

# ST MARK'S BROOMHILL

## WEEKLY NEWS

### SUNDAY 23 December 2012 – ADVENT 4

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist ( <i>preacher: Anne Padget</i> ) with young people's groups and crèche
6.30 pm	Festival of Readings & Carols
8.00 pm	Night Service – Celtic / Iona

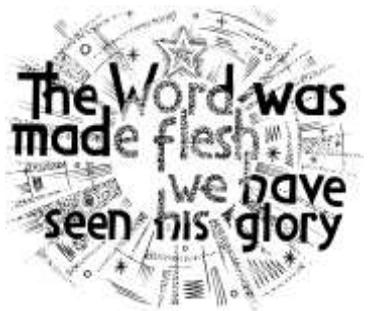
### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5.30 pm	Christmas Eve Nativity Play
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity ( <i>Preacher: The Vicar</i> )
<b>Christmas Day</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 am	Festive Eucharist ( <i>Preacher: Sue Hammersley</i> )
	1.00 pm	Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday** No services  
(Church closed)

**Thursday** No services  
(Church closed)

**Friday** No services  
(Church closed)



### SUNDAY 30 December 2012 – CHRISTMAS I

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist ( <i>preacher: the Vicar</i> )
8.00 pm	Night Service

**Monday** No services (*Church closed*)

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## NOTICES

### **WELCOME & CHRISTMAS**

**GREETINGS** 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.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to preparing St Mark's for the festive season or to Christmas services and events.

**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.

**PLEDGE & STEWARDSHIP** Packs have now been mailed out. If you haven't received one, please collect an A5 envelope from the back of church. Please don't forget to return your Pledge Response. Thank you.

**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.

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES**

Please let Susan Whitmill have your boxes as soon as possible. Many thanks.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helps with the Wednesday Lunch and Friendship Club which is source of blessing for all who attend.

**ALL CREDIT TO YOU** St Mark's and its members have increased Sheffield Credit Union's capital by £12,353 since we launched the campaign on Sunday 14 October 2012. If you somehow missed the bandwagon, there is always time to join. Details from Robin Story or [www.sheffieldcreditunion.com](http://www.sheffieldcreditunion.com).

**'NO' TO WOMEN BISHOPS** The House of Bishops released a statement after its meeting earlier this week in which it outlined a consultation process for enabling a 'new legislative package' to be presented at the July 2013 meeting of General Synod. The statement goes on to say that '[f]or any such proposals to command assent, the House believes that they will need (i) greater simplicity, (ii) a clear embodiment of the principle articulated by the 1998 Lambeth Conference "that those who dissent from as well as those who assent to, the ordination of women to the priesthood and episcopate are both loyal Anglicans", (iii) a broadly-based measure of agreement about the shape of the legislation in advance of the beginning of the actual legislative process.. To read the full statement, visit

[www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2012/12/statement-from-the-house-of-bishops-on-defeat-of-women-bishops-legislation.aspx](http://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2012/12/statement-from-the-house-of-bishops-on-defeat-of-women-bishops-legislation.aspx)

**WOT NO WOMEN BISHOPS** If you would like to contribute to a banner championing the ordination of women to the episcopate, please contribute to the collection box at the back of church.

**FANFARE** A competition has been set up to compose a fanfare to be performed at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations for the rebuilding of St Mark's Church next year. The competition is for a short fanfare for brass quintet duration approximately ½ to 2 minutes. A prize of £150 is offered. Deadline for submission April 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. Entries in Sibelius, Finale, or pdf format, or as manuscript, should be sent to: Fanfare Competition, St Mark's Vicarage, 4 St Mark's Crescent, Sheffield, S10 2SG.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be served at 1.00 pm in the lounge THIS TUESDAY! It has been extremely popular with a wide range of people over the last 2 years -. For the bargain price of £5 per person (£2.50 for U16s) you can enjoy a 2 course dinner in the company of friends (some of whom you may not have met yet).

**ART EXHIBITION** In the Parlour Cafe on Broomspring Lane. This is being given by the Sheffield Jesus Centre and showcasing artwork from Jan, Anna and Charis Kurpiel. The cafe is open every day next week, except Christmas Day between 11am and 2.30pm.

### **MICHAEL'S ORDINATION -**

**THANK YOU** I would like to thank all those who supported me in the Cathedral last Sunday, all those who sent cards and good wishes and all those who assured me of their prayers. Michael Burn.

**NURTURING COMMUNITY** If you'd like to join us for the next movie outing at the Showroom come along at 6pm on 10 January (Paternoster Row, S1 2BX). Let Angela know you're coming on 07939 959450 or [angela@smokingkipper.com](mailto:angela@smokingkipper.com).

**MARKS MESSENGER** The bumper Christmas edition for December and January is now available! A bargain at 60p.

**FOOD BANK THANK YOU** so much to everyone who has given to the food bank. The organisers are very grateful. The box remains at the back with a list of suitable food which will go to the S6 Food Bank on a regular basis. Thank you.

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

**CONSULTATION** Ruth Shelton will join us now on **Saturday 2 February 2013**, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm, to help us think through our engagement with issues relating to social justice. All welcome.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** Mark McCombs has been appointed our next DoM, commencing in January 2013. Mark is a music post-graduate at Sheffield University and already directs a number of choirs within the university and beyond. He comes to us from St Matthew's, Carver Street, where he is currently an organ scholar. We greatly look forward to his arrival.

**THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP** will be looking at Images of God. For more info please pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

### **HELP PROTECT THE NHS**

[http://action.38degrees.org.uk/ccg\\_postcode](http://action.38degrees.org.uk/ccg_postcode) is a petition to help protect the NHS as the Clinical Commissioning Group is set up in Sheffield. Can you sign this? Michael Miller will be taking a small group to deliver the Sheffield petition, with supporting material including potential additions to their constitution, so the more signatures the better. Many thanks.

**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!

**WINTER FUEL PAYMENT** For those fortunate not to need their Winter Fuel Payment - or too young to receive one - there is a way you can donate.

Community Foundation Network has now launched its Surviving Winter campaign. Details at

[www.survivingwinter.org.uk](http://www.survivingwinter.org.uk)

### **BRINGING FAITH INTO**

**FAIRNESS:** Putting the Fairness Commission into Practice is the title of an event organized by Sheffield Faiths Forum on Wednesday 30 January in the Town Hall Reception Rooms, 6.00 – 8.00 pm. If you are interested in going or would like further information, please contact Mike Fitter on [mikefitter@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mikefitter@blueyonder.co.uk).

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

For the international charities we support, including: Kitale Rafiki

*For the UK charities we support, including Firth Park Advice Centre*

For the workers of Medical Aid for Palestinians  
and the Christian Aid Gaza Appeal as well as those they seek to help

*For the volunteers and users of the  
Homeless and Rootless at Christmas (HARC) project*

For refugees and asylum seekers

*For young mothers, single parents and their children,  
as well as for children in care and adults seeking to adopt*

For shepherds, farmers and all who work on the land

*For the residents of Minova in the Congo – victims of rape, atrocities  
and destruction at the hands of Congolese military*

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

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

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

*For the recently bereaved, including Ivor Haythorne*

For those who are unwell or recovering from illness or accident, including:  
Lukas Fitchie, Naomi Flowers, Vicki Ofori-Dei

*For those who have died recently in this community and beyond,  
including Alison Haythorne and Nancy Leary*

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

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