



St Mary's Church Newsletter

21st September 2014

St Matthew

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy before the service.

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.

10.30AM PARISH EUCHARIST

Leading.....	Rev Karen Cribb
Preaching.....	Giles Morrison
Reading.....	Ann B
Bible Readings.....	Proverbs 3:13-18 p.637
.....	2 Corinthians 4:1-6 p.1160
.....	Matthew 9:9-13 p.973
Prayers.....	Michael E
Drinks.....	Margaret & John
Stewards.....	Margaret A & Raman
Communion Assist....	Caroline & Veronica
Music.....	Kevin, Yo, Veronica

This morning we welcome and celebrate with Giles who was licenced as a Reader yesterday in the Cathedral. We also welcome Georgia Hoskin who starts work with us today as our new youth and families worker.

YOUTH EVENTS TODAY

4.30 FIX - active Bible exploration for all those in school yrs 5-7+

6pm Youth Group meeting in the café.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

St Mary's Café open **11-2pm**.

Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Toddlers Group. Please see Miriam for more information.

4-5pm St Marys Family Choir. Come at 3.30 for a drink. Yo for details

8pm Life and Faith group restarts in the café. Please contact Julian for more information.

Friday

11.30am Some children from Porter Croft school will be performing a very short French play in Barkers Pool

Please Note that Julian will be on holiday this week.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 29th September - St Mary's Board Meeting

Friday 3rd October - Little Lights

Saturday 4th October - Diocesan Development Day and Stone Soup event at St Marys

Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival followed by a shared lunch. 4.30pm FIX 6pm Youth Group

Student welcome lunch - will be on Sunday **28th September** after church, hosted by Chris and George. All students - new and established are welcome. Please do ask for more information.

Sunday 28th October 2.30-4pm - Forest Church will be happening in the churchyard again. Bring an apple each if you can (not obligatory) - to bake on the fire, and come ready for rain! More details from Heather Waller.

HARVEST GIFTS

As last year we will be supporting Chocolate Box - a Church Army sponsored project that works with vulnerable women across the city

and which Kim is also involved in. They would particularly value gifts of beans; tinned meat and fish; pasta; pasta sauce; toilet rolls; longlife milk; coffee; hot chocolate; biscuits; custard.

BABY HELP

If anyone would like to join a rota taking meals round to Jon and Jo when their baby arrives, please give your mobile number to Yo or Karen.

CLIMATE CHANGE MARCH

Starts **today**, not just in Sheffield but also many other cities throughout the world in advance of the International Summit on Climate Change. The march today culminates in a rally at the Town Hall at **3pm** - why not join them this afternoon. It is also an issue that Bishop Stephen has made a priority so look out for more information and action points in the coming weeks.

OUTCRY 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The worship band OUTCRY are hosting a special 10th Anniversary event at Bents Green Methodist Church 6.00pm on Sat 11th Oct . The band along with many special guests will give thanks to God for 10 years of leading worship in numerous churches and other venues across Sheffield and other cities. The celebration will include praise & worship, psalm drummers and a buffet. Free entry.

GIFT DAY - OCTOBER 19TH.

Our Treasurer writes:

I would like to thank you all for your contributions to the work and upkeep of St Mary's. I know that a number of people have been able to increase their giving this year and it is much appreciated.

Our main income comes from the contributions of those who attend Church and other supporters. We also receive some

money in interest and fees for weddings and funerals but this is very unpredictable.

At the end of August our overall income was slightly less than at the same stage last year and we had a £4700 deficit in our unrestricted/general fund. Fortunately we should be able to make most of that up from the income tax I will be reclaiming next month from Gift Aid.

However from September to December we have monthly outgoings of £3080 and will have further expenses of at least £2000. We usually receive about £1600 a month from covenants. This means we will need a further £7840 extra income to break even. The average collections for the last three months have been £460 per month and we received £250 in interest payments. I expect to receive about £500 interest in the rest of the year. At that rate our expected income is £2340 meaning that an additional income of £5500 is required.

Please consider prayerfully if you can give a little extra on October 19th to help to bridge the gap. Every little helps and that being the case if you pay income tax and you can gift aid your contribution on this occasion or indeed all contributions in the future please come and talk to me about it. I can reclaim 20p from the government on every £1.00 you give to us.

Thank you very much for your help.

Margaret Ibbetson.

NEXT SUNDAY - 28TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

Welcoming Paul Blomfield MP reflecting on his life and call to public service as a member of Parliament.

People with jobs to do: Julian (Lead, celebrate and preach); Sam D. (read); Steve T-L (prayers); Sam (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Andy & Della (prayers); Steve (music).

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