



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

13th March 2016

Passiontide

## 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.

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

## 10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb  
Preach..... Revd Toby Hole  
Readings..... Kate K  
Prayers..... David F  
Stewards..... Kate & Odette  
Communion Assistants.... Elaine C & Kevin  
Drinks..... Margaret & John  
Music..... Steve, David.

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 weeks Psalm is Psalm 127, words of trust and full of wisdom, reminding us that God gives purpose to all that we do, and that God

chooses to work through us.

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.*

*Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.*

*It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep.*

*Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift.*

*Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.*

*Happy are those who have their full quiver of them:*

*they shall not be put to shame when they dispute with their enemies in the gate.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

### Monday - Thursday

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

### Monday

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

**2pm** Messy Church Planning.

**7.30pm** PCC in Church, use parish room door.

### Tuesday

Evening, Lent group.

### Wednesday

**9.30 - 11.30am** Toddler Group, church centre.

**5pm** onwards: Family Choir performance of Songs from Ireland, details overleaf.

Evening, Lent group at **8pm**.

### Thursday

**10.30am** Porter Croft Primary Academy Easter Service in church.

**7.30pm.** PCC Section 11 meeting at St Mary's.

### Friday

**4pm.** Messy Church, looking forward to Easter.

## EASTER DATES

### **Maundy Thursday 24th March**

4.30pm Film show - The Miracle Maker

6pm Shared meal

8pm Story: The Week Jesus Died (see below).

### **Good Friday 25th March**

Walk of witness with Sharrow churches leaving from Highfield Trinity at **10.30am**

Good Friday Meditation **12 noon - 3pm** in church with Sharrow Churches.

### **Easter Sunday 26th March**

**9am onwards:** Breakfast at St Mary's.

**10.30am** All Age Holy Communion.

## FAMILY CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Family Choir perform traditional songs from Ireland. **Wednesday 16th March** at St Marys. £3 adult, £1 child or 2 timecredits. Meal (included) from 5pm, performance 6-7pm.

## BOLLYWOOD EVENING

**Saturday 19th March** - buy tickets today! 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).

## THE WEEK JESUS DIED

Fourteen voices, re-telling one story. 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. Free. See Clare Rishbeth for more info.

## FOOD BANK

St Mary's is now a collection point for Gleadless Valley Food Bank. 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. 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 or George for more information.

## ASSORTED

Please pray for Cedric, volunteering with Stretchild International in Brazil.

Greenbelt: save £20 on an adult ticket with earlybird prices (by 31st March). See Andy Cribb for info. <http://www.greenbelt.org.uk>

Inspire New Wine: early bird prices until 30 April. See Mather's family for info. [www.inspirenewwine.com/](http://www.inspirenewwine.com/)

## NEXT SUNDAY 13TH MARCH

10.30am Palm Sunday

Please come prepared for a short procession and prayer walk on the nearby streets as part of our All Age Holy Communion Service.

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead, preach), Ro B (readings); David F (prayers); Christine R and Ann (stewards); Barbara & Giles (communion assistants); Kevin, Reuben, Nate, Yo (music)

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