



St Mary's Church Newsletter

17th December 2017

3rd Sunday in 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

Stewards..... Maureen & Michelle
 Reading..... Frederic
 Prayers..... Margaret I
 Music..... Jon, David, Jess,
 Collins

4PM CAROL SERVICE

Singing, Storytelling, Purple Cats.

COLLECT

*God for whom we watch and wait,
 you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
 your Son:
 give us courage to speak the truth,
 to hunger for justice,
 and to suffer for the cause of right,
 with Jesus Christ our Lord.*

ADVENT POSADA

Would you like Mary Joseph and baby Jesus to stay at your house for a few days over the next few weeks? We hope they will visit as many of us as possible, and as we pass them from one home to another with a simple prayer, it is an opportunity to visit each other too. Please sign up with Karen.



CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Please note that there will NOT be a morning service

4pm Christingle at **4.00pm**

11.30pm Midnight Mass for Christmas Eve

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

10.30am A short said Holy Communion (no music or childrens' activities).

There will be a Watchnight service this evening at Cemetery Road Baptist Church to which we are warmly invited.

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST MARY'S. INSTEAD... We have been invited to St Andrew's, Psalter Lane for the 10.30am service to join in their Covenant Service for the new Year. If you have difficulty getting to St Andrew's there will be people at St Mary's to give you lifts. Please be at St Marys by 10.15.

This is a Mission Partnership occasion and it would be great if we could support it.

BREATHE DEEP YOUTH EVENT

is coming up on **Saturday 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!

NEW YEAR OPPORTUNITIES IN SHEFFIELD

At St Peter's College

www.stpeterscollege.org.uk

Cursillo weekend: If we are to be effective in God's mission to change the world, we ourselves must be renewed people. The 3-day Cursillo weekend offers a life-changing experience through which God inspires, renews and challenges us. In Sheffield, starting 8th February.

'What Next?': is the first step along the way to explore if God might be calling you into some form of ministry in the Church. The 'What Next?' morning gives you a chance to find out more and have an informal chat to people who represent some of the array of lay and ordained ministries exercised in the Diocese of Sheffield.' In Sheffield, 27th January morning.

At Whirlow Spirituality Centre

www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org

Introduction to Christian Meditation:

Encounter an ancient tradition of Christian spiritual practice, tracing back to the desert fathers and mothers - and to Jesus. January 6th.

We who sing, pray twice: At these popular evenings, simple, sacred rounds and chants in four-part harmony are learned and sung. This might be music that is joyful, glad, sad or peaceful, from a variety of sources. Thursday 8th January, evening.

NEXT FEW WEEKS

Christmas Eve

No Service in the morning

4pm Christingle

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.30am Holy Communion

Margaret and John (Stewards), Steve (music)

Sunday 31st December

10.30am Short Holy Communion

Karen (lead and preach), Kate K (Reading), David F (prayers), Kate and Belonda (stewards).

Congratulations

to Annie and Collins
on the safe arrival
of baby
Zuri Rose
Friday 8th December

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

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