



St Marys Church Newsletter

9th March 2013

1st Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St Marys, 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

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am
All Age
Worship

Leaders	Rev Karen Cribb & Claire Wood
Drinks	Della
Music	Steve, Rosie, Reuben, Nate, Tom
Stewards	Kate & Odette

Collect for First Sunday in Lent

*Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer*

*that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Shared Lunch

March 23rd will be our next opportunity to Share Lunch together after our regular Sunday morning worship. Please put the date in your diaries. The Children and families choir will be performing some of their most recent songs too

This week at St Marys

Community Café	Open Monday - Wednesday 11.30 - 1.30pm
Women Exploring Faith	Monday 12.30pm An opportunity to explore our own journeys of faith together in the light of some Biblical journeys. Meeting in the Parish room for an informal time of study, reflection and conversation, bring your own lunch, tea and treats provided! Please speak to Karen for more information. Invites also available to give to others.
Centre Board of Trustees	Monday evening - please remember them in your prayers
Home Group	Tuesday 8pm - Please see John and Sally Ross for more details.
Toddler Group	Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am
Life and Faith group	Wednesday 8pm - in St Mary's Café.

Ways to mark Lent

Why not explore some of these ways to observe Lent this year -

- > #LiveFreeLent 40 - actions focused around slavery/trafficking/freedom issues.
- > Carbon Fast 2014 carbonfast2014.wordpress.com for a downloadable A4 40 day guide on with actions and reflections for steps to a more sustainable world.
- > Count your blessings - Christian Aid leaflets at the back of church and also a free app of reflections and actions.
- > Printable version of Psalm 95 meditations by Bishop Steven, as commended by Karen last week <http://t.co/XVQ4FnsWz0>



Thursday Lunch Club

Are looking to recruit some new volunteers to help in the general running of this valuable weekly provision for local older people. Duties include welcoming and service tea and coffee, laying and clearing tables, joining with conversation and activities. For more information please speak to Odette, Ann and Andrea who all currently volunteer and ask Julian or Karen for more details.

Real Easter Egg

please see the posters up in church or go to www.realeasteregg.co.uk and speak to Karen if you would like to put an order in - free delivery extended to March too.

New Newsletter

Clare R and Steve T-L are experimenting with this new layout for the weekly church news sheet. Please let us know what you think.

New St Marys website

More next week, but please do have a look at <http://www.stmarys-church.co.uk/> and let Steve T-L know what you think.

New St Marys Twitter Accounts

If you would like to received news via twitter aimed at the Sunday congregation, follow



@marys_church



For more general St Marys news, follow @stmarysnews

You can get receive church tweets on your mobile phone (without messing about on the internet) by sending this text message to 86446 containing the words

follow marys_church

Twitter won't charge for the messages - you'll pay whatever you usually pay to receive text messages.

Speak to Steve T-L if you'd like more explanation about this.

Come to Poverty and Pastries



With Karen and Yo. Find out about Christian Aid fundraising in Sheffield.

Be inspired to help fundraise for Christian Aid here at St Marys.

Next Saturday: 15th March at Central United Reformed

Church, S1 2JB 10.30-12noon.

To let them know you're coming and to secure your pastry, contact Alison Trezise on 236 4935

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Tearfund event: Sustainability in Sheffield

What does our lifestyle say about our faith?

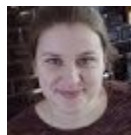
What action is taking place in Sheffield that promotes justice and sustainability?

Tearfund would love to hear about your experiences, start a conversation and explore issues such as food, climate and consumption together.

Wednesday 19th March 7:30 - 9.30pm at

St Mary's - Drinks and cake provided

Email hannah.cribb@tearfund.org for more info.



http://www.tearfund.org/en/about_you/campaign/lets_talk/

Next Sunday

10.30am Parish Communion and Annual Church Meeting

People with jobs to do: Julian (leading, preaching); Karen (celebrating); Kate K (reading); George R (intercessing); Barbara (drinks); Barbara & Giles (assisting at communion); Kev, Yo, Steve (music)

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

Youth group 6-7.30pm

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