which produces enough food for 2 people if used for beef production can feed 60 people if used to grow soya). We suggest that people who eat meat most days consider having one vegetarian day a week, but there are suggestions for those who

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are already vegetarians, or who eat meat only occasionally as well. Find out more on the diocesan website by following this link <http://tinyurl.com/7yq2ymy>

or on the special linked blog website at

<http://dioceseofsheffieldlentchallenge.blogspot.com> .

Join the Carbon Fast during Lent

The Christian relief and development agency Tearfund would like to invite you and your church to join us with many other Christians worldwide in the Carbon Fast during Lent 2012. The Carbon Fast encourages people to take one simple action everyday throughout the 40 days of Lent that may help reduce their carbon emission. To find out how to take part and to get a flavour of how the Carbon Fast is happening around the world go to Tearfund's website www.tearfund.org and click on Carbon Fast.

St Marys On Radio Sheffield

Did you here Graham Duncan, Centre Manager from St Marys, speaking on Toby Foster's Breakfast show on Wednesday? You might still be able to listen again from this link

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/console/p00ncx46>

Start at about 1hour 16minutes, and keep listening after Graham finishes for more good stories. All about community spirit.

Sharrow Lantern Carnival- Magic

Sunday 1st April (this is not an April fools!)
The theme is magic! If you want to get involved the workshops will be held every Saturday from until the **31st March, 12-4pm** at: Highfield Trinity Church, London Road and The Old Junior School, South View Road.

More information about this wonderful local event at <http://www.creativeaction.net>

Next Sunday – 19th February

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to: Della (readings); Giles (prayers); Margaret I (drinks); Doreen & Joan (Stewards); Jon, Yo, Jem (music); Jo, Andy, Rachel, Caroline (children)



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