



St Mary's Church Newsletter

4th February 2018

2nd Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST MARYS

- Refreshments including tea and coffee will be available at the end of the service.
- 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.
- 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.
- Gluten free wafers are available for communion. Please ask a steward or member of the clergy.

10.30 HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrate/Preach.....Revd Jeremy Clines
Reader..... David F
Intercessions..... Giles
Stewards..... John and Margaret
Drinks..... Charles
Music..... Steve, Jon

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

YOUTH LUNCH TODAY!

12.30 - 2pm - last minute arrivals welcome !! Please let Amy or Karen know if you are staying after the service.



THIS WEEK AT ST MARYS

We welcome back Catherine, our Mission Partnership Development worker - back from her maternity leave - and thanks to Rob who has provided cover over the last 6 months.

Wednesday

9.30 - 11.30 Toddler Group

3.30ish - 5pm. St Marys Family Choir with Abba! Drinks from 3.30pm singing from 4. Performance date for diary will be March 28th..Would love to see you there..invite a friend to join us.. all welcome! x Yo

10.00 - 3.30. Ministry with the over 65's. See notice overleaf.

Thursday

7.30pm. Worship Workshop at St Aidens Manor Lane - from a liberal and reflective tradition. Please speak to Miriam if you are interested in going.

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL

Our next congregation meal will be a Pre-Lent Lunch after the service on **Sunday 11th February** - it will be a bring and share lunch.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next **'Young at Heart'** will be 11-12.45 on Tuesday 13th February. Meet up for coffee and chat in the Parish room, all are welcome.

Next **Messy Church** will be on Friday 16th February

Next **Family Activity Day** will be on Wednesday 21st Feb 10am - 1pm. Volunteers welcome, please speak to Amy or Karen if you are able to help.

LENT 2018...

CHILDREN'S PANCAKE PARTY

3.30 - 5pm **Tues 13th February** at St Oswalds Church Abbeydale Road - an opportunity for all our children in church and a

opportunity to invite your friends - please ask Amy for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7pm Wednesday 14th February at St Oswalds Church (it may be possible to arrange lifts from St Mary's - please speak to Claire or Margaret)

LENT GROUP

There will be a meeting weekly at St Marys' on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm using the #LiveLent "Let your light shine" study material.



Please speak to Christine Rees for more information. We will also have resources for individual use - more information explore the #LiveLent 2018 social media info produced by the Church of England nationally.

SUNDAY EVENINGS AT ST MARYS

Starting on Sunday 25th Feb there will be a series of four sunday evenings for worship, teaching and learning together. A teaching presentation on "The Four Ages of the Soul" will begin at 7pm and will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. We will begin at 6.30 with Evening Prayer and the evening will finish promptly at 8pm. Please speak to Jem Claire or Karen for info..

MINISTRY WITH THE OVER 65S

Ministry with and to people over 65 is a much undervalued area of mission and evangelism. This study day is 10am - 3.30pm on Wednesday 7th February at Sheffield Cathedral. The Sheffield Diocesan Resource Group for Seniors will launch a new practical resource called "The Blessing of Ageing: Practical Ways of Working with the over 65s."

Speak to Margaret if you would like to know more.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR BISHOPS

We are writing to invite you to participate in one of three planned listening sessions, which have been designed specifically to allow people across the Diocese, clergy and lay, to give voice to their personal experience of the nomination and subsequent withdrawal of Bishop Philip North to the See of Sheffield. We are aware that in many cases our fellow disciples are still feeling some strong but unresolved emotions – distress, anger, confusion, hurt, frustration or disappointment. We want to give you the opportunity to speak directly to us, but also to other members of our Diocesan community. We do not wish this process to reopen old wounds nor to create further conflict. We are seeking to create a 'safe enough' space to make straight talking and attentive listening possible.

The three listening sessions are all scheduled:

Tuesday, 6 March 2018: 19.00 – 21.00 at Doncaster College and University Centre (The Hub, Chappell Drive, Doncaster, DN1 2RF)

Thursday, 15 March 2018: 19.00 – 21.00 in Rotherham (venue to be confirmed)

Sunday, 25 March 2018: 14.00 – 16.00 at Owlerton St John the Baptist (Penistone Road, Sheffield, S6 2FU)

If you would like to take up this opportunity, please register your interest by Friday, 23rd February 2018. Register on eventbrite (go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'Diocese Of Sheffield Events') or email: lisa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST MARYS

9.30 BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel and **10.30 All Age Worship....** Followed by a **Pre-Lent Bring and Share Lunch** in the Hall. People with jobs to do next Sunday: Karen (lead, preach); Chris R and Belonda (stewards); Yo, Kevin, Nate, Reuben (music)

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

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