

16th September 2012

15th Sunday After Trinity

**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.

This Morning's Worship

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| 10.30am Parish Communion | Steward | Margaret A & Raman |
| | Reader | Keith H |
| | Communion Assistants | Sally & Jeremy |
| | Prayers | Kate K |
| | Drinks | Dorothy |
| | Music | Jem & Jon |

Collect For 15th Sunday After Trinity

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tonight – Young Peoples' Group

6.30pm Young Peoples Group - food, fun, faith and friendship.

This Week At St Marys

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| Faith & Fellowship Group | Wednesday 8pm in the Cafe |
| Cafe at St Marys | Tuesday and Wednesday 11.30 – 2pm serving excellent meals for just £1 and the usual range of fantastic cakes. |
| Toddler Group | Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am |
| Conversation Club | Friday in the cafe. Speak to Maureen or Miriam for more information. |
| Vintage & Craft Market | Saturday 10am-5pm Admission £1, children free. |

Crèche

There are some gaps on the rota for crèche (0-4 years) which takes place in the hall during the morning service. If anyone would like to help with this age group, please could you talk to Jo Mather.

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 7th October - St Mary's Harvest Celebrations including lunch after the **10.30am** service.

Wednesday 7th November 7.30pm - Deanery Evening with Bishop Steven "Re-Imagining Ministry" - particularly for PCC members but everyone welcome.

Sunday Evening Reflective Services will be held on **23 Sept, 28th October** and **25th November**

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Bishops' Letter – October

'Inspiring a Generation'

"What was your favourite moment of the Olympic Games? One of mine was the lighting of the torch in the stadium at the opening ceremony. After all the speculation about which famous person would be the last link in the great relay, the final torches were given to the next generation of athletes. They lit the parts of the flame around the edge of the cauldron. The flames spread slowly. And then the cauldron began to rise, the different flames came together and burned as one.

The cauldron gave me a great image of the ideal of the world in union which is the best of the Olympic movement. Different nations come together in a celebration of sport, wondering at how much we have in common.

The cauldron also gave me a great image of the Church. God calls together women and men of different races and backgrounds to form one family, one people throughout the earth, united by a common allegiance to Jesus Christ. The Christian Church was the first truly global organization. It remains a sign and sacrament of the kind of unity God wants for the whole world.

And the cauldron is a brilliant image for the unity we find also in every local church. We each bring our own gifts – our own flame. By God's grace, these flames are drawn together into a community of grace and love: a parish church which itself gives light and life to the world.

This autumn, Bishop Peter and I will be touring the deaneries with the archdeacons talking about the ways in which we need to re-imagine ministry for mission. That picture of the Olympic flame will be in our minds.

Just like the small boy in the story of the feeding of the five thousand, each of us offers what we can and we join our life and gifts and witness to the greater purposes of God.

We look forward to seeing you."

+Steven

Christian Aid Tax Campaign

Christian Aid is coming to Sheffield. They're taking the message of tax justice on the road around Britain and Ireland in a double-decker bus, meeting

supporters and hosting briefings about our 'Trace the tax' campaign.

Tax dodging costs developing countries an estimated \$160bn every year - one and a half times what they receive in international aid! This is caused by loopholes in the global financial system and the unscrupulous companies who seek to exploit them. They're going out on the road across Britain and Ireland to bring people together in a bid to end this gross injustice.

Come and hear from some of the world's poorest countries, about how tax dodging affects their lives, and what they're doing to bring about tax justice.

Wednesday 10 October: Doncaster, Rotherham, Barnsley and Sheffield

7-9pm: Tax Justice Hearing at Sheffield Cathedral

If you can't make it to see the bus but would like to take part in the campaign you can do so on-line following this link:

<http://goo.gl/6Gmmp>

Youth And Families Worker

The PCC were delighted to approve the appointment of Claire Wood to this new part-time post. Claire will be meeting with the youth group for the first time tonight and will be in church next Sunday morning. Please pray for Claire as she settles into her post and for this exciting new venture in the life of our church.

Centre News

Centre News - Congratulations and best wishes to the Centre Receptionist Rebecca who goes on Maternity leave from the end of this month and welcome to Evie who has been appointed to cover this post. Farewell also to Jo Wallis who also leaves at the end of the month to take up a new post at Centre Parcs !

Next Sunday – 23rd September

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Ann B (readings); Giles (intercessions); Christine P. (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Caroline & Margaret A (communion assistants); Steve & Veronica (music)

6.30pm Reflective Evening Service

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