

26th February 2012

First 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.

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

This Week At St Marys

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Della
	Prayers	Giles
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Light Factory	Jo, Andy, Rachel, Caroline
	Drinks	Margaret I
	Music	Jon, Yo, Jem

PCC	Meets at the Vicarage on Monday 7.30 for 7.45pm
Tuesday – for your prayers	Diocesan Curates Quiet Day. Meeting of Porter Croft School Governors. Deanery Synod at St Peters Abbeydale.
Foundations in Faith	Tuesday at 7.30 pm at St Mary's on the subject of Ethics.
Parent and Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30am
Little Lights	A special time in church for children under 5 and their parents/carers. with simple crafts, toys, singing, Bible story and lots of time to be together with coffee and cake too! Friday 10.30am . See Karen for details
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 Bible Readings:

Genesis 9.8-17 p.10
1 Peter 3.18-end p.1219
Mark 1.9-15 p.1002

Several copies of the readings in French can be found on the hymn book stand.

Collect For The 1st Sunday Of Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

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Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs - The Real Easter Eggs are on sale again this year - " The only fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. It also supports charity and development projects." Karen will have a limited number of these at a cost of £4 each. Please speak to her if you would like to place an order.

Immigration Advisory Service

Will be providing free legal advice on issues of immigration, Visas, Asylum appeals, and other representations at a new drop in session at St Mary's on **Monday afternoons 2.30-3.30pm.**

The Bishops Letter

This month Bishop Steven writes:

Lord teach us to pray.....

Lent began as a period of preparation when candidates getting ready to be baptised at Easter would gather with the bishop for teaching in the faith. Over time, the whole Christian community was invited to join the candidates in study and repentance over forty days, to remind them of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tested by Satan.

As Easter approached, the Bishop would hand on to the candidates the central texts of the Christian faith and these would form the focus of their teaching. There was a special focus on the Apostle's Creed, on the Lord's Prayer, on the Ten Commandments and on the Beatitudes. The whole Christian community would learn these texts by heart and think about them deeply.

This Lent, Bishop Peter and I will be standing in this tradition as we teach the Diocesan Lent Course in Doncaster Minster and the Cathedral on the Lord's Prayer. I'm hoping that we can develop some material from our teaching with can be used more widely in parishes and study groups in and outside the Diocese in future years.

But for this year, I'm already enjoying looking again at this deep and wonderful prayer. As one ancient writer tells us, the whole of the gospel is in the prayer. Praying these words each day sets us the right relationship with God our creator and Father and with others.

I hope you will think about joining us on Wednesdays

in Lent at 7.30 pm in Doncaster Minster and in the Cathedral (29 February; and 7, 14, 21 and 28 March at 7.30pm).

All are welcome but the course will be particularly suitable for those who are preparing for baptism, confirmation or a renewal of their baptismal promises and for those who have been baptised and confirmed in the last year. We hope to have recordings of the talks online and on the Diocesan website.

With warm good wishes as you prepare for a fruitful and holy Lent.

Yours sincerely, +Steven

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.

Special Guest At Lent Lectures

Loretta Minghella, Director of Christian Aid, has been invited by Bishop Steven to speak at one of the sessions for the Diocesan Lent Course around the Lord's Prayer at Sheffield Cathedral on **7 March**. She will join Bishop Steven in reflecting on praying for the kingdom to come on earth as in heaven and relating this to her work with Christian Aid. The evening will start at **7.30pm** and, although will form part of the Lent Series, will also be open to anyone else who would like to hear Loretta speak. See the Christian Aid website for more about Loretta: www.christianaid.org.uk/aboutus/who/aboutus/direcatorate.aspx

Free To Good Home

1 Dark pink easy chair; 3 upright chairs with cream suede seat



Speak to Kate at church or ring 07888782083

Next Sunday – 4th March

10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to: Giles (readings); Barbara T (prayers); Elaine & David (drinks); John & Margaret (Stewards); Steve, Veronica, Jem (music); Andy, Penny, Miriam, Sally (Light Factory)

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