

ST MARK'S BROOMHILL

WEEKLY NEWS

SUNDAY 14 December 2014 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist: (<i>Preacher: Revd. Peter Fisher</i>) with Godly Play and Crèche
6.00 pm	Dying to Live - Advent Study Group (Upstairs)
8.00 pm	Night Service: Celtic / Iona

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	1.30 pm	Friendship Club Choir carol singing at the Hallamshire Hospital
Thursday	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	11.30 am	Discussion Group
	5.30 pm	Vestry Hour
	5.45pm	Carol singing for Broomhall Residential Homes
	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday	10.30 pm	Carol Singing at the Broomhill shops

SUNDAY 21 December 2014 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Eucharist: (<i>Preacher: Anne Padget</i>) with Godly Play and Crèche
6.00 pm	A Festival of Readings and Carols
8.00 pm	Night Service: Taizé

NOTICES

ADVENT SERVICE BOOKLET Thank you for your acceptance of the new seasonal Service booklet and insert. Please take the blue sheet home but leave the booklet behind. Thank you!

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

COMMENTS BOX is still at the back of church – why not choose a Christmas Carol or Epiphany hymn?

OFFERTORY GIVING CARDS are available for those who give by means other than the weekly envelope. Please collect a yellow card to put in the plate.

SOUND We are looking for some more people to join the rota for the sound desk on Sunday mornings - an important job as it means we can all hear the service! No experience is needed. Please contact Anne in the office if you're willing to volunteer.

NOTICE ABOUT NOTICES During the vacancy, the 'announcements' on a Sunday morning will be organised by the churchwardens. If you would like to give a notice, please speak to the duty warden before the start of the service.

PARISH CONSULTATION As part of the recruitment process for a new incumbent, we need to update the Parish Profile for St Mark's. This is the document that potential candidates will see when considering whether to apply. It details our vision and mission, the activities we do and what we want from a new vicar.

Consultation events will be running **TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE**, and 4 January (11.30am) - signup sheets are at the back of church. If you are not able to attend, paper questionnaires are also available at the back of church.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S - ALL WELCOME!

NEXT SUNDAY 6.00pm

Festival of Readings and Carols

Christmas Eve - 4.00pm crafts for 4.30pm Crib Service and Christingle. Inspirational service for all the family.

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Communion 10.00am

PLEDGE APPEAL FOR 2015 – To date 39 responses have been received with total extra giving of £7,000 (including recovered tax) promised towards the our target of £10,000. They include 6 new pledges and 20 increases. This is extremely encouraging and grateful thanks to all who have responded so far. However, more is still needed to have sufficient income to maintain the work and mission of the Church in 2105. An average increase of £1.50 per week from existing givers would more than help to cover our target. If you have not done so please return your pledge form as soon as possible (even if you are unable to increase your giving). Spare Pledge Appeal packs including a pledge form are available at the back of the Church. Please respond prayerfully to this request.

CAROL SINGING around Broomhall homes on **THIS THURSDAY**. Meet at Broomgrove Home, Broomgrove Road, at 5.45pm. **CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROLS** outside what was Eurospar in Broomhill, 10.30-12 on Sat 20th Dec.

ADVENT STUDY GROUPS

Dying to Live This is another joint project with the Manor Team. The second of the two sessions will be taking place here **TONIGHT** in the Upstairs Room. See flyer for more details.

Weekly Insert

Sunday 14th December, 2014 – Third Sunday of Advent

We are experimenting with a Seasonal Service booklet for Advent using this insert for the weekly hymns and readings. You will need a Bible if you'd like to follow the readings – there are plenty in church – please note that our Bibles are numbered in three separate sections. If the booklet is successful it will help cut down on our use of printing, paper and administrative time. We look forward to your comments.

The third week of Advent reminds us of John the Baptizer - prophet of social justice.

Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty Guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676 - 1749)
trans. John Chandler (1806 - 1876)
Tune: Winchester New*

Collect

Lord of light,
who sent the Baptist
to offer hope and face the world's scorn:
open our ears to hear the cries from the margins,
exposing our fears, inciting our vision
and calling us to a step of faith;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church.

Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (*Old Testament, page 702*), read by Helen Hillman

Gradual Hymn

O God, you are my God alone
whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst
and leaves my body weak.
Just like a dry and barren land
awaits a freshening shower,
I long within your house to see
your glory and your power.

Your faithful love surpasses life,
evoking all my praise.
Through every day, to bless your name,
my hands in joy I'll raise.
My deepest needs you satisfy
as with a sumptuous feast.
So, on my lips and in my heart,
your praise has never ceased.

Throughout the night I lie in bed
and call you, Lord, to mind;
in darkest hours I meditate
how God, my strength, is kind.
Beneath the shadow of your wing,
I live and feel secure;
and daily, as I follow close,
your right hand keeps me sure.

Words: Psalm 63
Tune: Gratus, John Bell (b. 1949)

Gospel:

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (*New Testament, page 88*)

Prayers of Solidarity & Concern, led by Robert Beard

Offertory Hymn

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*Words: Bianco da Siena (c. 1350-1399)
trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, Jr. (1833-1890)
Tune: Down Ampney*

*During Communion the choir will sing: Es Ist Ein Ros,
by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) and Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615)*

Hymn

Hills of the North, rejoice;
River and mountain spring,
Hark to the advent voice;
Valley and lowland, sing;
Though absent long, your Lord is nigh;
He judgment brings and victory.

Isles of the southern seas,
Deep in your coral caves
Pent be each warring breeze,
Lulled be your restless waves:
He comes to reign with boundless sway,
And makes your wastes His great highway.

Lands of the East, awake,
Soon shall your sons be free;
The sleep of ages break,
And rise to liberty.
On your far hills, long cold and gray,
Has dawned the everlasting day.

Shores of the utmost West,
Ye that have waited long,
Unvisited, unblest,
Break forth to swelling song;
High raise the note, that Jesus died,
Yet lives and reigns, the Crucified.

Shout, while ye journey home;
Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North we come,
From East, and West, and South.
City of God, the bond are free,
We come to live and reign in thee!

*Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865)
Tune: Little Cornard*

MARGARET BRAYBROOK'S FUNERAL will take place here on

Tuesday 30th December at 11.30am, followed by light refreshments.

DEMONSTRATION The Palestine Solidarity Campaign is holding a 'Boycott Divestment Sanctions protest' outside Sainsbury's in Broomhill at 12 noon on Saturday 20 December to call on the company to stop trading with Israel. Jenny Robinson from the Manor Team has asked us to publicise this event because it is taking place within this parish.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION our weekly newsheets are posted on St Mark's Website. Contributors, please only include details you are happy to be picked up by a Google search. For further info, please see a member of the clergy.

AMNESTY CHRISTMAS CARDS A total of 30 cards were written last week with £22.00 towards postage costs - and all this at one session! Last year we ran the stall on two consecutive Sundays with a total of 35 cards so I think we can say this year was the best yet.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY CTBB Christmas Cards advertising the services in Broomhill and Broomhall over Christmas are now ready for delivery. They are bundles up according to streets. Please take as many as you can as they need distributing THIS WEEK. New helpers always welcome. Many thanks.

IRAQI CHRISTIANS IN NEED There will be an organ recital at St. Marie's Cathedral in aid of ICIN THIS SATURDAY at 7.30pm. ICIN provides financial relief to displaced families in northern Iraq. Please see the poster in foyer for details.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH This year we won't have a large party. If you know anyone who may be alone on Christmas Day we may be able to provide a meal for a few people. Please let Sue know names ASAP so this can be organised.

MARKS MESSENGER for December and January is now out and in your pigeonholes. Apologies for the delay this month. If you don't subscribe, it is available on the card stall as usual, for the bargain price of 60p!

SHEFFIELD CHORALE CANDLELIGHT CAROLS (their traditional service of 9 lessons and carols) - Thursday 18th Dec. 7.30pm at St John's, Ranmoor. Admission free. Retiring collection for Sheffield Carers Centre. Further details via Anna, Peter or David Ryder.

PANTO TICKETS I have tickets for the Manor Operatic Society's performance of Peter Pan at 2.00pm on Sunday 4th Jan at 2.00pm, starring our very own Luke Speddings as one of the lost boys. They are going fast so please let Judith Harrison know if you would like a ticket. There is a small sign-up sheet at the back of the Church or my contact details are judith@performconsult.co.uk Or 268 1205.

CYCLING SOCIAL - various people at St Mark's enjoy cycling. We plan, next year, to organise a regular social ride (approx 2hours+cafe stop) on the last Sunday of each month. Look out for more details in the new year or chat with James/ Mark A/ Mark N/ Peter.

FUEL POVERTY Those of us fortunate enough not to need our winter fuel allowances (and generous younger people) can make donations to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SurvivingWinter> to help those less fortunate in South Yorkshire.

THE RELUCTANT PATIENT Ian's latest book IS NOW READY FOR COLLECTION. We now have more copies from Ian so please bring £6.50 to collect a copy outside the vestry.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For the international charities we support, including Christian Aid

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

We continue to pray for Ian and Liz

For the people of Syria and for all refugees and those displaced by war.

For the countries of West Africa affected by the Ebola virus, the health workers who risk their own lives and all those affected by illness and loss

For all parents awaiting the birth of a child, for mothers who are inpatients in the Jessop wing, and for the obstetricians and midwives who care for them

For all those in our parish who are terminally ill, including those in our hospitals and hospices

For residents of this parish who struggle with poverty, loneliness, depression or addiction as well as for those who try to support them

For those we continue to remember in our prayers, including Chris & Mary Knight and Betty May

For those who are unwell or recovering from illness or accident, including: Catherine, Baby Danos, Don, Gillian, Gregg, John, Matthew, Kate Maloney, Ronald Stout (Finn & Luke Vedder's great-granddad)

For those who have died recently in this community and beyond, including Margaret Braybrook, Desmond Mangham (Nicky Wood's uncle), Cecilia Nyabezi (Chris' mother) and Audrey Ward (Miranda Myers' mother)

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

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