



St Mary's Church Newsletter

19th November 2017

2nd Sunday before Advent

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- 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 and preach..... Revd Claire Dawson
Prayers..... Steve T-L
Readings..... Virgilia
Stewards..... Maureen and Michelle
Music..... Jem, Steve, Jess, David

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1PM WOMENS INTERFAITH FORUM

Get to Know your neighbour. For women of all faiths and none. Conversations about faith and issues. Personal stories from Muslim and Christian tradition. Please come along and invite others. Flyers are available.

LIVING NATIVITY

In the Moor from 1pm - 5pm today.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

Wednesday

5-7pm. St Marys Family Choir Concert performing Les Miserables at St Marys. See details on poster overleaf.

Friday

4-6pm Messy Church at St Marys. Making, singing, eating, chatting and general messyness. Welcoming helpers and people who just want to join in.

REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS.

Monday 4th December (please note change of date and time). From 7pm – 9.00pm. Organisations working with refugees, stories of a refugee, art exhibition and food. All Welcome. If you would like to help plan the event please speak to Claire.

ST MARYS YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday 3rd December, 12:30-2pm

A time of good food, fun games and loads of laughter. See Amy for details.

BREATHE DEEP YOUTH EVENT

is coming up on **27th January**. There will be time for worship, games, music, workshops, videos, crafts, chill and loads more. Its £5 each and you'll receive a Subway lunch too! Let Amy know if you want to come along and to find out more details!

CAROL SERVICE STORYTELLING

We are doing a 'shorter form' storytelling of the Christmas story as part of the St Mary's Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December**. Community storytelling is where a group of people learn a story by heart (in this case direct from the

gospel) and together share it. The passages to learn will be short, as short as a couple of verses, so please don't let that put you off if you are curious to take part! There are 16 people in our congregation who have taken part in one of these already, ask them what they loved about it! I would love to include new voices. I need to know who is interested soon! Please email or text me by this Tuesday 21st November (crishbeth@googlemail.com or 0775 473 0507). One rehearsal only, Sunday 10th at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS MINSTRELS

Do you or anyone you know play acoustic instruments that can be played outside? Or do you have an instrument in the back of the cupboard you could dust off and bring back to life for Christmas?

You may like to join a few musicians at St Mary's Bramall Lane to practise 4 part Christmas Carols...

You are invited to join these rehearsals

Thurs 16th Nov, Tues 21st Nov. All 7.30-9pm at St Mary's Bramall Lane

You may wish to then join in with any or all of the following Caroling events, or see if any minstrels can support Caroling events at your church? None of us can play at all of these events, but even playing at one makes a joyful, midwinter noise!

Caroling Events

2nd Dec Saturday 12.30-1.30 Fargate for Christian Aid

13th Dec Wednesday 6-7pm St Mary's for Sharrow Street Carols (followed by TARA buffet @ Duchess Road Community Centre)

14th Dec Thursday 6-7pm Meersbrook Hall Park Gate for B-Roads Street Carols

16th Dec Saturday 10.30-12 Landsdowne Chapel to sing around flats

17th Dec Sunday 3.30-5.30pm St Mary's Carol

Service

21st Dec
Thursday
Time? Union
Pub Carols?
Minstrels
could support
this?



I am best contacted by text 07925 634 420


Best wishes to you all and please so consider joining in with this little Minstrels group - let me know if you can (text is best).

Yo Tozer-Loft Music Lead, St Mary's Bramall Lane

NEXT SUNDAY 26TH NOV

People with jobs to do: Karen (lead, preach, celebrate); Ro (read); Michelle (prayers); John and Belonda (stewards); Jon, Rachel, Yo, Reuben (music)

St Mary's Family Choir
perform songs from
Les Miserables
the musical



Wednesday Nov 22nd
5-7pm (meal included)
£3 or 2 timecredits (kids £1 or 1 timecredit)

volunteering with a difference **TimeBuilders** time credit

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

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