

Warm Welcome to St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield

Following Jesus; Celebrating Life; Welcoming All

10th March 2024 – Mothering Sunday

10.00am Prayer and Praise

Leader: Tim Gill / Chris Harper / Chris Leach
Preacher: Sam Ellmore



4.00pm Eucharist Service

Leader: Tim Gill
Preacher: Pat Clarke
Officiant: Tim Gill

Holy Communion – Thursday at 9.30am

As you prepare for worship today you might like to reflect on this prayer.

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Hymns: (Children's Hymn: 529), (Sheet: 10,000 Reasons), 140, 620, 600,
(Sheet: 'Good, good Father'), 465,**4.00pm Eucharist Service**

Readings: Numbers 21: 4-9,

John 3: 14-21

Diary

Tuesday 12th 10.00am to 12.00pm Coffee Shop
10.00am to 12.00pm Garden Tidy

Wednesday 13th 4.30pm Ecclesfield Welfare Charities Meeting.
7.30pm Lent Group.

Thursday 14th 9.30am Mid-week Communion

Friday 15th 10.00am to 12.00pm Coffee Shop
10.00am to 12.00pm Garden Tidy

Sunday 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Eucharist Service

4.00pm Evening Worship

General Notices**Notes from the PCC.**

At the PCC held on Monday 4th March we discussed:

The North chapel - artwork and candlesticks;

A proposal to host a fund-raising concert by the Steel City Singers;

We agreed the accounts for 2023 ahead of the AGM on Sunday 7th April;

We discussed a proposed Diocesan Heritage event to be held in the week beginning 27th May; and finally we discussed setting up a 'contemplative prayer group' when Tim returns from his study leave - this will build on the current Lent Course.

Evening Service

Please Note, on Sunday 31st March (Easter Day) British Summertime begins.

The Evening Service will return to 6.30pm from 31st March onwards.

Easter Garden

Children – we will once again be making an Easter Garden near the West Door on Saturday 30th March at 10.00am and would love your help in doing so.

Easter Eggs

Collecting small Easter Eggs for food bank, please leave your donation at the back of the church. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

The Mothers' Union are holding a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on Saturday 23rd March 10.00am to 12.00pm. Please do come along and support this event for the women in Tanzania.

An Invitation

Gary Simmons, curate here in the eighties, is to retire in May. He invites anyone who remembers him to attend his retirement service in Tamworth. Many of us remember him with fondness. There is a sheet with the details on the notice board at the back of church.

Parking on Priory Road.

I have had a few complaints about inconsiderate & illegal parking on Priory Road. Please remember our neighbours when coming to Church by car & be a good neighbour. Thanks, Tim.

Prayer Requests.

All prayer requests are welcome, but we ask that if you put a name on the list for prayer – firstly you have asked permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer, secondly that your initials are with the request and that where possible you keep us updated on progress. Due to the number of people needing prayer we are now having a weekly list and a monthly one. If you have requested prayer and the name seems to have been removed and they are still in need of prayer please ask for the name to be put back. Generally names will be on for four weeks but that can always be extended. Thank you for your understanding.

Sheffield Diocesan Podcasts

The Diocese has recently started a weekly podcast called Words of Grace. Tim was interviewed a couple of weeks ago and the interview is available on the church website, along with a link to the Words of Grace podcast series.
<https://stmarysecclesfield.org.uk/>

Lent 2024 at St Mary's.

Praying the Passion with Saint Luke.

On Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in Church:
13th March, Jesus is sentenced to death (Luke 23:13-26).
20th March The Crucifixion (Luke 23:32-50).

For more information see Tim. God bless, Tim

Food Bank

Donations in kind can now be made to support the St Paul's Food Bank. Please leave in the boxes at the back of church – Thank You, Katharine.

Pastoral Care

During these unusual times it is difficult to be always aware of any members of the congregation who are unwell or in need of prayer, so if you know of any such concern it would be helpful if you could let Tim or Stephanie know. Thank you.

Would you like to donate but don't carry cash? Not a problem

You can donate with your credit or debit card using our contactless giving device at the back of church. Alternatively, just scan this QR code using your mobile phone to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!

For further information speak to our Treasurer, Chris Harper



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2 Corinthians 1:3-7.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Children's Hymn:

529

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Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and he holds us in his hands.
Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and he holds us in his hands.
He's higher than a skyscraper
and he's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
and beyond my wildest dreams.
And he's known me and he's loved me
since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
of God's amazing plan.
Our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God,
our God is a great big God
and he holds us in his hands.
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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near, and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!
Bless the Lord, O my soul...

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Father God,
I wonder how I managed to exist
without the knowledge of your parenthood
and your loving care.
But now I am your child,
I am adopted in your family
and I can never be alone,
'cause, Father God, you're there beside me.
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises,
for evermore.

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Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), based on Birjina gaztettobat zegoen

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame
All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden, Mary,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!
2. 'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be.
All generations laud and honour thee.
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
`To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
`My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady! Gloria!
4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;
and Christian folk throughout the work will ever say:
`Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

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1. Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.
2. Such love, stilling my restlessness,
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.
3. Such love springs from eternity;
such love, streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

‘Good, good Father’

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

*You're a Good Good Father, it's who you are
It's who you are, it's who You are
And I'm loved by you, it's who I am
It's who I am, it's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide
I know we're all searching for answers, only you provide
You know just what we need before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
(repeat as led)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still (as You call me deeper still)
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love

1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.