



St Mary's Church Newsletter

30th August 2015

St.MARY'S Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

- 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.
- 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.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher.....	Revd Karen Cribb
Bible readings.....	Song of Songs 2:8-13 p.679
.....	James 1:17 - end p.1213
.....	Mark 7:14-15 & 21-23 p.1010
Stewards.....	Christine P and Michael
Reader.....	David F
Intercessor.....	Barbara T
Communion Assist.....	Kate and Michael
Drinks.....	Barbara
Music.....	Rachel, David F

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 13

*Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

GOODBYE & THANKS GEORGIA

Last week was Georgia's last Sunday with us as she has been accepted in a new post near Winchester and onto an MA course. She has

been a fantastic part of St Mary's over the last year and brought a great deal to her role with children and families, with our young people and students, and at Porter Croft and - we will miss her. Thank you Georgia and God bless you in your next steps.



We are making a collection for a thank you gift so please sign the card and give any money to Karen or Miriam.

YOUR TODDLER GROUP NEEDS YOU

Miriam writes: Would you please donate some very good condition Toys especially Little Tikes Ride-On Cars, as the ones we have are worn out, therefore need replacing.



Your donations will make our boys and girls very happy. Please feel free to bring the toys on Sundays or drop them off during the week at the reception.

You are welcome to join us for a cup of Tea/Coffee on Wednesday mornings from 9-30am – 11.30am. Thank you. Your kindness is very much appreciated. 07828710634 or email miriam.cavanagh@virginmedia.com

TRIP TO CLEETHORPES

We now have 66 people booked on the Cleethorpes trip on **Saturday 12 September**.

If you have not yet paid please see Andy or Miriam.

The train out is 0910h, arrives 1051h. We will board the train at 0900, so please be there by that time and we shall give you the ticket then. There are 14 tickets returning at 1626h (arr. 1808h) with the remaining returning at 1526h (arr. 1708h). IF you have a preference for the

1626 please ask Andy , otherwise we can sort out on the day.

ODETTE'S CELEBRATION

We want to mark our joy. Party after the service on **Sunday 13th September**.

DIOCESE DEVELOPMENT DAY

Change of venue for **this annual event on Saturday 3rd October**. which will now be held at the NEW YORK STADIUM, ROTHERHAM not St Thomas Philadelphia.

CROSSROADS MISSION

Bishop Steven writes:

"Twenty-one bishops from across the north of England are visiting the Diocese of Sheffield in September for four days of mission together, led by the Archbishop of York. We've called the mission 'Crossroads'.

As far as I know, it's the first time so many bishops have worked together in mission in this way in a single Diocese in the long history of the Church of England. Many are bringing teams of young adults to work with them. The Bishops are from every Diocese in the Province of York and from every tradition. They include the most recent Bishops to be consecrated for the north: Bishop Libby Lane of Stockport and Bishop Philip North of Burnley.

After an initial service of commissioning in the Cathedral on Thursday 10th September, the Bishops will be assigned to different deaneries. They and their teams will stay with clergy and parishioners. The Bishops and their teams will lead hundreds of different community visits and events on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will join in services in local parishes on Sunday morning (13th). We will end the Crossroads mission with a single, large scale event on Sunday afternoon.

Born in prayer and carried forward in prayer

This four day mission to the Diocese of Sheffield was born in prayer. In May 2014, the Archbishop of York invited all the bishops of the north to join

him for 36 hours of prayer on Holy Island, one of the cradles of Christian faith in northern Britain.

One of the convictions born in the bishops as we prayed together was that God was calling us to engage in evangelism together to the North of England. The idea was born of bishop's visiting one Diocese each year in sequence, if possible with teams of young adults. The dates are already booked for similar missions to Blackburn next year and Durham in 2017.

This means that Bishops across the Province will be praying for us and later this week, Bishops will be linked with the Deaneries they will be visiting in September.

However the four days of mission also needs to be rooted in prayer in this Diocese and I would ask that it is the focus of regular prayers and that we pray together for many people to hear the good news of Jesus through that four days in September.

What's the aim of the mission?

Our aim is to sow the good seed of the gospel in many different places in September. We want to go to people who are currently outside or on the edge of the Church. Our hope is that through Crossroads, many people will join enquirers courses in the autumn and come to a living and lifelong faith".

There are lots of events going on but here are a few likely to be more accessible to St Mary's folk:

Sept 10th Thursday 1.30pm Launch service at the Cathedral - anyone welcome to attend.

Thursday 10th a reception and inter-faith meeting at the Medina Mosque, Wolsley Rd.

Friday 11th evening with Paul Blomfield, Alan Billings and Bishop David at the Harland Café on John Street.

NEXT WEEK: 30TH AUGUST

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs: Karen (celebrate and preach); Veronica (readings); Della (prayers); John and Margaret (steward and drinks); Miriam and Christine (communion); Steve, Jess (music)

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