

26th May 2013

Trinity Sunday

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.

Today's Worship

10.30am Parish Eucharist	Lead	Giles Morrison
	Celebrate	Revd Julian Sullivan
	Readings	Veronica
	Prayers	George
	Drinks	Elaine / David
	Communion Assistants	Veronica & Della
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Music	Kevin, Veronica

6.30pm Reflective Evening Prayer in church

TONIGHT – Youth Group Social

6.30pm - Church Youth Group social event. See Claire for details.

Collect For Trinity Sunday

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

This Week At St Marys

Tuesday & Wednesday 11.30 - 1.30 Centre Café open

Thursday 6.30pm Community Youth Group - please see Claire for more information

Tuesday Home Group

The next Tuesday discussion group which will be on **4th June at 8.00pm** at John and Sally Ross's house. More information from them. All welcome.

Advance Notice

Friday 7th June 10.30am Little Lights.

The Bishop's Letter

This month, Bishop Peter writes:

Journeying Together

Many of us are familiar with the concept of pilgrimage or making a journey. It's a spiritual tradition found in the history of nearly every major religion. All pilgrimages have at least two elements in common - the journey and the desire to experience a source of sacred awe, though the reasons why people make these journeys is diverse. Jean and Wallace Clift, in their book the

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Archetypes of Pilgrimage identify the following motivations amongst others – to go and see the place where something has happened, to reclaim lost or abandoned or forgotten parts of oneself, to admire something beautiful, to go outside the normal routine of life so something new can happen, to answer an inner call to go, to give thanks, to express love of God, to draw near to the sacred. Christians see life itself as a journey, coming from and returning to God, a journey from earth to heaven.

In 2014 the diocese will be marking its Centenary. The theme will be Journeying. The celebrations will start with the re-opening of our Cathedral at Pentecost and end with a service on the Feast of Christ the King when we will be joined by the Archbishop of York. In between, we are asking people to join together with Bishop Steven and myself on a journey that will include major historical and spiritual sites around the diocese. There will be no long walks; we are simply asking people to join us at sites local to them. At each pilgrimage site Bishop Steven will offer teaching, and there will be a service of thanksgiving and events for all including times of fellowship and prayer. More details will be available shortly.

We hope that journeying together will be a time of real celebration and party as we give thanks for the past, the present and look in expectation to the future. We hope that the physical and spiritual journey will be an opportunity to experience the things outlined by Jean and Wallace Clift, but above all a time to draw closer to God, to find spiritual insight, wisdom, healing and strength for God's mission.

Please remember the planning group in your prayer and if you have any ideas about how we might develop the diocesan celebrations please do get in touch.

+ Peter

Fantastic result - £812.50 in total for Christian Aid (including gift aid)

Special mention to Light Factory car wash £126. Well done everyone and thank you very much.

World Environment Day

To mark World Environment Day on **Wednesday 5th June**, Shrinking the Footprint, the CofE's national environmental campaign, is calling on parishes across the country to sign up to its national energy audit.

Continuing the Church's commitment to protecting the environment for future generations, the Fifth Mark of Mission, the Shrinking the Footprint audit, launched earlier this year, is already being used by more than 400 churches to reduce energy and save money. A church in Oxford Diocese made significant

savings through meter readings after discovering that the heater in the organ blower had faulty wiring and was not turning off. The audit is a free and easy to use online tool and simply requires churches to sign up and submit regular meter readings.

<http://shrinkingthefootprint.smeasure.com/>

Next Sunday – 26th May

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Chris R. (readings); Maureen F. (prayers); Margaret I (drinks); John & Margaret I (stewards); Steve, Rachel (music); Andy & Elaine C (communion assistants)

BISHOPSCROFT

GARDEN OPEN DAY



Bishop Steven and Ann

invite you to the Garden Open Day
at **Bishopscroft**
Snaithing Lane
on

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

from 2 pm until 5 pm

Refreshments
Kindly provided by
Ranmoor Church

Entrance Adults £2
Children Free

Entertainment
Provided by
Dinnington Colliery
Brass Band

Bishopscroft
Garden Plant
Stall

Various Stalls
Children's
games

Proceeds to Charity
This year's charities are:
Cathedral Archer Project AND The Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity

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