



St Mary's Church Newsletter

6th March 2016

Mothering Sunday

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 ALL AGE WORSHIP

Lead.....Revd Karen Cribb
.....Revd Chris Rees
Stewards..... John & Margaret I
Communion Assistants....Della & Andy
Drinks..... Barbara
Music.....Kevin, Rachel, David,
.....Nate

COLLECT

*God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

During Lent this year we are focussing on the Psalms - we will take one Psalm each week, use it in our Sunday worship together, and provide opportunities and suggestions to help

us focus on it throughout the week both individually and through our midweek groups.

This week's Psalm is Psalm 23 - ancient words of faith and trust in God and probably one of the best known and loved parts of the Bible.

*The Lord is my Shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters*

*He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.*

*though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil;*

*for you are with me, your rod and staff, they comfort
me.*

*You spread a table before me in the presence of
those who trouble me;*

*you have anointed my head with oil and my cup
shall be full.*

*Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday - Thursday

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

Monday

10am Messy Church Planning

12.30 - 1.30pm. Guided meditation in the chapel. Please see Kate for more information.

Tuesday

Evening, Lent group, see below for info.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group in the church centre, see Miriam for details.

Family Choir. **3.30pm** drinks, singing **4-5pm**. This half term singing Irish songs, please see Yo for info.

Evening, Lent group at **8pm**. See below for details.

LENT GROUPS

Our Tuesday and Wednesday evening groups will meet weekly throughout Lent to provide an opportunity to meet informally for prayer and to reflect on the Bible together. For more information see Revd. Chris Rees or Maureen.

BOLLYWOOD EVENING

A Fundraiser for Timebuilders and Church Army Saturday 19th March. Try on the saris and suits....learn the dance routines....taste the flavours...feel the heat. Tickets £14.50 includes 3 course Indian meal. (over 12's only). Buy now!

THE WEEK JESUS DIED

Fourteen voices, one story, listen. You may know parts of it already. Words straight from the bible, as written by Luke. No sermons, no singing. By church members, at St Mary's, on Maundy Thursday (24th March). Meal 6pm onwards, Story 8pm. See Clare Rishbeth for more info.

FOOD BANK

St Mary's is becoming a collection point for Gleadless Valley Food Bank, as current donations are not able to meet the need. Please consider bringing any of these to St Mary's whenever you can: Milk (uht), 500g sugar, carton fruit juice, pasta sauce, tins (tomatos, puddings, fruit, meat, fish, soup), cereals, tea bags, instant coffee, instant mash, rice, pasta, jam, biscuits, snack bars. Thankyou.

VACANCY UPDATE

We have moved into a time of prayer, reflection and listening as we put together a Parish profile and other information which will guide those responsible for appointing a new Incumbent for St Mary's. It is important that

we listen to each other at this time as we reflect on our church life together and where under God we will develop. So we have three key starting points (1) what do we value most about St Mary's? (2) how might we grow and develop in the coming years? (3) what are the attributes and skills we want our new Incumbent to bring? We will make opportunities to talk about this together but please do make time to think and pray about your response. Please speak to Margaret and George for more information.

A prayer for use during our vacancy:

*Generous God
we thank you for
all those who have ministered faithfully at St
Mary's.*

*Help us in this time, to continue
to share responsibility, to grow in faith,
to love one another, to serve our communities,
and to welcome all.*

*Bless and guard us Lord Jesus Christ
as we seek to follow you together.*

*Lead and inspire us Holy Spirit of God
that we may discover your way for the future
and see your kingdom come. Amen.*

CEDRIC'S IN BRAZIL

Volunteering with Streetchild International. Please pray for him.

ITS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT!

How will this affect our prayers and shopping this week?

NEXT SUNDAY 13TH MARCH

10.30am Holy Communion

We welcome Revd. Toby Hole Vicar of St Chads, Woodseats and Area Dean of Ecclesall as our preacher.

People with jobs to do: Kate K (readings); Michael E (prayers); Kate & Odette (stewards); Elaine C & Kevin (communion assistants); Steve, David (music)

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