

9<sup>th</sup> December 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Advent

## 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.

### This Morning's Worship

<b>10.30am All Age Christingle Service</b>	Steward	Kate & Odette
	Bible Readings	Luke 3:1-6 p.1029
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Music	Kevin, Veronica, Jem

### ASSIST Carols - This Afternoon

**3pm** TODAY. ASSIST annual carol service returns to St Marys this year with a great festive way to contribute to destitute asylum seekers this winter. Bring children, friends and big voices to share this special service.

ASSIST is a local charity which helps destitute asylum seekers in Sheffield by providing accommodation, food and support to those in most need or distress.



### Collect: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Advent

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

### This Week At St Marys

<b>Cafe at St Marys</b>	Now closed in order to accommodate Christmas Dinners Project
<b>Family Christmas Choir</b>	Monday 4-5pm (see later)
<b>Toddler Group</b>	<b>Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30am</b>
<b>Faith and Life Group</b>	<b>Wednesday 8pm</b> The Prayers of Hannah
<b>Messy church</b>	<b>Friday 4-6pm</b> See below

### Messy Church

Please come and join in all our activities **on Friday 4-6pm** 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.

### Family Christmas Choir

On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

## Children At The Oakes

Another batch of our children are enjoying a weekend at the Oakes Christian Centre this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers - Jonas, Elise; Ed; Will; Jack and Ollie.

This is the last batch of St Marys' young people who enjoyed a weekend at the Oakes.



## Advent And Christmas Diary

### December

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

## Things To Learn From Twitter

- St Marys was nominated for three different categories in the 2012 Sheffield Transition awards: the Vintage Craft Market, the Sharrow Pie Experiment, and Grow St Marys. At the award ceremony, Grow St

Marys were awarded the prize in the Food Growing category. Well done Bethan and all involved.

- Julian recently photographed 200 rare waxwing birds eating berries in his garden.
- Jem is rewriting the Collects and other Anglican prayers in easier-to-understand language
- Andy got a letter about women Bishops in the Sheffield Telegraph this week.
- Timebuilder skills on offer: all sorts of language skills, Dave on workplace rights, James gives climbing lessons, Tony can teach photography. What could you offer for an hour?

## Internet-based Advent Resources

(Top tip - use the online version of this newsletter then click on the links to save typing them in)

Advent explained in 2 minutes on youtube



<http://youtu.be/S02K0lw7dIA>

Children's Society Advent Calendar and blog

<http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/advent>

Some videos from Sheffield Diocese

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DiocesefofSheffield/videos>

Daily podcast reflections from the Church of England

<http://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/being-a-christian/advent.aspx>

Advent beach huts - intriguing art work at Hove

<http://www.beyondchurch.blogspot.co.uk/>

## Next Sunday - 16<sup>th</sup> December

### 10.30am Parish Communion

People with jobs to do: Margaret I (readings); Steve (prayers, drinks); Margaret A & Raman (stewards); Steve & Yo (music); Tom, George, Rachel, Claire (Light Factory).

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