

17th November 2013
2nd Sunday Before Advent

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 Holy communion	Celebrant	Revd Julian Sullivan
	Leader & Preacher & Reader	Giles Morrison
	Communion Assistants	Barbara & Giles
	Prayers	Barbara T
	Readings	Jeremiah 8.19 – 9.1 p.766 1 Tim 2.1-7 p.1192 Luke 16.1-13 p.1050
	Stewards	Margaret A & Raman
	Music	Kev, Veronica, Steve
	Drinks	Veronica

After The Service...

Following our service this morning there will be a speaker from, and a cake sale in aid of, ASSIST.

Then there's Living Nativity on the Moor today - go and visit to give your support to members of local churches 1-3 and 3-5 approx. shifts.

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TODAY's Events For Young People

4.30pm – FIX - Active Bible exploration for all those in school years 5,6 & 7.

6pm Youth Group - Looking again at women in the Bible.

This Week At St Marys

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

Monday evening: PCC at the Vicarage **7.45pm**

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am Toddler Group - Trip to Weston Park Museum - please see Miriam for more information.

Wednesday 4-5pm Children and Families Choir Learning traditional carols and Christmas songs. (see Yo for more info).

Wednesday 8pm: Life and Faith Group. Reflecting on some Psalms

Fischy Music – Next Week

Saturday 23rd November 10am for a 10.30am start Fischy music concert at St Stephen's Church, Fawcett St. Netherthorpe S3 7PL. It is followed by an afternoon workshop for adults and young leaders. Bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided. More details from Karen.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

As usual we are putting together a number of Christmas Shoe boxes - please see the information sheets at the back of church. Small contributions of pens; crayons; solid soap; toothbrush; toothpaste; stickers; small cars/balls etc are particularly welcome. Please pass your items on to Miriam or leave them in the empty shoe box in the back of Church/in the chapel. Next weekend is the deadline please.



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Resources From CLC

Advent calendars, candles and books, charity Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, baubles, nativities and PLENTY of ideas and offers for all ages are all available from CLC. Come and see. Thank you for shopping with us and keeping a Christian witness on the high street.

You can also shop online with CLC. Go to <http://clcbookshops.com/christmas> But there is a much better selection at the bookshop.

By the way, we also now have a used book and Bible section from just 25p and there is a fast turnover of stock.

CLC Bookshops, 103 West Street S1 4EQ 0114 2812136 sheffield@clcbookshops.com

Hungry For God's Liberation

A Prayer Service. Thursday 6th December 7.30pm. In Sheffield Cathedral's Crypt Chapel. 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.

FoodCycle – What's That?

Supermarkets throwing mountains of food away? People in food poverty? A new project in Sheffield is collecting this food before its wasted and cooking delicious 3-course meals for the local, the hungry and the lonely.

Yo went to a brilliant meeting in St Mary's last week introducing *FoodCycle*. *FoodCycle* is the new project run by volunteers (including Christine Batchford!) and will start at St Bart's Netherthorpe in January. St Mary's is supporting this FoodCycle Hub as part of a national organisation.

FoodCycle have a wonderful website www.foodcycle.org.uk, or you can sign up to volunteer here www.foodcycle.org.uk/get-stuck-in/ Great little FoodCycle films are on Youtube and Vimeo. Sheffield joins 10 other towns and cities in opening a FoodCycle Hub; St Bart's Hub is the 15th in the country.

Want to be involved?

- Give time - Wednesday lunch or other time

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from January 2014

- Give money - or fundraise to pay expenses, stored dry-food costs etc Give food - any item from dry food list
- Or just find out more about FoodCycle.

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Church Finances

Margaret Ibbetson (Church Treasurer) writes:

As we approach the end of St Mary's financial year I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to our work here, the ministry to the area and to each other, to the running of the building and to our services.

As ever I have been taking stock of the current position and find that it does raise some concerns. At the end of October we had a deficit of nearly £840 on our unrestricted funds and I have already received the reclaimed tax for this year which amounted to nearly £4700.

We will need around £6000 before the end of December to cover what I know we are going to have to pay out. Covenants and planned giving will hopefully raise £3200. Therefore in order to break even we require £6840 (£840 + £6000) less £3200 which comes to **£3640**. If the loose collections follow the present trend we could expect to receive a further £340 before the end of the year. This still leaves a **shortfall** of **£3300**.

I know that we all face increasing costs at home and so does the Church. Please pray and think about whether you could find a little more to further God's work in this place. We will be holding a Gift Day on **Sunday November 24th** to endeavour to raise the necessary funds but any contributions at any time will be gratefully accepted.

To put our giving into context..... As a rough calculation 72% of our income goes in mission, 8.5% supports Julian and Karen in their work and 19.5% is needed for church and parish expenses.

Next Sunday – 24th November

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Julian (lead & celebrate); Sally R (preach); Simeon K (readings); Elaine C (prayers); Dolly (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Kate K & Michael (communion assistants); Jon, Yo, Jem (music)

