



St Mary's Church Newsletter

24th January 2016

Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

Preacher.....	Revd Karen Cribb
Lead/Celebrate.....	Revd Julian Sullivan
Stewards.....	Ann & Christine R
Communion Assist.....	Kevin & Barbara
Reader.....	Elaine C
Readings.....	Nehemiah 8 1-10
.....	Psalms 19
.....	1 Cor 12 :12-31
.....	Luke 4 : 14-21
Prayers.....	Sam D
Drinks	Barbara
Music.....	Steve, Jon, Veronica

4.30 SHARROW CHURCHES UNITED SERVICE

Annual Service with Sharrow Churches to celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year we are worshipping together at Lansdowne Chapel on Cemetery Road beginning with tea and cake, including worship

led by Outcry, a focus on inter-faith work and Julian will lead a reflection.

6.30pm Musicians practice in church

Please see Kevin for more information.

COLLECT

*God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday - Thursday

11.30am - 2pm Cafe open. Lovingly made and tasty food at low prices.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am. Toddler group starts up again, ask Miriam for details.

(Families Choir will restart after half-term)

8pm. No Life and Faith this week...

FAREWELL SERVICE

of Evening Prayer for Julian, with the Bishop of Sheffield. **Wednesday 7.30pm** for colleagues from the Diocese, the city and beyond. The congregation are also very welcome to the Wednesday evening service.

FAREWELL JULIAN

Julian's Retirement and Farewell Celebrations will be next weekend with a Saturday evening Ceilidh and Supper and Sunday Morning final service followed by a lunch.

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church to give an indication of numbers at each event.

STORYTELLING LUKE FOR

LENT

As part of our Maundy Thursday evening (24th March), we hope to have a collective storytelling of the Holy Week story from Luke's gospel. Would you be interested in learning a section of the overall story during Lent, then telling it as part of a group? Ideally we will have 12 people willing to learn about 500 words by heart (22 verses – about the same as the godly play stories we have heard), but we can easily include people who would prefer to learn less. We will support each other at times and frequency best for you, with a balance of individual study and learning with practice sessions. Perfection not required, just enjoyment and a bit of effort. Please chat to or contact Clare Rishbeth for more details, we need to know who wants to be involved by Sunday 7th Feb. Email: crishbeth@googlemail.com or text 0775 473 0507.

PORTER CROFT NEWS

Porter Croft Primary Academy - are beginning the process of appointing a new Headteacher following the resignation of Jim Dugmore, the current Head who will be moving to a new school in September 2016. Please keep this in your prayers and speak to Karen, Naomi or Penny who are all governors if you would like to know more.

GUIDED MEDITATION

New Guided Meditation group - will begin on Monday 18th January 12.30pm in the Chapel for an hour (in three 20 minute slots to allow people to come and go.) Drawing on the wisdom of Christian Scripture and tradition this group will offer space for people to reflect and meet with God in a prayerful quiet space. Congregation, timebuilders, Centre staff and Centre users are all warmly invited. More information from Kate or Karen.

LUNCH CLUB ON RADIO

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

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St Mary's Lunch Club was featured on Radio Sheffield - the original broadcast was on Monday 11th January 7.05am but the interview with Virginia is featured on Toby Foster's podcast, which can be downloaded from

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03f5wmy>
or just scan the QR code above with a smartphone.



NEW ERA SQUARE



Construction is now under way on New Era Square, over Bramall Lane from St Marys, a 20-storey scheme featuring shops, food and drink outlets, 700 student flats, exhibition hall, a business incubator and office space. Hundreds of jobs could be created.

NEXT SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Julian (lead, celebrate, preach); Kate K (readings); Maureen F (prayers); Margaret & John (Drinks); Barbara & Michael E (steward); Giles & Kate (communion assistants); Kevin, David, Jess, Jon, Giles, Rachel (music);