



St Mary's Church Newsletter

16th November 2014

Second Sunday Before Advent

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

There are supervised activities for children of all ages during the service, please follow us out after opening worship. Parents are welcome to leave their children or stay with them. Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy. 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.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Leader/Preacher..... Giles Morrison
Preacher..... Revd Julian Sullivan
Reader..... Kate K
Intercessor..... Sam D
Communion..... Veronica & Della
Steward..... Margaret A & Raman
Music..... Kevin, David,
Veronica
Drinks..... Margaret & John I

COLLECT

*Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

St Mary's Café open **11-2pm.**

Friday 4-6pm. Messy Church.

LIFE AND FAITH GROUP

Up to Christmas Wednesday Evening Life & Faith will be following The Pilgrim Way - a course for the Christian Journey. We meet on Wednesdays at 8.00pm each week.

"Pilgrim is an innovative and inspiring programme for enquirers, new Christians and those more experienced in following Christ. It approaches the great issues of faith through participation in discussion and reflection in the company of a small group of fellow travellers."

Wed 19th Do you believe in God the Father?

MESSY CHURCH

St. Mary's Messy Church is flourishing, growing the St. Mary's in a different way than our Sunday congregation. To continue to flourish we need to expand the team and are looking for:

Welcomers: signing people in, setting up and offering refreshments.

Craft/Activity facilitators: If possible help set up the activity, helping others to get involved, being open to conversations.

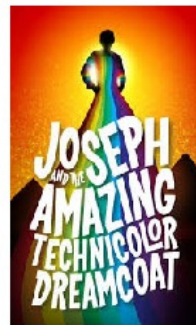
Technology People: to set up and run the laptop, projector and sound equipment.

Music People: to

develop the singing and music.

Cookers and Table Setters: Preparing and serving meals is an important part of the hospitality, largely behind the scenes but

St Mary's Family Choir present



Wednesday 19th November 2014
@ St Mary's Bramall Lane
Garden Room

Curry Served 5pm Performance 6pm
£3 or 2 Timecredits on the door
(Children under 16 free)
includes Food and Performance
All Profits & Donations to FoodCycle



essential.

Messy Church is All Age and all involving, so don't rule yourself out. If you are very little you may need to get an adult alongside you in your task. If you are a bit longer in the tooth you may like to team up with a younger person to expand skills and abilities. If you are a teenager make sure you let your parents know if you want to have involved. Messy Church is about being involved however you can, doing church together, if differently than Sunday church, joining in the celebration and the meal as well as your particular part.

Are you interested? Why not give it a go and see if being part of this congregation is for you. Due to people being away we are particularly short for the November 21st Messy Church. So even if you see it as a one off please consider helping out for this session. Please see – Georgia, Miriam, Margaret or Chris.

Importantly – Please pray for St. Mary's Messy Church – particularly for people to help out in November, for those who come and for growing the team.

THE OAKES

There are Discipleship weekends coming up for young people at The Oakes. 28th - 30th November (11-15yrs), 5-7th December (14 - 18 yrs), and 12 - 14th December (8 - 12 years). The weekends cost £74 per person, though please let us know if that cost would be a problem. See Penny Bickley for more details and booking forms.

CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

Dust off your musical instruments and join us to learn Christmas Carols together and play at a few local events. Three rehearsals will be here in St Mary's 7.30-9pm Tues 18th November, We 3rd December and Thursday 11th December. See Steve T-L.

FANTASTIC ACTS!



Riding Lights Theatre Company are coming to Sheffield on the **Thursday 27th November**, doing their show 'Fantastic

Acts!'. If anyone from youth age upwards wants to go, to let Georgia know before the 12th November. Tickets cost £10, and if you know anyone who would be interested please take a leaflet.

LIVING NATIVITY

Sunday 23rd November.

Bring the real Christmas story to the annual city centre Christmas Lights switch on celebration. Dress as your chosen nativity character, together with others from Sharrow Churches, the plan is the same as usual: two sessions 1pm to 3pm, and 3pm to 5pm. The first group will meet at St Mary's at 12.30 to get the costumes on and the second group should be at St Mary's by 3pm. If you would like to know more or volunteer to take part please speak to Karen.



NEXT SUNDAY: 23RD NOVEMBER

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead, celebrate); Julian (preach); Keith (read); David F (intercessor); Sam (drinks); Doreen & Joan (stewards); Andy & Elaine C (communion assistants); Steve, Same E, Jess (music)

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