

Prayers for Today



The Diocesan Prayer

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

Renew us as we make your love known;

Release us to share freely together in mission; and

Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.

Give us courage, wisdom and Compassion, that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for Sunday 21st April

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Post Communion Collect

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

Thank You



Mothers' Union

A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Cream Tea event on Wed 17th. It was a lovely afternoon and we raised £719.87. For Away From It All, a Mothers' Union project in the Sheffield Diocese. The project provides a caravan holiday for families whose life has been met with adversity and these holidays are very much appreciated.

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the April event. £500 was raised for our Church funds.



The Trustees (PCC) would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the **SMITE** team - volunteers who keep the Church and Hall/Stable in such good order including the grounds (want to join the team, speak to Derek or Roger).

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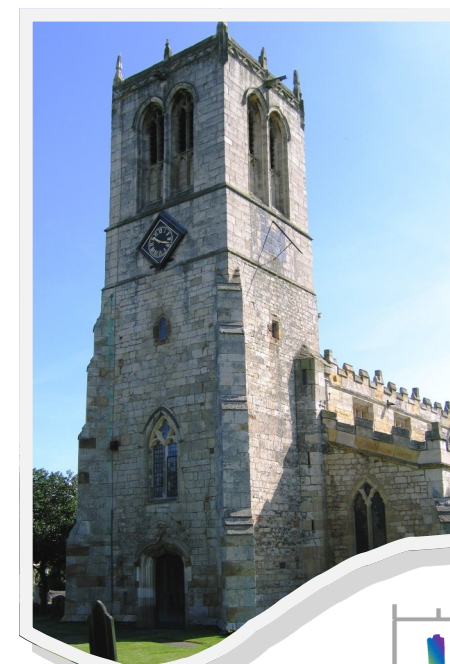
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Newsletter notices before midday Thursday.

NEWSLETTER

St Mary's Church 21st April 2024



Worshipping God—Welcoming All

Today's Service

Thought for the day:

“The Good Shepherd knows his sheep”



Today's Readings

Acts 4.5-12


Pew Bible Page 112
(The New Testament)


Gospel John
10.11-18


Pew Bible Page 96
(The New Testament)

Next week's readings will be:
Acts 8.26-40 & John 15.1-8


Notices

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held in the Church Hall Sunday 28th April at midday  (faith lunch - so bring a dish) please do join us. This year there are 8 PCC Trustees spaces to be filled and 2 Church Wardens. Are you being called?

 **Foodbank** - need is greater than ever. Tinned, dried and packet foods. Also hygiene and domestic household products **Donations need to be in date.** Thank you.

Church Explorers Week - 25th May-2nd June. The Diocese are promoting an event to encourage people to visit our churches across the diocese.  The proposal is to provide refreshments at **St Mary's on Saturday 1st June - 10am-3pm.** Can you help? Looking for volunteers to cover on the day and bake some goodies. Sign up sheet at back of Church.

 After a successful and much enjoyed Lent course, why not join one of our **fellowship groups** that meet in an evening once/twice a month! Speak to Robert, Irene or Amanda.

Prayer Pointers - we would like to encourage everyone to pray during the week for the upcoming *Annual Parochial Meeting*. Our collective prayers are needed to help support a positive engagement of new Trustees and Church Wardens to the PCC. A strong PCC means a strong Church. Amen. 

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What's On





The Stable—Every Tuesday 9.45-11.30am Coffee, cake & chat, it will be nice to see you. Monies raised for the Stable Renovation Fund.

Forget Me Not Café - First Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall - 1.30-3.30pm





 **Jigsaw Library Second Thursday** of the month. An opportunity to borrow a jigsaw and have a coffee with friends in The Stable 1.00pm-3.00pm


Craft-antics - 10am-4.00pm  **The Stable Third Friday** of the month, just bring a packed lunch, or drop in when you want. A craft & chat

 **Mothers' Union 7.30-9.30pm** Meetings **Third Monday** of each month in The Stable. If you would like more details or to join, please speak to Helen Harwood

Singing Group - Back in Church - check with Karen for details. 

 Informal meeting of our **male parishioners in the Ivanhoe at 7.30pm Third Monday** of each month.

Starting Rite - Sept 2024 - 4 week course that is for babies under 1 yr old. See poster/leaflets for full details. 

 **The Ecumenical Bible Study Group - Fortnightly study of 2.00-3.30pm** – Copley House, Park Drive - 26th April - speak to Betty if you would like more information.