

ST MARK'S BROOMHILL

WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 24 March 2013 – PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist, with procession of palms, dramatic Gospel and crèche
12.15 pm	Sunday Lunch
6.00 pm	Palm Sunday Choral Service: Stainer's <i>The Crucifixion</i>
8.00 pm	Night Service: Theme - Sacrifice

THE WEEK AHEAD - HOLY WEEK

Monday	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Film: <i>Amour</i>
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Reflective service focusing on Jesus' Last Week
Wednesday	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.30 pm	InSpire @ Francis Newton
Maundy Thursday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Discussion Group,
	7.30 pm	Passover Seder, incorporating a light supper, followed by stripping of the altar and vigil of the Passion.
Good Friday	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
	9.30 am	All Age Craft Activity
	11.00 am	All Age Worship
	12.00 noon	The Three Hours: The Foolishness of the Cross
Holy Saturday	7.00 pm	Vigil Service

SUNDAY 31 March 2013 – EASTER DAY!

6.00 am	Dawn Eucharist, followed by breakfast
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Festive Eucharist for all ages
8.00 pm	Night Service

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.

ELECTORAL ROLL 2013 Every six years, we are required to prepare a new Electoral Roll from scratch, rather than simply revise the existing one. Please complete an Application Form and either place it in the designated box in church or give it to Peter Ryder, our Electoral Roll Officer, by **31 March**. The Electoral Roll is the membership list of St Mark's, conferring rights to vote at the Annual Parochial Meeting and to serve on the Parochial Church Council. The size of our Electoral Roll will also determine how many Deanery Synod representatives we are entitled to elect and it is Deanery Synod reps who vote for the Diocese's delegates on General Synod.

LOOK OUT for Beki Chapman (Reader-in-training) and Alison Creasey (Ordinand) who are undertaking placements at St Mark's over the coming weeks. Please say hello and help them to feel at home.

EXPERIENCING PESACH In place of our regular Maundy Thursday service, an opportunity to participate in a Passover-type meal presided over by Keith Sayliss of the local Reform Jewish Congregation. In addition to the consumption of symbolic foods, a simple vegetarian supper will be served. **THIS THURSDAY** at 7.30 pm. No admission charge, retiring collection. Further details at the back of church.

Please sign up if you're planning on coming.

GOOD FRIDAY CRAFTS 9.30-11.30, an all-age activity morning followed by a Godly Play story in a short act of worship. All welcome!

LIONSTALE On 22 June St Mark's will stage a community play to celebrate its 50th anniversary. LIONSTALE follows parishioner Josiah and his rebellious daughter Emily through 160 years in the life of St Mark's with the help of about 40 actors and singers. Help is needed on and off stage. Please see the flyers at the back of church and sign up if you would like to be part of this celebratory extravaganza!

LIONSTALE – REHEARSALS begin on Sunday 21 April, 2.30-4.30 pm in church (this will be the regular weekly slot!). If you've already signed up to do something, please come along. If you haven't, but would like to act, sing, play an instrument, work on props, sound or lighting, or just have a go at something then please come along as well. All ages welcome!

REVIEW of this year's Lent Course plus input from Ian on other burning issues in the Corinthian Correspondence on Sunday 21 April, 6.00 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room. All welcome!

CAKE STALL £53.70 donation has been paid in to Peter Woods 'just giving' site for VSO on behalf of all of you who made or purchased cakes for the cake stall a couple of weeks ago. Thank you very much for your support.

MEDITATION / PRAYER LUNCH & SEMINAR All are welcome to this event on Monday 8 April 12noon - 2.30pm at Burgreave Ashram: 'Faiths and Education.' Please see poster for further details.

NEXT OF KIN The vicar is happy to hold confidentially details of next of kin for use in cases of emergency.

OFFERTORY COMMITMENT

CARDS For those of you who give money to the Church regularly via a standing order or other means, the PCC has agreed, initially for a trial period of three months, that small 'commitment' cards will be available for you to put in the collection plate during the offertory. They can be picked up from a box at the back of church before the service. Those who are not pledged givers are encouraged to support the Church through making a cash offering on the collection plate and, if tax payers, by using a yellow Gift Aid envelope. Please supply feedback on the commitment cards to either myself, the clergy or the Church Wardens. Thanks - David Ryder.

CRC SPRING CONFERENCE

'Christian Beginnings: Why Jesus didn't die out,' led by internationally acclaimed biblical scholar Gerd Lüdemann, Saturday 11 May 2013, 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Non-members £15, CRC/PCN Members £13, Students £5. Forms on the CRC table.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY A big thank you to all box holders for raising a total of £428.45 in 2012. The Society raises £2 million annually through box collections. If you would like a box please see me. Susan Whitmill.

LEFT OVER CONTAINERS Left over food containers from various events over the months have collected in the church and will be on display in the foyer after the service. Please look and see if any of them belong to you. Many thanks, Briony.

'CELEBRATING A 21ST CENTURY FAITH' A day exploring how progressive churches express Christian faith 'on the ground'. With contributions from churches across the country, including St. Mark's, Saturday 20 April 2013 11.00 – 4.30 at Lumen URC, 88 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9RS. Please see booking forms at the back of church for more info. Reduced rate for CRC members!

PAMELA MANN Many of you will remember Pamela Mann, who sadly died this week. Her funeral will be here at St. Mark's at 2.30pm on Friday 5th April.

DRCONGO UPDATE: Many thanks to all at St Marks who contributed to the repairing and re-equipping of the school in Minova wrecked by the Congo army in November. Between St Marks and two Sheffield schools we sent a total of \$1500 which was put to good use. On 12 April I am taking part in a SPONSORED RUN organised by colleagues from the international coffee industry to raise money to support the women affected by the atrocities in which over 125 were raped. The money will be split between providing ongoing medical support for them, and establishing longer term economic empowerment initiatives for women in Sopacdi. I would be grateful for sponsors. There is a form at the back. I will visit Sopacdi in June, and will report back then. Thank you, Richard Hide

SEWING & KNITTING PATTERNS

WANTED Some women at the Broomhall Welcome Place Drop-In are keen to learn to sew and knit and patterns for babies, children and adults are urgently required. Wool for baby items welcome. Bring to Church or we can collect. Renate Smith 2216141 / 07974732715. Sewing Tutors also required on Wednesday afternoons, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane.

A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE

CUTS by Sheffield Equality Group will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 11 April at the Quaker Meeting House, St James Street. Following short presentations on social security changes there will be discussion on how to support victims, lobby and inform Sheffield. If interested, please notify Joe Forde - joe.forde@tiscali.co.uk / 01246569424.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

*For the UK charities we support, including
SAVE (Sheffield Agencies for the Vulnerable and Excluded*

*For the people of Minova, Congo,
as well as for refugees and displaced persons in Syria*

For Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Peter Wood and his partner Helen on VSO in Guyana

For Christians facing discrimination and persecution

For all who will suffer as a consequence of recent
Government Benefits legislation and Council cuts in services

*For members of the 'Women in Episcopacy' Steering Committee
and all affected by last year's General Synod Vote*

For Melanie Fitzgerald and the congregation of St Mary's, Walkley,
as well as Pete Jackson and the congregation of Christ Church, Walkley

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

For those we continue to remember in our prayers, including Gwen Gardiner

*For those who are unwell or recovering from illness or accident,
including: Naomi Flowers & Anne Hall*

For those who have died recently in this community and beyond,
including Barry Dawson (Sarah Frost's father), Peggie Hunt,
Pamela Mann, Norah Osgerby & Basil Sutcliffe

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

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