

2nd December 2012

Advent 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.

This Morning's Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Steward	John & Margaret
	Readings	Giles M
	Prayers	Kate K
	Celebrant	Rev. Karen Cribb
	Preacher	Rev. Julian Sullivan
	Drinks	Margaret I
	Music	Yo, Teresa, Steve, Rob, Rosie
	Light Factory	Miriam, Penny, Kim

Collect: 1st Sunday In Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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This Evening

4pm: You are warmly invited to our Advent Tea at the Vicarage – 42 Charlotte Road.

5pm: Youth Group. Meet at Advent Tea, then go on to Pizza Hut.

This Week At St Marys

Cafe at St Marys	Tuesday and Wednesday 11.00am – 2.00pm excellent cheap and tasty meals and fantastic cakes.
Homegroup	Tuesday 8pm. At 114 Ringinglow Road.
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am
Monthly Iona Communion Service	Wednesday 8pm
Monthly Lunchtime Holy Communion	Thursday 12.30pm

**Messy Church
Friday 14th December**

Please come and join in all our activities as we anticipate Christmas and invite your friends too. If you would like to bake a cake or biscuits for us to share that would be great - please let Claire or Karen know. If you are willing to help in any way - before, during, or clearing up the event please also let us know.

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Women Bishops in The Church Of England

"The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England met this week and a substantial amount of time was given over to the discussion of the recent vote by General Synod on Women in the Episcopate.

As part of their reflections, many council members commented on the deep degree of sadness and shock that they had felt as a result of the vote and also of the need to affirm all women serving the church - both lay and ordained - in their ministries.

In its discussions the Council decided that a process to admit women to the episcopate needed to be restarted at the next meeting of the General Synod in July 2013. There was agreement that the Church of England had to resolve this matter through its own processes as a matter of urgency. The Council therefore recommended that the House of Bishops, during its meeting in a fortnight's time, put in place a clear process for discussions in the New Year with a view to bringing legislative proposals before the Synod in July."

Family Christmas Choir

On **Monday 3rd December, 4-5pm**, and the following 3 weeks we are going to be building together a Family Christmas Choir. All singing ages welcome to come and join. All members of the family are welcome. No talent is required just enthusiasm!

We will be focusing on a few Christmas Carols, with a chance to perform planned in if people are keen :-D. This should hopefully get everyone in the Christmas Spirit for only one hour a week. No cost!

If you want to know any more details please talk to Claire Wood.

Hungry For God's Liberation: a Prayer Service

Thursday 6th Dec, 7.30pm at Sheffield Cathedral

A Christian service for people in Sheffield, wanting to experience a quiet, candle-lit service, with simple songs (written at the Taize community in France), readings, and prayer including a time of sustained silence. All are welcome. The service will take place in Sheffield Cathedral's Crypt Chapel.

Please speak to Jem for more information.

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Timebuilders At St Marys

The Timebuilders project is a major piece of work which has recently launched at St Mary's, and we're looking for people who want to help build our local community. It's a great way to share skills, experiences and to get to know local people. You can find help around the house, a friend to teach you new skills such as a language or have your bike fixed. In return, you could telephone someone who is housebound, do some gardening or teach someone how to use the internet.

If you want to find out more, call Bethan on 07847463224, email bethan.mobey@stmarys-church.co.uk or follow us on twitter @timebuilders. There's also a blog at <http://timebuilders.wordpress.com>.

Advent And Christmas Diary

December

Sunday 9th	Christingle Service 10.30am ASSIST Carols 3.00 – 4.30pm.
Friday 14th	Messy Church - Preparing for Christmas 4-6pm
Sunday 16th	Carols by Candlelight 4.00pm
Wednesday 19th	Carols on the streets 7.00pm
Saturday 22nd	Lansdowne United Carols 10.30am Crib Service at St Marys 10.30am
Monday 24th	Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day Family Communion 10.30am

Next Sunday – 9th December

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All Age Christingle Service:

People with jobs to do: Light Factory (readings and prayers); Kate and Odette (Stewards); Elaine and David (drinks); Kevin, Veronica, Jem (music); Caroline (Church unlocker).

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