



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

21st May 2017

## Sixth Sunday After Easter

- 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.



**This Sunday is 'Lazy Sunday.' All proceeds go to Christian Aid. Grab a breakfast before the service and stay for lunch afterwards... buy some cake and have your car washed. Please leave any campaign postcards in the basket at the back, where you can also sign the Christian Aid petition re our governments response to refugees. If you are a tax payer please fill in your details on the gift aid sheet at the donation table in the Hall.**

### 10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Preach, celebrate..... Revd Claire Dawson  
Readings..... Collins O  
Prayers..... Della S  
Drinks..... Chris P and Helen  
Stewards..... Chris R and Barbara  
Communion Ast..... Della, Miriam, Giles  
Music..... Kevin, Yo, Jannick, Collins

### COLLECT

*Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your  
disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

### THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

#### Wednesday

**9.30 - 11.30am** Toddler Group.

**12.30pm** God at the Table

**3.30pm** for 4pm start Family Choir

**8pm** Life and Faith Group

#### Thursday - Ascension Day

**7.30pm** There will be a shared service at St Augustine's on Brocco Bank (just off Hunters Bar roundabout). This will mark the launch of 10 days of prayer for both our parishes.

### DIARY DATES

Family Activity Day - Friday 2nd June

Pentacost Prayer Walk - Saturday 3rd June

Frederick and Bilonda's wedding - Sunday 4th June (12.30pm)

PCC - Monday 5th June

### PENTECOST PRAYER WALK

This is taking place on Saturday 3rd June and is a Central Mission Partnership event.

- We are planning to pray for 15 mins in each of our 4 churches.
- Stop outside other buildings en route & pray.
- Lunch break at St Andrews.

**Start.....Arrive.... Leave**

St Oswald's..... 10.30..... 10.45

St Peter's Hall..... 11.20..... 11.25

St Andrew's Psalter Lane

..... 12.10..... 13.10

St Augustine's (and Christ Church Endcliffe)

..... 14.20..... 14.45

St Mary's            15.40    16.00

*Please join us at some point on our journey; here are some options that you could consider.*

- Walk from the previous church to your church or walk the whole route.
- Join a part of the walk which passes your house (see map on noticeboard)

- Welcoming walkers to your church and maybe make them a drink.
- Volunteer to organise a brief reflection or prayer station for the visitors during their visit to our church.
- Join for prayer and lunch at St Andrews.
- Volunteer to drive people from our church back to their church to collect their cars.

## PILGRIMAGE TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

This is another Mission Partnership event. We are invited to join with St Oswalds on their Day pilgrimage at Coventry Cathedral on **Saturday 1st July**. Includes: a Litany of Reconciliation, a Eucharistic Service, tour of the Cathedral, workshop on reconciliation with Revd Canon Dr Sarah Hills. For info call 0114 250 9716 .

## TREASURER NEEDED

We are looking for a new treasurer as Angela is having to stop at the end of June. The PCC has decided to split the job into Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. We are very pleased that someone has taken on the assistant post.

There is help available from Angela, Margaret and Tom and we have a custom built computerised spread sheet which makes it very straightforward and does all the adding up and cross checking for you.

The main role of the Treasurer is to keeping the Income and Expenditure spread sheet up to date and pay the bills and expenses as they arise. There is a more detailed job description available in the vestry. It should not take up more than about **an hour and a half per month** once you have got used to it.

Please think about this and consider whether you could take it on. It is an important position. Thank you, Margaret.

## FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY

The next family activity day, which we run with the Centre, will be in half term on **Friday 2nd June, 10.30am - 2pm**. If you are able to help

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

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on the day please speak to Miriam or Karen. Please also invite families to join us, its just £1 per child. Posters are up with more info.

## WEDDING

Frederick and Bilonda will be married at St Mary's on **Sunday 4th June** at 12.30. Everyone is invited to their ceremony and to the celebration afterwards in the Hall.

## AFRICAN SONGS NIGHT

All welcome! At St Mary's, hosted by St Marys Church Musicians

**Sunday 18th June 6.30-8.00 pm**

We will be learning some new songs from each other, revisiting some old favourites and hopefully try some some drumming!

Please put in your diary if you'd like to come, Any enquiries to Kevin or Yo.

## 10 DAYS OF PRAYER

10 days of prayer in the Diocese and Your kingdom come prayer initiative nationally 25th May - 4th June, including our own Mission Partnership walk on Saturday 3rd June and an afternoon of activities at Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 4th June.

## MISSION-SHAPED TRAINING

Recommended Training Day at St Chads, Woodseats, on **Saturday 1st July**. Mission Shaped Introduction Course in a day, exploring what church could look like to be relevant in 21st century. Study and reflect with others drawing on current best practice. More info here: <http://bit.ly/2rwp57S>

## SUNDAY 28TH MAY

**10.30am Holy Communion.** People with jobs to do: Karen (Lead), Maureen (preach), Chioma (reading), Maureen (prayers), Maureen, Michelle, Jannick, Bilomda (drinks), John and Margaret (stewards), Elaine, George, Michael (Communion assistants), Jon & Jess (music).