



St Mary's Church Newsletter

26th February 2017

next Sunday before Lent

- 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 our children and young people back from their groups to share the peace and our communion prayer.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb
Preach..... Revd Karen Cribb
Reader..... David F
Intercessor..... Steve T-L
Stewards..... Chris P, Michael E
Music..... Jon, Jess, Collins, Rachel

COLLECT

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you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Monday

7.30pm PCC in the Parish Room.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group. See Miriam.

12.30pm God at the Table

3.30pm Family Choir

8pm Ash Wednesday. Service of Holy Communion and Ashing - in the Chapel. NB Please be aware that the building and car park will very busy that evening due to other events also in the building.

Thursday

12.30pm Midweek Holy Communion

Friday

10.30am-12.00 Little Lights. A time of worship, craft, chat and snacks for pre-schoolers and their grown-ups.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 19th March: Annual Church Parish Meeting

Tuesday 28th March: Induction Service of Claire Dawson as Vicar of St Marys.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 19th March** - like last year we will have a short service immediately followed by this meeting - an opportunity to hear from one another, do a few important legal things and give thanks to God and one another for the past year. As usual we will put a booklet together to report and reflect on the year, if you usually contribute to that please let Karen or Catherine have your contributions by early March - if you would like to offer to write something please do speak to Karen.

PRAYER FOCUS

As we move into the season of Lent this week we thank God for the love and forgiveness we receive In Christ and pray that we might grow in our love and knowledge of God as we set aside time or actions this Lent - to live out the

values of the kingdom of God and to make space to allow the Holy Spirit to change us to be more like Christ.

MISSION PARTNERSHIP REQUEST

All the churches in the Mission Partnership have been invited to send a representative to St Andrews Psalter Lane Church "Away day" on **Sunday 19th March** to be held at a nearby venue- they promise good food and good fellowship. If anyone would like to go to represent us please contact Karen who has more details.

FORK AND TALK

St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, have invited us to join in with their short series of talks during Lent.

All the events will commence at 7pm. Supper will consist of a main course and salad, followed by a light desert (fruit and cheese or cake) and tea or coffee.

All the meals will be vegetarian. Please could you indicate if you have any particular food needs e.g. gluten free, vegan, nut allergy.

The cost of the evening will be £5 or £4 for unwaged. Any funds remaining after expenses have been met will be passed to a charity relevant to the event concerned.

Tickets are limited to a maximum of 25 for each evening.

Tuesday 7th March - Feed the hungry

Monday 13th March - Life in Palestine through the eyes of young people in the West Bank and Gaza

Thursday 23rd March - Climate change: could it bring the next wave of refugees? (This may be a more general discussion about refugees)

If you're interested please contact anne.hollows@gmail.com or speak to Steve T-L (contact details in footer below)

JOINED UP CONFERENCE

This is an annual day (this year on **Saturday 11th March**) organised by the diocese for all those involved in work with children and young people. If you can't manage the whole day why not share it with someone else? If you would like to know more please speak to Karen. Full details on the website www.joinedupconference.com

ARE YOU A FIRST AIDER?

Please can you let Karen or Margaret know if you have a current first aid certificate?

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH

10.30am Holy Communion

People with jobs to do: Karen (preach, lead, celebrate); Keith H (readings); Micheal E (prayers); John and Margaret (stewards); Kevin, Yo, Jess, Jem (music)

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