



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

12th March 2017

Second Sunday in 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.

**Andre Turcanu and Elliot Smith are being baptised today. We give a special welcome to them and their families and friends.**

**9.30 BCP HOLY COMMUNION**

**10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE AND BAPTISMS**

Lead..... Revd Karen Cribb  
Stewards..... Kate and Odette  
Music..... Steve, Nate, Reuben, Rachel,  
..... David  
Drinks..... Elaine and David, Bilomda  
..... and Viglias

**BIBLE READING**

Our bible reading is John 3 v 1 -21. Nicodemus encounters Jesus and learns about being born again, by water and the Spirit. He is told of God's love for the world shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. What might we learn as we read and reflect on this encounter this second week of Lent ?

**COLLECT**

*Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

**Tuesday**

**11.00am Young at Heart.** The next gathering for Young at Heart is this Tuesday at the same cafe as last time, Des Amies, opposite Lidl on London Road. We will be meeting at 11.00am for coffee and cake and chat. Everyone welcome. If anyone would like to come but will have difficulty getting there please speak to John & Margaret (2364184) or Kate (2215328).

**Wednesday**

**9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group.** See Miriam.

**12.30pm God at the Table**

**3.30pm Family Choir**

**Friday**

**4.00 - 6.00pm Messy Church.**

## DIARY DATES

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

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Annual Church Meeting (APCM) will be held next **Sunday**. 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.

## BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD

It was announced on Thursday that following a period of prayer and reflection Bishop Philip has decided that for the sake of God's mission in the Diocese he should withdraw from the appointment as the next Bishop of Sheffield. Bishop Philip, Bishop Peter and the Archbishop of York have all issued statements which are available via the Diocese website <http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/news/state-ment-from-the-bishop-of-doncaster-regarding-the-rt-revd-philip-north> and in printed form on our noticeboard.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Following the announcement that Bishop Philip has decided to withdraw from the appointment as the next Bishop of Sheffield, we pray for Bishop Philip, Bishop Peter, for our Diocese, and for this situation going forward.

## GET INVOLVED

We are looking for a few people to join the PCC (Church Council) - we meet about once a month and together we are concerned with the whole life of St Mary's - practical, financial and spiritual. New voices, opinions and representatives are always welcome. We are also looking for a couple of people to be involved in the overseeing and management of our developing Mission Partnership. If you would like to know more about any of these please do speak up and let us know.

## CLAIRE'S INDUCTION 28TH MARCH, 7.30PM.

We hope that many of you will be able to come and welcome Claire at her induction service. It would be helpful to have a rough idea of numbers who hope to come so please will those expecting to come please sign the list at the back of Church. This is not a firm commitment but will be helpful for those setting up the chairs and for catering purposes on the night. Thank you, Margaret and George.

## CAKES ARE IMPORTANT

We are expecting large numbers of people for the induction and we would like to feed them all cake. Please do bake for this, and please let Maureen Food or Barbara Thompson know as they are co-ordinating.

## SONGS FROM ROUND THE WORLD

If anyone has a Christian song from their country of origin that they would be happy to teach to music group please contact Yo (mobile: 07925 634 420).

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

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## LENT GROUPS

How about joining a small group for Lent?

**8pm Tuesdays** - picking up on the Sunday Gospel readings - people Jesus met and see in how these encounters fit in with the spiritual formation streams from the Renovare course - see Chris Rees

**12.30 - 2.00 Wednesdays** - God at the Table - includes a soup and bread lunch - see Miriam

**8pm Wednesdays** - Life and Faith Group meeting at St. Mary's - see Maureen or Giles and/or...you could join in with St Andrew's...

## FORK AND TALK

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

All the events will commence at 7pm. The cost of the evening will be £5 or £4 for unwaged and includes a light meal.

**Monday 13th March** - Life in Palestine through the eyes of young people

**Thursday 23rd March** - Climate change: could it bring the next wave of refugees?

If you're interested please speak to Steve T-L or contact [anne.hollows@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hollows@gmail.com).

## WOMEN AND THE CHURCH

There is a re-launch of Sheffield WATCH (Women and the Church) on **Friday 17th March 6 for 6.30-8.30pm** with Revd Dr Emma Percy. At St Aidan's Church, 2 Manor Lane, S2 1UF. See Miriam for more details.

## SUNDAY 19TH MARCH

**10.30am Holy Communion and Annual Church Meeting (APCM)**

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead and preach); Della (read), David F (prayers), Della and Sam and Naomi (drinks); Chris R and Chris P (stewards); Kevin, Jon, David, Jess (music).

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