

13th May 2012



Lazy Sunday

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane this morning.

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

9.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in the Chapel

10.30am All Age worship for Christian Aid week.	Steward	Kate & Odette
	Bible Reading	John 15 v 9 - 17 p. 1083
	Drinks	Tom & Jo
	Music	Steve, Bryony, Jem



TODAY Is Lazy Sunday

Today is lazy Sunday - please stay and enjoy the day with us and help us to raise lots of money for Christian Aid. Highlights:

9.30-11.30 Breakfasts and Sunday Papers in Cafe (student discount); 12-2 Home-made lunches (plus games, crafts, and cake stall) - family discount; 2-3.30 Free film show in church - Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; 3-4 Cream teas (OAP discount)

NB Car-wash will now be next **Sunday 20th May** but bookings will be taken today!!

This Week At St Marys

Centre Board	Monday evening. Open meeting
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of Trustees	to reflect on mission. For more information please speak to Peter Rowe
Parent and Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30-11.30am
Exploring God's Love	Wednesday 8pm Fellowship and study group in the café, all welcome. For more information please speak to Karen or Maureen.
Ascension Day Holy Communion	Thursday 9.30am In the Chapel to mark the start of our ten days of prayer
Prayers for St Marys	In the Parish Room on Friday from 9.30am to 10.30am. We will be praying for all who come to this building whether for worship, work, meeting, solitude, learning or recreation. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of prayer. Please speak to Karen, Maureen or Julian, leave any written requests for prayers on board near font.

Advance Notices

Sunday 20th May 6.30pm Evening Reflective Prayer Service - as part of 10 days of prayer.

Monday 21st May 7.45pm PCC Meeting at St Mary's. Minutes and agenda available soon.

Next Sunday – 20th May

10.30am Holy Communion
People with jobs to do: Margaret A & Raman (stewards); Kev, Veronica (music); Veronica (readings); Elaine C (prayers);

6.30pm Reflective Evening Service as part of the Ten Days of prayer

Vicar: Canon Julian Sullivan
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10 Days Of Prayer

Ascension Day Thursday 17 – Pentecost Sunday 27th May - 10 days to make time and space to be open to God. This is the third year of this initiative and it is a great opportunity for us to intentionally set aside time in prayer - to be open to what God might be saying to us as a church and as individuals, and to bring to Him in prayer the life and mission of our church, our local community and ourselves.

There will be particular times set aside during these ten days for us to gather together to pray - we will start the ten days with a short communion service in the chapel on Thursday 17th at 9.30am. On Sunday 20th at 6.30pm there will be a service of quiet reflection with prayer stations. On Wednesday 23rd at 8pm there will be a more informal time of prayer in the café and on Friday 25 at 9.30am we will meet to pray specifically for the work of St Mary's.

Please try to set aside time to come to at least one of these opportunities to pray together.

Please also use the prayer guide produced by the diocese - and our own prayer card to focus our prayers on different aspects of our life together - a different topic for each day. This is reprinted here but is also available in bookmark form.

10 days of Prayer - Prayer Diary

Thursday 17th - Being open to God.

Commit yourself to prayer over the next 10 days. Ask God to speak to us, and that we may be open to his grace and the leading of his Holy Spirit.

Friday 18th - Growing more Christ like

That we would bear good fruit. Asking God to show us how we can use our time and gifts and talents in his service - in our homes, local communities, places of work and recreation and at St Mary's.

Saturday 19th - Make and nurture disciples

Praying for those times and places where faith is nurtured at St Mary's. Remembering especially our Sunday services and children's groups, and the Wednesday fellowship group. Pray for all those with responsibilities for leading, preaching and teaching.

Sunday 20th - Transforming Society and God's world.

Praying for the trouble spots around the world. Remembering those who have come to us as refugees and asylum seekers and are now making their home here or still waiting for their futures to be secured. Pray for inspiration in how we can continue to respond as a church, praying especially for our Friday conversation club and the language classes provided by the centre, and what else we might do.

Monday 21st - Regeneration and Renewal in our

local community.

Pray for regeneration and renewal in our parish, and appropriate ways for us as a church to engage and be Church locally. Pray for the church and the Centre as we seek to work together to create a distinctive Christian presence locally. Pray for the other activities of the Centre including the lunch club and proposed work with vulnerable people and building community cohesion.

Tuesday 22nd - Nurture and encourage responsibility and leadership.

Pray that each of us might be effective in ministry as part of Christ's body, the church. Remembering those who volunteer on all our rotas, those who organise the rotas, the PCC, church wardens and vergers, and asking God that we might be aware of and encourage every member ministry at St Mary's.

Wednesday 23rd - Deepen and enrich the faith of our children and young people.

Thanking God for all the children and young people in our church, pray for their parents, for all those who lead the children's groups on Sundays, for the families who come to our Toddler group and Little Lights, for the Rainbows and Brownies who meet at St Marys and for all at Porter Croft School.

Thursday 24th - Carry the torch of the Gospel.

Pray for our plans to employ a part-time children and youth worker and for the opportunities we have to share the gospel with families through events at St Mary's and our links with local schools. Asking that we would be open to new ways of communicating the gospel with all those who live locally or come to St Mary's.

Friday 25th - Training for Godliness

Pray for our worship and prayer life as a church. That we might establish and grow personal and corporate disciplines of prayer that will bring us wisdom and vision for the future. That we might grow in our understanding of what it means for us to truly love one another.

Saturday 26th - Your kingdom come.

Pray for the coming of God's kingdom in our church and parish, for His love and power and healing for broken lives, families and communities. For joy and hope to be hallmarks of St Mary's.

Sunday 27th - Pentecost

Ask that we might all receive a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, so that we might know God afresh and be enabled to live and work to his praise and glory.

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