

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**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.

**Today's Worship**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Readings	Margaret I
	Prayers	Louise / Jeremy
	Stewards	Kate & Odette
	Light Factory	Tom, Jo, Odette
	Drinks	Giles
	Music	Jon, Kev, Yo, Jess

**Today's Bible Readings:**

Exodus 20:1-17. p.77&78;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25. p.1144;  
John 2:13-22. p.1065

**Collect For The 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:

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mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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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who is alive and reigns with you,  
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one God, now and for ever.

**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.

**This Week At St Marys**

<b>Centre Trustees Meeting</b>	<b>Monday</b> evening – for your prayers.
<b>Foundation s in Faith</b>	<b>Tuesday at 7.30 pm</b> at St Mary's on the History of the Church.
<b>Parent and Toddler Group</b>	<b>Wednesday 9.30-11.30am</b>
<b>Cathedral Lent Course</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> meet at the Cathedral for the third evening in the Lent course looking at The Lords Prayer.
<b>Conver-sation Club</b>	<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

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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.

## APCM Report Reminder.

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Our APCM will be held on **Sunday 25th March**. Please could all those who write reports for this send them to Julian by **Monday 12th ie TOMORROW** so that we can produce the booklet in time. Thank you.

## Wednesday Nights At The Cathedral

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A *prayer to change the world* was how Bishop Steven described the second sentence of the Lords prayer which we considered on Wednesday evening. "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." It is a prayer that God will establish his rule - one which is marked by security and flourishing, justice and fairness for all. In praying this prayer we align ourselves to God's will and purposes, but we cannot pray the prayer without being willing to contribute to the answer, and so praying these words should change us too. The Director of Christian Aid, Loretta Minghella, then spoke powerfully about one way in which we might do that - by supporting the work of Christian Aid. She was a timely inspiration to us all as we plan for our annual event in support of Christian Aid - Lazy Sunday...

## Lazy Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

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Our annual fundraiser for Christian Aid.

Would you think joining about a team of volunteers who make the day happen?

- Deliver leaflets in this area
- Make a cake
- Help serve food or clear up on the day

More details next month.

We'd also like to send a small group of walkers on the sponsored May Day Trek from Bolsterstone on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - 5, 10 or 15 miles.

<http://www.sheffieldmaydaytrek.org.uk/>

Last year, all our efforts at St Mary's raised over £1,000 for Christian Aid. All this money changes the lives of the world's poorest people in 45 countries.

## Contemplative Fire Pilgrimage To Now/here: Walking With Christ On The Way

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### Saturday 31 March (9.30 for 10 - 3pm)

National Trust Longshaw Estate, near Sheffield, S11 7TZ. Led by Revd Philip Roderick, Adviser in Spirituality to the Bishop of Sheffield. Transformation happened for the woman at the well and the man at the pool when Jesus encountered them. As we gather and walk contemplatively, we'll explore these two stories (John 4, 4-29; John 5, 1-18) and be open to the questions and compassion of Christ. Cost by donation, between £10 - £20. Packed lunch and outdoor wear needed. See website for further details and booking info: [www.contemplativefire.org](http://www.contemplativefire.org).

Don't forget Contemplative Eucharist at 9.45am every Tuesday and Reflective Worship at 7pm on the first Sunday of the month at Whirlow Chapel.

## New Wine

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A group of us from St Marys will be going again to 'New Wine' this summer 2012 (**Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> - Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>**). This is a week-long Christian conference - held at Newark Showground, with inspiring teaching, lively worship, great kids clubs and a chance to be community together.

It is a camping event which is suitable for all (if you are prepared to chance the British weather).

If you are interested in joining us, please see either Tom & Jo / Penny / Karen & Andy for details.

## Next Sunday - 18<sup>th</sup> March

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**9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel**

**10.30am Mothering Sunday All Age Worship with baptism of Ethan and Ryan**

People with jobs to: Peter (drinks); Margaret A & Raman (Stewards); Steve, Jon, Yo (music).

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