



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

22nd March 2015

Fifth 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.*

**This morning's communion service will be followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and conclude with a simple bread and soup Lent lunch.**

## 10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Leader/Celebrant..... Revd Karen Cribb  
Preacher..... Revd Julian Sullivan  
Reader..... Keith H  
Prayers..... David F  
Communion Assistants.... Giles & Kate  
Drinks..... Chester & Joan  
Stewards..... Doreen & Joan  
Music..... David F, Jess, Rachel, Steve, Veronica

## COLLECT

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

### Monday-Thursday

Café open 11-2pm

### Monday

Student Social - all our students are invited to the next social evening together - a meal hosted again by George and Chris. Meet 6pm at St Mary's for transport. Please speak to Georgia for more details and let her know if you can come.

St Mary's Board meets this evening. Please keep them in your prayers.

### Tuesday

Tuesday home group - from 7.45pm at the home of George and Chris Rees continuing to look at some of the questions asked in the Mission Action Planning Process. Please speak to them for more details.

### Wednesday

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

8pm Lent Group (see details below)

### Thursday

10am Porter Croft Academy Easter Service in Church. Congregation welcome !

1pm Messy Church planning meeting - please speak to Miriam if you are able to come and help plan our next session.

### Saturday

10 - 4pm Craft and Makers Fair - An Impressive collection of Accomplished Northern Designer-Makers & Artists. Textiles, Ceramics, Glassware, Paintings, Jewellery and more...

## 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.

Lent 2015: "I Believe"



**Karen Cribb** @curatekaren  
@portercroft congratulations  
from all of us @marys\_church on  
your very well deserved  
outstanding from OFSTED. A  
fantastic achievement by all

Wed 25th: I believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

## DIOCESAN VISIT TO GERMANY

*October 2015 – come and join us!*

The Diocese of Sheffield Hattingen Witten link invites you to join a group visiting our partner diocese in the Ruhr area of Germany in October half term week. We will travel via coach and overnight ferry on Friday 23rd October and will return to Sheffield on Saturday 30th October. The theme of the week will be "Church and Politics". Accommodation will be with families, and it's not necessary to be a German speaker, though even speaking a few words is much appreciated. The visit isn't suited to younger children, but teenagers may enjoy what the programme has to offer and are very welcome. The focus of the visit is on learning and sharing together in our life of faith – it's not a tourist trip! The programme will be full, so is really best suited to those who have the energy to participate in a busy and stimulating week of visits, talks, discussion and worship. We hope that those who take part will want to share what they've experienced with their own parish. The cost will be in the region of £200 inclusive. If you would like to booking form, or would like to find out more, please contact Revd Sue Hopley, 01709 872299, or email

vicar@wathparishchurch.co.uk

## EASTER SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday

10.30am Palm Sunday Service - parish walk of prayer and praise followed by All Age Communion.

### Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday.

Easter Craft Activities from 4pm followed by shared meal reflecting elements of the Passover from 5pm concluding with 7.30 Foot washing Service with Holy Communion.

### Friday 3rd April: Good Friday

Walk of witness with Sharrow Churches meeting at Waitrose car park 9.30am.

Good Friday Meditation. 12 - 3pm at St Mary's

### Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

Sunrise service above Ringinglow, time tbc  
10.30 Easter Day all age Holy Communion.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS

During the school holidays we will be running four Family Activity days. We run these in partnership with Timebuilders and do need volunteers for each day 11am - 2pm. Tues 31 March, Wed 1st April; Tues 7th April, Wed 8th April. If you are able to help please speak to Karen or Georgia.

## NEXT WEEK - PALM SUNDAY

10.30 Parish Eucharist

All Age Holy Communion - please remember that weather permitting we will be praise and prayer walking around our local streets, please come prepared.

Those with jobs to do: Julian (lead/celebrate); Karen (preach); Sam E (read); George R (intercessions); Steve (drinks); Michael & Chester (steward)

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

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