

6th October 2013

Harvest Festival

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.

A very warm welcome to new students worshipping with us today, we hope you will be able to join us for lunch after 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 All age communion	Celebrant	Revd Julian Sullivan
	Preacher	Revd Karen Cribb
	Bible Readings	Deut 26 1-11 p.203 Luke 12 16-30 p.1045
	Reader	Veronica S.
	Prayers	Maureen
	Communion Assistants	Michael & Miriam
	Stewards	John & Margaret I
	Music	Yo, Steve, Kev, Veronica

Today we celebrate Harvest, giving thanks to God for all that he has given to us. Our harvest gifts will be given to the "Chocolate Box" project, run by Church Army and supported by volunteers from churches in Sheffield including our own Kim Rowe. The project works with vulnerable women across the city including providing support and hospitality from the project house.

Please do join us for a shared harvest lunch after the service, all are welcome.

This Afternoon - FIX

FIX is our new group for all those in Yr 5 & 6 and transitioning to yr 7 – active Bible exploration, fun and games, laughter and learning. Please ask Karen for more info.

Tonight – Youth Group

Youth group meets this evening in the café **6-7.30pm** for all those in Yr 7 and above. This week we are exploring Revelation! Please see Karen or Claire for more information.

Collect For Harvest

Creator God,
You made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week At St Marys

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 11.30 – 2pm
Centre community Café open.

Tuesday evening: Bible Study group at the home of John and Sally Ross, see them for details.

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am Toddler Group

Wednesday 4pm Children's Choir See Yo for details.

Wednesday 8pm Life and Faith Group meet in the café. More details from Maureen.

Thursday 10am Porter Croft Academy Harvest Service in Church.

Thursday 7.30pm Deanery Synod at St Chads.

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Adopt A Student

Do you want to be a part of the 'Adopt a Student' Scheme? We have several students waiting to be adopted so please chat to Claire if you are interested. Adopting a Student doesn't involve much but adds much to the community of this church.

What would it involve? Hosting a student in some way once a term (3 times a year) in your home/family life, making sure that your student feels welcomed into church, is introduced to other students and is made to feel generally cherished by our wonderful community. Please feel free to talk to Claire after the service for more information.

Parish Day

Saturday 19th October 10am – 4pm - Parish Day at St Mary's "Celebrating the journey together". We plan to have a relaxed day for all of us to spend time together - reflecting on our own journeys; celebrating our diversity through sharing food together; exploring the local area; creating a labyrinth; singing workshop..... Some activities will be all-age but there will also be supervised activities for our children and young people. Please do make this date a priority as we seek to build up our church family.

Annual Poverty Pilgrimage

Takes place this coming **Saturday 12th Oct.** 9.30am start at St Andrews URC on Upper Hanover St and walking to St Stephens Netherthorpe, St Thomas Philadelphia, St Barts and finishing at Sacred Heart Hillsborough. An opportunity to hear of the work of all these churches as well as to walk and pray with other Christians from across Sheffield. There is a poster in church with full details.

St Marys Centre

Monday 14th October - Open Information and Discussion Evening with St Marys Centre Trustees to learn more about the current work and future plans for the Centre, building on the information, stories and ideas which Graham shared with us.

Quiz Night Invitation

Highfield Trinity Church are holding their annual Quiz Night **Saturday 12th October 7pm start.** They would welcome a St Mary's team or two - more information from Karen.

Dates For Your Diary

Encountering God in Contemporary Art. Led by The Very Reverend Peter Bradley - **Saturday 26th October** 9.45am-3.45pm. (£21). Whirlow Grange Conference & Spirituality Centre.
<http://www.whirlowgrange.co.uk/encountering-god>

Fischy music - are coming to Sheffield on **Saturday 23rd November** - a concert in the morning and workshops in the afternoon as well as visiting local schools in the preceding days. For more information please speak to Karen or Jon Ross.

Hungry for God's Liberation: A Prayer Service.
Thursday 6th December, 7.30pm. 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.

Anyone Need A Stairlift?

Do you know anyone who could use a second hand stairlift? (for straight run of stairs). Free to a good home. See Louise Clines or Clare Rishbeth.

Next Sunday – 13th October

9.30am BCP Holy Communion in chapel.

10.30am All age service

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead and preach); Light Factory (readings and prayers); Kate and Odette (steward); Christine and George (communion assist); Jess, Kev and Jon (music)

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