

17<sup>th</sup> February 2013

First Sunday Of Lent

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



### Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane

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

<b>10.30am Parish Communion</b>	Steward	Raman & Margaret A
	Leader, Preacher & Celebrant	Revd Canon Julian Sullivan
	Readings	Kate K
	Prayers	George R
	Drinks	Steve
	Music	Jon, Veronica, Rachel

### Collect For The 1st Sunday Of Lent

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom  
and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### This Week At St Marys

**Tuesday – Wednesday** St Mary's Cafe open **11.30am – 1.30pm** (closed Thursday)

**Tuesday – Wednesday** Half term activities for young families at St Marys in conjunctions with Surestart **11am – 2pm**. Please see flyer for more information.

**Wednesday** **9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group**

**Wednesday** **8pm Lent Group** – see below

### Lent Groups

On **Wednesdays** we gather in the cafe at **8.00pm**. You are warmly invited to join us during Lent for a chance to think afresh about God's gracious gifts to us and enrich our understanding of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. A **Tuesday** group begins on **26 Feb** and a Monday lunchtime / afternoon group **25 Feb** if demand exists. See Karen or Julian for details.

This week, **The Baptism of Jesus**

We look at baptism in the new testament, beginning with Jesus baptised by John in the River Jordan. We listen to each other as we explore together.

We ask: Why was Jesus baptised? What did it mean? What difference did it make to Jesus' life?

Future topics will include

Wed 27 Feb Our Baptism  
Wed 6 Mar Baptism of The Spirit  
Wed 13 Mar Our Confirmation  
Wed 20 Mar Holy Communion  
Thur 28 Mar Agape

### Next Sunday – Reflective Service



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Curate: Rev. Karen Cribb 0114 223 0237  
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Reflective evening Service **6.30pm** on Sunday  
**24th February**

## APCM Booklets

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Annual Parish Meeting is approaching - please would those who normally write a report for our APCM booklet remember that we are working towards a deadline of the end of February.

## Street Pastors In Sheffield

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Street Pastors are taking the love of God onto Sheffield City Centre streets. For more info look on the website [www.streetpastors.co.uk](http://www.streetpastors.co.uk)

## Church Council

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The PCC meet on 25th February and will be discussing children at communion, design for a new website, diocesan finance, a report from the architects, and be hearing from Claire Woods, our children and families worker. Please pray for them, and find a member if you'd like to know more.

## Odette Sefuko

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We heard on Wednesday that Odette had been detained and imprisoned with a view to her being deported to Uganda (not where she's from). If you would like to help to oppose this, please talk to Kate or sign up with the facebook group for CADOS, which campaigns for her to be allowed to stay in the UK.



<http://tinyurl.com/sefuko> (facebook group)

## St Marys Fairtrade Fortnight Challenge

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from **Monday 25 February to Sunday 10th March.**

*Miriam writes:*

The Challenge is to buy Fairtrade products of your choice and bring in all your empty tins, jars or wrappers of sweets. And on the Sunday 10th March, we will display everything you bring in

and give thanks to God for giving us this opportunity to remember our brothers and sisters by doing this we are helping them in small way and saying that, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE, WE ARE HERE AND WE SUPPORT YOU.**



### What is Fairtrade?

The Fairtrade campaign is designed to make sure that farmers in poorer countries get a fair price for their crops.



You can spot the Fairtrade logo on loads of products in shops these days, including clothing, Jewellery, coffee, Fruits and sweets. You can buy all these from [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk), [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) or your local supermarkets sell some of these products and many more.

'Walk in My Love' From God Calling, a devotional book by The Two Listeners:

*"When supply seems to have failed you must know it has not done so. But you must, at the same time, look around to see what you can give away. Give away something.*

*There is always a stagnation, a blockage, when supply seems short. Your giving clears that away, and lets the Spirit of My Supply flow clear. "*

For more information, please see Karen, Miriam and Yo.

Please note that 'Real Easter Eggs' will be on sale at church from 10th March and of course, they're 100% fairtrade chocolate.



## Next Sunday – 24th February

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### 10.30am Parish Eucharist

People with jobs to do: Karen K (lead, celebrate); Julian (preach); Maureen F (readings); Elaine C (prayers); Della (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Steve (music).

### 6.30pm Reflective Service

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