

8th December 2013

Christingle Service

St. MARY'S Newsletter



Welcome to St Mary's Bramall Lane

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

9.30 BCP in Chapel.

10.30am All age worship	Leader and Preacher	Rev'd Karen Cribb and Claire Wood
	Stewards	Kate and Odette
	Music	Yo, Kev, Nate, Reuben, Jess, Tom and Bryony.

Our offering this morning will be given to The Children's Society.

Collect For 2nd Sunday Of Advent

God of love, you are here.
We are your people.
Our lives are like a long journey.
Thank you that you are always by our side.
Help us find you in all things.
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/>)

After The Service Today – First Of The Sunday Groups Conversations

Following church those who are in Rockets and above are encouraged to come and join in the first of our Little Lights Conversations. Those who are in Sparklers can come if they wish to along with an adult.

This is a time for the young people to feedback their own views on what church is like, looking at things from Music to favourite activities. Please can I ask that parents encourage their young people to come independently to this short gathering, where there will be cake. We are meeting in the Hall immediately following the service and should be meeting for no longer than 15 minutes.

Thanks Claire

Today: FIX

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

Today: Youth Lazer Questing

5.30-6.30pm Youth Laser Questing at Quasar (4 Bank Street).

We have 8 youth places booked, see Claire if you want more information. Meeting at 5.30pm at Quasar finishing around 6.30pm. Cost is £6 per youth (but don't let money stop you coming!).

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This Week At St Marys

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

Wednesday 9.30-11.30am Toddler Group - 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 Advent.

Thursday 6pm Student Christmas Dinner see below.

Student Christmas Dinner

This is on **Thursday 12th December 6pm – 9pm.** Meeting Claire at St. Mary's at 6pm we are walking to our host Chris and George's for around 6.45pm for dinner. Ask Claire/George/Chris for any more details. It would be helpful if you could let them know if you are coming so we can cater for numbers.

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 18th 7pm	Carol singing round the streets of the parish.
Thursday 19th 10am	Porter Croft Academy Christmas Service
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

Licensing Of Revd Karen Cribb

Next Sunday there will be a special service with the Bishop of Doncaster including the licensing of Karen as Associate Vicar.

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:

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

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

More details from Yo or Steve

Next Sunday – 15th December

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: George R. (reading), Margaret A and Ramen (stewards); Margaret A and Caroline (communion assistants); Steve, Jon, Veronica (music); Bishop Peter (lead, preach)

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