

ST MARK'S BROOMHILL

WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 25 November 2012 – CHRIST THE KING

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist, with young people's groups and crèche
11.15 am	Open forum – GS vote against women Bishops
11.15 am	International Committee meeting
12.15 pm	Sunday Lunch
3.00 pm	Home Donations Committee meeting
6.00 pm	Reflections on ... Heaven and Hell
8.00 pm	Night Service - Celtic / Iona

Flowers donated by Cicely Chibnall

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	CRC Meeting
Tuesday	8.00 am	Silent Prayer
Wednesday	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Lunch and Friendship Club
	1.00 pm	Holy Communion
	8.00 pm	Living the Questions
Thursday	8.00 pm	InSpire: LGBT Society faith cafe - see e-pigeon
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Discussion Group
Friday	6.00 pm	Choir Practice
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Mon – Fri	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	10.00 am	Making Sense of Christianity

SUNDAY 2 December 2012 – ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist (Preacher: Julie Upton), with young people's groups and crèche
12.15 pm	Sunday Lunch
6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service
8.00 pm	Night Service - Holy Communion

NOTICES

WELCOME especially if you are new to St Mark's or visiting. May you discover here what you are seeking and find companions for faith's journey.

COMMENTS BOX for feedback on services and church life can be found at the back. Why not suggest a hymn?

ELECTRONIC VERSION of Sunday's liturgy can be emailed to you in advance. Please contact Anne in the office.

THINGS WE'D RATHER NOT THINK ABOUT is the title of a series of Sunday 10.00am sermons and 6.00pm led reflections in which we are taking a fresh look at traditional Advent themes: death, judgement, dying, heaven & hell. These are challenging topics which faith invites us to engage with openly, honestly and hopefully. All welcome.

VOLUNTARIES Today's voluntaries are both 19th century French works. The piece after the service is a final piece of extravagance before Advent begins.

CTBB BREAKFAST CLUB is going from strength to strength, ably coordinated by Sarah Hall who leaves Sheffield after Easter. To this end, we need to find a replacement. Interested? Please have a word with Ian, Shan or Sue.

CTBB CHRISTMAS CARDS will soon be available. We are looking for volunteers to distribute them to households in Broomhill. Please sign the list at the back of church or speak to the churchwardens or clergy.

CTBB ADVENT LUNCH There will be no lunch here on 9 December as there will be a CTBB shared lunch at 12.15 pm followed by an Advent service at 1.45 pm at St Andrews. We will be taking food down and would like **volunteers** to cook meat and veggie lasagnes as well as offer salads and bread. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP is following the Sermon Series on 'Things we'd rather not think about' 11.15 am. All Welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR ADVENT is in the lounge on Thursdays from 6.00 pm. All welcome.

HOT STUFF Soup Run is asking for tins of beans and tins of sausages. Also donations of clothing plus bedding would be very gratefully received. Gary.

COFFEE & BISCUITS The introduction of biscuits has been a great success, but the supply needs to be maintained by donations. If you would like to bring a packet of biscuits, please have a word with the people serving coffee, who will be able to tell you whether more are needed at any time. Thank you.

CHURCH GROUNDS Kay Hudson is no longer working as St Mark's Gardener. If you have any queries about the grounds or would like to volunteer to help look after them, please have a word with Mike Hunt or Ian. Thank you.

CAROL SINGING OPPORTUNITIES
Please sign up at the back if you want to be part in any of these opportunities:

Christian Aid – This annual Sheffield churches' event will take place in Fargate on Saturday 8 December. All singers and musicians are welcome, and we also need one collector. Last year's carol singing raised £1,400, so if you can spare an hour between 2.30 and 3.30pm please contact Alison (tel: 221 4578).

Broomhill and Broomhall residential homes on the evening of Tuesday 11 December.

Outside Eurospar on Saturday 22 December, 10.00 am – 12 noon. It would be great to have a jolly group of singers bringing festive cheer. Contact Anne.

WEEKEND AWAY We've booked the Hayes Conference Centre again for 18-20 September 2015. A date for your diaries!

CONGRATULATIONS! to Andy and Roz Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Jane, on the evening of Monday 19 November, weighing in at 6lbs 8oz. Mother and baby doing well!

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GREETINGS CARD CAMPAIGN.

After morning service on Sundays 9 and 16 December at the back of church you will be able to sign greetings cards to prisoners of conscience and detained human rights activists, including journalists. Please bring smaller cards or postcards. Details at the table. It takes only a few minutes to send a message of hope to someone who may think they have been forgotten.

WORCESTER PEACE TRAIN If you would like to support this process of reconciliation in South Africa please give generously. For further details, see the flyers and details at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS and other goodies will be on sale in aid of Oxfam and fair trade at the back of church on Sundays 25 November and 2 December.

ATTENTION ALL LIONS! We are planning a weekend away in the spring for lots of fun and exciting adventures. The proposed date is 12-14 April 2013. More details to follow but save the date!

MAKING FRIENDS Would you like to make new friend(s) by offering hospitality to a student? Talk to me after the service or via email: jen@stmarkssheffield.co.uk.

FOOD BANK THANK YOU so much to everyone who has been so generous in giving to the food bank. They are incredibly grateful. The box remains at the back of church with a list of suitable food items which will be taken to the S6 Food Bank on a regular basis. Thank you.

CHALICE ASSISTANTS There will be brief meetings for new assistants following the 10 o'clock services on Sundays 2 and 16 December.

MAKING SENSE OF CHRISTIANITY is a morning of 3 talks by Eve Saunders, Roger Ellis and Robert Chamberlain with following discussion that will take place in the upper room THIS SATURDAY. All welcome. For more info, please see the poster in the foyer or call 07974 906421.

MOVEMBER I am joining many other men all over the world in growing a moustache during November to raise money for men's health. Those wishing to support my looking like a criminal can do so by donating to the cause at www.movember.com and searching for 'Andrew Linn'. Many thanks.

SARAH HALL, Minister at St Andrew's URC, has accepted a new appointment in Southampton and will leave Sheffield after Easter. Sarah has contributed much to the life of CTBB and Broomhall and will be greatly missed.

JOIN BREAST CANCER CARE to celebrate a magical evening of *Carols by Candlelight* at the Cathedral on Thursday 13 December, commencing 7.30pm. Tickets: £10 (£4 concessions) can be booked via fundraisingnorth@breastcancercare.org.uk or call 0114 263 6471.

NIGHT SERVICE PRAYER BOOK by Mark Newitt and Jen Ryder is for sale for £5. If anyone would like a copy, please get in touch with Tanya (2326696 or tanyakralph@hotmail.com).

NURTURING COMMUNITY We had a great first outing to The Showroom. If you'd like to join us come along at 6pm on 6 December and/or 10 January (Paternoster Row, S1 2BX). Let Angela know you're coming on 229 5182 or angela@smokingkipper.com.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For the international charities we support, including:
South Yorkshire Development Education Centre

For the UK charities we support, including Church Action on Poverty National

For all affected by the vote of the General Synod's House of Laity
to reject legislation enabling the ordination of women bishops

For peacemakers in Gaza and Israel

For those who call at St Mark's or the Vicarage
seeking food, friendship and support

For Rowan Williams and Justin Welby
the current and next Archbishop of Canterbury

*For Erkin Yimiti, who has been granted leave to stay by the Home Office
as well as for all refugees and those seeking asylum*

For residents of this parish who struggle with poverty,
loneliness, depression or addiction

For those we continue to remember in our prayers, including Mary Sharrock

With thanks for the improvement in Melissa Rowe

*For those who are unwell or recovering from illness or accident, including:
Plinio Dourado, Naomi Flowers, John Hodkin (Mary Knight's brother), Vicki Ofori-Dei*

For those who have died recently in this community and beyond,
including Peri David, Peter Else, Nancy Leary and Kim St. Clare

In remembrance of those whom we love, but see no longer

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