



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

27th November 2016

Advent 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 HOLY COMMUNION

Lead, Preach ..... Revd Karen Cribb  
Bible readings..... Isaiah 2:1-5;  
..... Romans 13:11-end;  
..... Matthew 24:36-44  
Drinks..... Maureen, Michelle  
Stewards..... John & Margaret I  
Communion Assist... Margaret A, Michael,  
..... Barbara  
Prayers..... Margaret I  
Readings..... David F  
Music..... David, Steve, Rachel

## COLLECT

*Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

## GREETINGS AND RESPONSES

Jesus said "Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming"

**Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus.**

Jesus is the Light of the world

**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

*(sing)*

**Advent candles tell their story**

**as we watch and pray,**

**longing for the Day of Glory,**

**'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.**

**Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,**

**changed for gladness on that day.**

## PRAYER FOCUS THIS WEEK

Giving thanks and praying for the other churches locally with whom we have good links - Highfield Trinity; Cemetery Road Baptist; Lansdowne Chapel and St Mary's Wesleyan Reform, for the many local congregations who serve particular ethnicities and nationalities, and for those churches we are in Mission Partnership with : St Andrews Psalter Lane (SAPL); St Oswalds with St Peters on Abbeydale Road and St Augustines on Brocco Bank. Praying particularly for Catherine as she starts work this week as the Administrator and Development worker within the Mission Partnership.

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

### Monday

**12.30 - 1.30pm** Guided Meditation hour in the Chapel, with breaks at 12.50 and 1.10 for people to come and go.

### Tuesday

**7.45pm** Lifestreams Group Meeting at the home of George and Chris Rees.

### Wednesday

**9.30 - 11.30am** Toddler Group, see Miriam for

details.

**3.30 - 4-5pm. Family Choir** Christmas Music!

**8pm Lifestreams group**

**Friday**

**10.30am Little Lights**. A special time being Church together for all children under five and their parent or carer

## CHRISTMAS DATES

**Sunday 4th December 4pm.** 'Community Storytelling: Two Baby Boys' (see overleaf and take a flyer).

**Sunday 11th Dec 10.30am**  
Messy Christingle Service

**Sunday 18th December 4pm**  
Carol Service.

A Christmas Invitation leaflet will be available shortly.

## CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

Opportunities to join some carol singing with the Sharrow Christmas Minstrels:

Sat 3rd 12.30 Fargate Christian Aid Carols

Wed 14th 6pm - meet St Mary's Street Carols

Sat 17th 10.30am-noon - meet Landsdowne Chapel Carols round the Flats

Sun 18th 4-6pm - St Mary's B Lane Carol Service

Wed 21st 12noon-2pm - St Mary's B Lane Timebuilders Party

Thurs 22nd 12 noon-1pm - St Mary's B Lane Lunch Club

## COOKING FOR MESSY CHURCH

Can you help and head up the Messy Church cooking team for Friday 16th December? Due to other commitments I am unable to cover these, but am happy to provide advice and support beforehand. If you think you can help

or would like to more about what this involved, please see me after the service. Chris Rees.

## LIFESTREAM GROUPS

Groups are now meeting on Tuesday evenings and some Wednesday lunchtime 12.30 - please speak to Chris Maureen or Karen to know more about these groups and the course material.

## FOODBANK AND CHOCOLATE BOX

In the coming weeks we will be collecting for the Gleadless Foodbank and Chocolate Box Project - so as you shop for Christmas pop something extra in for those who will have very little this year. Collecting box for your items will be at the back of church by the hymnbook stand.

## HELP US HELP

Help us help - is an excellent Sheffield website with suggestions and resources for supporting those who sleep and beg on the city streets [www.helpushelp.uk](http://www.helpushelp.uk) it includes the number for streetlink 0300 50000914 which if you call or text to let them know the location of someone on the street they will send an outreach worker to offer help and advice. Another practical suggestion is to carry a new pair of gloves or socks to give away to those you might pass.

## SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

### 10.30 Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead, preach); Michael E (read); Margaret I (prayers); Barbara, Claire (drinks); Chris R, Michael E (stewards); Sally, Christine, Andy (communion assist); Kevin, Jon, Yo (music)

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