

1<sup>st</sup> April 2012

Palm Sunday

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.

**Collect For Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

**Parent and Toddler Group**

**Wednesday 9.30-11.30am** meets as usual.

**Today's Worship**

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Steward	Raman
	Light Factory	Tom, Penny, Rachel, Odette
	Drinks	Steve
	Music	Steve, Yo, Kev

**Holy Week And Easter Events**

**Maundy Thursday 5th April**

These events all run into one another - feel free to come and go, to one, two or all three of these as your circumstances allow.

**4-6pm** Easter Activities Afternoon. For children aged 5 - 11 and their families, crafts games and activities on an Easter theme - all welcome, especially a few adults to be on hand to help. We have invited local Rainbows and Brownies and given fliers to Porter Croft school and so we hope that some of them will join us.

**6pm** Maundy Thursday "Passover" Meal - a shared meal to which everyone is welcome which will also recall elements of a traditional Passover meal.

**7.30pm** Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday.

**Good Friday 6th April**

**9.45am** Meet at Waitrose car park and join with

Palm Sunday Procession - advance notice to families with young children in particular who may want to bring buggies etc so that we can walk safely around the local streets.

St Marys Palm Sunday Procession 2010



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members of all the local churches to make a walk of witness around the streets of Sharrow, carrying the cross with us, telling the Easter story and giving out hot cross buns. Concluding with refreshments at St Mary's at about 11.30am.

**12-3pm** Meditations around the Cross, a time of reflective silence, with a hymn and a thought every 20 mins. Please come and go as you are able.

### **Holy Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**7.30pm** at the Cathedral a special Eucharist for Easter Eve including baptisms and confirmations.

### **Easter Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**6am** Sunrise service on Ringinglow Moor, meet in the lay by opposite Lady Cannings Plantation, Ringinglow Rd.

*Sunrise Service 2010*



**10.30am** All Age Holy Communion for Easter Day.

### **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, which you may be able to snap up after this morning's service. Otherwise, please speak to her if you would like to place an order.

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

Our annual fundraiser for Christian Aid. Please volunteer to help if you are able. Form on your chair can be returned to Barbara Thompson today - thanks.

### **A Large Plate Of Cream Cakes.**

The final session of Bishop Stevens Lent Course on the Lords Prayer had as its illustrations a large plate of cream cakes and a small fire pit/brazier as we considered the line "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil". Bishop Steven described this as a prayer which shapes our attitude to suffering. Temptation comes in many forms - money, sex and power are often highlighted as the three root sources of temptations we all face. "Temptation" can also be translated as "a time of trial" situations of difficulty and suffering which again we all face as a consequence of living in a fallen world. Bishop Steven was quite clear that God does not send suffering or temptations or difficulties, but by His mercy we are able to endure these things, God is able to work within them for good, and we can be refined as a result.

Recordings of all these Lent talks can be found on the Diocesan website.

### **Easter Holiday Club**

The Centre and SureStart are teaming up on **Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>** to run a couple of "playscheme" days for the local community. They would appreciate a few volunteers to help come and run the sessions. If you are able to help on one or both these days please speak to Karen today.

### **Next Week - Easter Sunday**

**See above for service details.**

People with jobs to do at 10.30: Ann B (readings); Kate K (prayers); Joy (drinks); Kate & Odette (stewards); Steve, Jon, Yo, Jeremy (music)

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