

24th November 2013

Christ The King

**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
	Preacher	Sally Ross
	Communion Assistants	Kate and Michael
	Prayers	Elaine C
	Reader	Simeon K.
	Readings	Jeremiah 23: 1-6; p.782. Colossians 1:11-20 p.1182 Luke 23 : 33-43 p.1060
	Stewards	Doreen and Joan
	Music	Jon, Yo, Jem.
	Drinks	Dolly

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Youth At The Oakes

A number of our young people are away next weekend at The Oakes - a Christian Youth Centre in Norton, on a "Discipleship" Residential. Please pray for them that it will be a significant time of learning and growing in faith as well as being great fun. Some of our younger youth/children go in a couple of weeks time. We look forward to hearing back from them.

This Week At St Marys

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

Tuesday evening 8pm: Bible Study at John and Sally Ross' home. See them for more info.

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

Advance Notices

Sunday 1st December 7pm: Britten War Requiem at Sheffield City Hall. For details see Julian.

Thursday 5th December 7pm: Recovery Café

Thursday 6th December 7.30pm. Hungry for God's Liberation: a prayer service. 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 Taizé community in France), readings, and prayer including a time of sustained silence. All are welcome. See Jem for more info.

Friday 6th December 10.30 am: Little Lights

Saturday 7th December Claire and Karen will be running a "Community Christingle Stall" alongside the Christmas vintage fair event at the Centre. If anyone would like to volunteer to help for an hour or so we would be very grateful.

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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.

Christmas Dates

Sunday 8th 10.30am	All Age Christingle service
Wednesday 18th 7pm	Carol singing round the streets of the parish.
Friday 20th 4-6pm	Messy Church Christmas Celebration.
Saturday 21st 10.30am	Children's Nativity Service (come dressed as a nativity character)
Saturday 21st 10.30am	Sharrow Churches Carol singing on Lansdowne Estate
Sunday 22nd 4pm	St Marys Carol Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 10.30am	All Age Celebration

Student Seeking Accommodation In British Home

A student with connections to St. Mary's is seeking a relocation from student accommodation to a British Home. Please speak to Claire Wood if you are interested/ know someone who is interested as she is able to provide you with more information including rent prices and more about the individual.

Carol Singers For Christian Aid

Saturday 7th December 2.30 – 3.30pm. Carol singers needed to sing on Fargate outside H&M. Any singers can join the Minstrels next Thursday 28th November 7-9pm for a practice but its not essential – just come along and make a happy sound! For more info see Yo.

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St Marys Photo In The Guardian

Congratulations to Giles whose wonderful photo of our Palm Sunday procession made the top 20 photos of British Church life: <http://gu.com/p/3kdtz>

Assist 10th Birthday

A big thank you to everyone who bought, baked and donated to Assist last weekend. Sunday morning's Big Tea party raised a magnificent £250!

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, 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. 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**.

Please pray and think about whether you could find a little more to further God's work in this place. Today we are holding a Gift Day 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 – 1st December

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Giles (lead) Karen (celebrate); Julian (preach); Della S (readings); Michael E. (prayers); John and Margaret I (stewards); Miriam and Christine (communion assistants); Steve and Jess (music)

4.30pm FIX Active bible exploration for those in school years 5,6 and 7.

6pm Youth Group – Question time with a panel of church members.

