



St Mary's Church Newsletter

26th March 2017

Mothering Sunday

- 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.

10.30 ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Preach, Celebrate..... Revd Karen Cribb
Bible Readings..... John 9 : 1 - 41 .
Stewards..... Barbara and Margaret
Music..... Steve, Yo, Jem, Collins
Drinks..... Maureen and Michelle, Jannick and Bilomda.
Communion Assts.... Michael, Elaine C, Margaret A

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.*

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Tuesday

10am Funeral Service and Thanksgiving for the life of our dear friend Keith Heszeltine. Everyone is welcome to this service and afterwards to the brief committal service at City Road Crematorium.

7.30pm. Claire's Induction. See notice below.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30am Toddler Group. See Miriam.

12.30pm God at the Table

3.30pm Family Choir

8pm Life and Faith Group

PRAYER FOCUS

We pray for Claire Dawson as she is licenced as our new vicar, for ourselves as we begin this new chapter in St Mary's life together and for St Augustine's as they welcome Claire as their priest in charge.

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. Please note there is also a football match at Bramall Lane that evening so car parking will be difficult - come early!!

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.

NEW PCC MEMBERS

Welcome new PCC members - at our APCM last week we re-elected George and Margaret as our church wardens and elected Frederic, Jess and Charles as new members to the PCC. We also elected Giles to be one of our Deanery Synod reps. Annual reports are available online - please ask Steve about how to access these. There are still a few paper copies available to take away and several to borrow and return. Do use this snapshot of our church year to inform your prayers. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the booklet and to our APCM.

CONFIRMATIONS

Confirmations now take place in Sheffield annually on a Deanery basis. These will be held in May this year. Confirmation is an affirmation of faith and of baptism vows which were made on your behalf. If anyone is interested in confirmation and would like to know more please let Karen know.

KEITH HESZELTINE

Keith was a stalwart of St Mary's and one of our longest-standing members. He died suddenly at home last Tuesday and we give thanks for his life. His funeral service will be held at St Mary's on **Tuesday 28th March at 10am** followed by a short committal at City Road Crematorium at 11am.

FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY

This will be held from **10.30 - 2pm on Tuesday 11th April**.

Can you help us to plan and lead our Family Activity Day? Get involved as part of a team, take responsibility to run Easter Activities. Come along to our planning meeting at 12.30pm Wednesday 29th March. Please speak to Miriam or Karen for more information or to volunteer.

LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER

We are planning to hold our usual Easter Activities this year -

Sunday 9th April

10.30am Palm Sunday Procession.

Maundy Thursday April 13th

4.30pm Easter Activities for all.

6pm Shared meal "Remembering Passover".

7.30pm Holy Communion.

Good Friday April 14th

from 10.30am walk of witness with Sharrow churches.

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12noon - 3pm Meditations at the cross.

Easter Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion (and possibly sharing breakfast first if we can gather a team to do this !)

TALK: CHURCH SCHOOL ETHOS

Alison Blunt (a school's advisor for Derby Diocese) will be speaking on 'Church School Ethos in a Secular World' at **7:30pm on Wednesday 29 March** at Ecclesall All Saints' Church. For more information about 'Christian Voices' and the guest speakers, see <http://www.allsaintsecclesall.org.uk/page.php?page=276>

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (NEW DATES)

The next available courses are being held on **9.30am - 12.30pm Sunday 2nd April** just up the road at the Church Army Wilson Carlisle Centre and **NEW DATES 6.30pm - 9.30pm Thursday 11th May**, or **1.30pm - 4.30pm Tuesday 16th May**, both at Church House in Rotherham. They are free of charge and recommended for anyone involved in our work with children or on the PCC. You can book via the Diocese website or through Karen. George and Caroline have recently attended so will be able to give you more information.

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

10.30am Holy Communion for Passion Sunday

People with jobs to do: Karen (celebrate and preach); Ro (readings), Giles (prayers), Margaret and John (drinks); John and Maureen (steward); Christine R, Barbara and Sally (communion assistants).

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