

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013**

**Second 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>	Stewards	John & Margaret I
	Leader, Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Julian Sullivan
	Preacher	Giles M
	Reader	Louise / Jeremy
	Readings	Isaiah 55.1-9; 1 Cor. 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9.
	Prayers	Steve
	Drinks	Barbara
	Music	Kevin, John, Veronica

### Collect For The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Lent Groups

Daytime on **Monday 1.30pm** in the Parish Room  
or **Wednesday evening at 8pm** in the Cafe

Exploring together the roots of confirmation in the New Testament and the giving of the Holy Spirit and sharing our stories together. All welcome. Please speak to Julian or Karen for more information.

### For Your Prayers

**Deanery Synod - Tuesday evening 7.30pm** St Peters Greenhill thinking about Ministry clusters and receiving reports from parishes and Diocesan Synod.

Thursday - **Porter Croft School** Governors meeting

### Messy Church

Messy Church is coming up once more - **15th of March, 4-6pm**. Please can you continue to pray for this fresh expression of church as more people are joining our church family. If anyone is able to promise a cake for the event or wishes to get involved please talk to Karen or Claire.

### APCM Booklets

REMINDER - Please make sure any reports for the APCM booklet are with Karen or Julian by tomorrow at the latest. Thank you to all those who have already submitted them.

### Odette Sefuko

Odette is still in detention with a view to her being deported to Uganda on monday where she will be at risk.

There has been an amazing amount of activity this

week, including articles on the Guardian online, and coverage on local radio and TV. There was an 'angry, peaceful' rally in town with 80 people joining in.

<http://goo.gl/KHEI2> to sign the online petition, where over 1600 people have signed.

or <http://tinyurl.com/sefuko> for the campaign facebook group. There are links here to all the coverage, and actions to be taken.



But tomorrow, monday, is the day Odette is due to be deported. So lets keep praying.

## New Youth Group

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Claire is currently in the process of forming a new youth group aimed at those in and around the Bramall Lane area aged 11-17. This Youth Group is not going to be focused on faith, more on community, and plans to meet twice a month on a Thursday. Currently, Claire has managed to recruit 7 female volunteers and is looking for a few more. She is particularly keen to try and create a gender balance, however any willing (18+) volunteer is welcome. Please speak to Claire or e-mail her [c.a.wood@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.wood@sheffield.ac.uk) to arrange a time to chat through this a little more with her. Due to the numbers of volunteers it may be more of a monthly commitment.

## Student Meet Up

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**Saturday 9th March** - all students are welcome. We are meeting at **6pm-8pm** at the Showroom Café on Paternoster Row - S1 2BX. We will be looking at a short Bible passage and exploring this together with some commentaries. It will be very informal and relaxed and feel free to bring your uni/college friends along too.

## Easter Activities

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Claire is planning to run some Easter afternoon activities over the first week of April Monday - Friday. At this stage it would be helpful to know if families are interested (so that she can get an idea of numbers) and if anyone is able to volunteer. Activities will be craft based, games, story-telling - inside and outside. A trip out to a nearby location is

a possibility one afternoon of the week. If you could get back to Claire to register interest either as a family or as a helping volunteer that would be great so that she can plan appropriately - Claire's e-mail: [c.a.wood@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.wood@sheffield.ac.uk)

## Fairtrade Fortnight Challenge



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

The St Marys Fairtrade 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.**

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.

## Sheffield Philharmonic Concert

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**Friday 8th March**, St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield

Rachmaninov Vespers - Kodály Missa Brevis

Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus, Conductor Darius Battiwalla

Buy tickets: £12 in advance online or via a chorus member, £15 on the door. £7 for students and age 18s and under.

## Next Sunday – Mothering Sunday

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All Age service with Jenny Lambourne, Diocesan Children's Officer who will come and lead us as we explore together the possibilities of the admission of children to receive Holy Communion.

**9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel**

**10.30am Family Service**

People with jobs to do: Karen (Lead & Preach); Veronica (drinks); Kate and Odette (stewards); Bryony, Tom, Yo, Kevin, Reuben, Nathaniel (music)

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