



# St Mary's Church Newsletter

November 2024

## WELCOME TO ST MARYS

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

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

**Sunday 3rd Nov** 10.30am Holy Communion with separate groups for children

**Friday 8th Nov** 4pm Messy Church

**Sunday 10th Nov** 10.30am Remembrance  
Sunday Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people

**Sunday 17th Nov** 10.30am All Age Service

**Sunday 24th Nov** 10.30am Holy Communion with separate groups for children and young people.

**NB** There is home match at Sheffield Utd on **Sunday 17th November** with a 12.30 kick off. If you drive you need to tell anyone on roadblock duty and our gates you are coming to church and they will let you through!

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will be held on **Friday 8th November** – helpers welcome from 3.30pm. We explore a Bible theme through craft and activities with a gathering time for worship, prayer and learning. We share a meal at about 5.15pm, Messy Church is aimed at families with Primary Age children – but we appreciate the help of our

young people and other adults – please speak to Karen or Margaret for more information.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

**Monday 12pm** and **Thursday 12pm** in the Chapel @ St Mary's.

## PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION

Photography permission forms will be available over the coming Sundays – we hope to collect these from as many people as possible – please speak to Ann Brownhill for more details – Please also speak to Ann if you do not want to feature in any photos we might take of church activities.

## GIVING TO ST MARY'S

There are a number of ways to give financially to the work of St Mary's - there is always a collection plate available for cash on a Sunday and a tap and give machine which you can use with cards or phones. If you prefer to set up a regular payment we have forms to complete for direct debit and standing orders. If you are a UK tax payer please do Gift Aid for your regular giving - again forms are available. If you have queries please speak to a member of the clergy or Ann and Miriam our church wardens.

## CRANMER AWARDS

On **23rd November** at 2 pm we will be hosting the Yorkshire heats of the Prayer Book Society Cranmer Awards which are open to people aged 11-18. Last year some of our young people took part and all received certificates. It involves reading a passage from 1662 Book of Common Prayer lasting between 3 and 5 minutes. This is judged against set criteria such as clarity and projection. It is very good experience of presenting before an audience and gaining confidence. The winner (s) of the heats go forward to a final with cash prizes.

Details of the wards are here:

<https://www.pbs.org.uk/cranmer/>

## ARE YOU A PROPHETIC ACTIVIST?

Christian Aid and others are running a "Bootcamp" for young Christians (18-30) who want to follow the biblical call for justice.

The nearest event is in Leeds on **23rd November**. It's free, accessible by public transport, and there could be help with travel costs. More details from this link...

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/prophetic-activist-bootcamp-sign>

## A ROCHA TIP FOR NOVEMBER

Green your home. Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials.

Additionally, place foil on radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be experiencing the cold this winter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Centre AGM is on **Tuesday 10th Dec** at 7pm at St Mary's.

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