



St Mary's Church Newsletter

22nd February 2015

First Sunday in Lent

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 far end of the church. Follow signs past reception and the main hall.

10.30 PARISH EUCHARIST

Leader..... Revd Karen Cribb
Preacher..... Revd Jullian Sullivan
Reader..... Kate K
Prayers..... Jem/Louise
Communion Assistants.... Margaret A and Caroline
Drinks..... Veronica
Stewards..... Doreen and Joan
Music..... Veronica, Jess, Rachel

COLLECT

*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.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday

7.45pm. PCC at the Vicarage 7.30 for 7.45pm

Monday-Thursday

Café open 11-2pm

Wednesday

9.30-11.30am Toddler Group. See Miriam for information.

3.30-4.40pm Family Choir. Songs from Frozen. See Yo for details.

Wednesday

8pm. Life and Faith Lent group (notice below)

Friday

4-6pm Messy Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22nd March Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We are now preparing the year book 2014-15 and invite contributions from usual contributors to give a snapshot of parish life in the past year.

LIFE AND FAITH LENT GROUP

To Easter 2015 Life & Faith will explore what we believe as shown in The Creeds.

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, led by group members.

Think of the Creeds as a hamper full of good things to be unpacked and unwrapped, tasted and savoured. Or a desktop of a computer or tablet, full of icons. Behind each one is a whole world of meaning to be explored and they all connect together.

Lent 2015: "I Believe"

Wednesdays at 8.00pm at St Mary's

Wed 25th February: What are the Creeds?

Wed 4th March. Trinity: Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Wed 11th: Fully God and fully human.

Wed 18th: Crucified, risen and ascended

Wed 25th: I believe in the Holy Spirit?

Wed 1st April: Holy, catholic, apostolic church
Please see Julian for more details.

REAL EASTER EGGS

Can now be ordered and will be delivered here - please see the poster and sign up sheet at the back of church.

BRING ME SUNSHINE

In Sheffield, 3rd March. Hosted by bestselling author Rob Parsons, and featuring comedian John Archer, this is a perfect event for your friends, family and anybody who would appreciate a little sunshine.

Laugh with John Archer and inspired by Rob as he shares stories and lessons of family life.

You'll discover that whether it's dealing with a terrible two-year-old, staying sane with a teenager, or even re-igniting sex in marriage, laughter can be a vital key.

<http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/sunshine>

SPEAKING CHRISTIANLY...

Christians today are faced with a unique set of challenges when it comes to engaging with the contemporary world. During recent decades, we have become less confident in our ability to speak "Christianly" in the public sphere.

This Lent Christian Voices in the Contemporary World brings five speakers:

February 25th - Baroness Elizabeth Berridge

The Fundamental Importance of Freedom to Believe



March 4th - Prof. Tom McLeish
Science and Religion, Wisdom and Faith

March 11th - Martin Woodroffe
Beyond Nice - Creating Excellent Work Relationships

March 18th - Dr. Richard Sudworth
The Truth of the Gospel and Interfaith Dialogue

March 25th - Dr. Nick Spencer
Atheists: The Origin of the Species

The events will be at All Saints Ecclesall, on **Wednesdays**, starting from **7:30pm**.

RESEARCH INTO LONELINESS

Timebuilder Research Groups have been developing a very interesting inquiry into loneliness. The research explores the effects on the individual, the impact in our community and possible solutions. Loneliness is part of the human condition, something everyone can relate to. And yet it seems to be a taboo subject which compounds its effects.

In March we would like to welcome more people to become researchers. You do not have to have previous experience, only a willingness to talk openly about loneliness and to search for new understandings. The new group starts on **Thursday 5th March at 3 – 5pm** and runs for the following six weeks, it is best if you can attend all sessions. Please let James at Timebuilders know if you want to attend, James.Starky@timebuilders.org.uk m:07421745829

NEXT SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

10.30 Parish Communion

Those with jobs to do: Julian (leads, celebrates); Mark Cockayne (preaches); Michael E (read); Della (pray); Christine P (drinks); John and Margaret I (stewards); Veronic and Della (communion assistants); Sam E, Kevin, Yo (music)

...find out more...talk to someone...send some news...

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