

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2013**

**Advent 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

<b>10.30am</b> <b>Holy communion</b>	Celebrant	Revd Karen Cribb
	Preacher	Revd Julian Sullivan
	Leader	Giles Morrison
	Reader	Della
	Communion Assistants	Miriam & Christine
	Prayers	Michael
	Readings	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13: 11-end (Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44)
	Stewards	John & Margaret I
	Music	Steve, Jess

### Collect For 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Of Advent

God you are strong. You are gentle.  
We think your love is like a sunrise.  
Thank you that Jesus is like the brightest sun.  
Help us be like little lights.  
Help us shine brightly too.  
Amen.

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(This prayer taken from Jem Clines's collection of rebooted collects for children available at <http://latequartet.blogspot.co.uk/> )

### Today's Youth Activities

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

**6 - 7.30pm** Youth Group meet in the café - Question Time with a panel from members of the congregation.

### This Week At St Marys

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

**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:** Iona Communion in the café

**Thursday 12.30** Communion in the Café with Lunch Club

**Thursday 7.30pm** Recovery Café

**Friday 10.30am** Little Lights - using Godly Play to explore our faith and Bible stories with children under five and their families. For more information please speak to Yo or Miriam.

**Saturday 10am - 4pm** Christmas Vintage Fair including from 11am - *Community Christingle making* - see separate notice.

### 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



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Miriam or leave them in the empty shoe box in the back of Church/in the chapel. Next weekend is the deadline please.

## Living Nativity

More pictures from 17th November at <http://flic.kr/s/aHsjMTffZE>



## 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](http://www.foodcycle.org.uk), or you can sign up to volunteer here [www.foodcycle.org.uk/get-stuck-in/](http://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 from January 2014
- Give money - or fundraise to pay expenses, stored dry-food costs etc Give food - any item

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from dry food list

- Or just find out more about FoodCycle.

Contact: Jo Watts, St Mary's Centre,  
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## Community Christingles

Next Saturday 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.

## Carol Singing With The Minstrels

A group of musicians, several from St Marys, playing for carol singing, would love to have as much help as possible with singing along to some trad. Carols at any of the following events:



**Next Saturday 7th December 2.30-3.30pm**  
Carols for Christian Aid on Fargate outside H&M

**Wednesday 18th December 7-8pm** St Marys' Parish Streets

**Saturday 21st December 10.30am-12noon**  
Carols for Landsdowne Flats. Meet at Landsdowne Chapel

More details from Yo or Steve

## Next Sunday – 8th December

**9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the chapel.**

**10.30am All Age Worship - Christingle Service**  
People with jobs to do: Kate & Odette (stewards); George & Sally (communion assistants); Yo, Kev, Nate, Reuben, Jess, Tom, Bryony (music); Claire, Karen (lead, preach)

**5.30 Youth Trip to Lazer Quest**