



St Mark's Woodthorpe

A heart for the Community

10th February 2019

#All Welcome

#All Involved

#All Sent

Welcome to St Mark's

Welcome to this growing church! We hope you feel at home. If you have any questions, just ask. Talks and further information can be found on our website:
www.stmarksonline.co.uk

Matana (Burundi) Appeal

Thank you so much for your generosity to this appeal. We have this week sent £2180 (which includes gift aid) over to Burundi to the Diocese of Matana to help towards rebuilding the livelihoods of those affected by the fire. Bishop Seth writes 'Thank you very much once again, may the Lord bless you abundantly in Christ'.

Toilets/Porch Fund

We are delighted to announce that our wonderful new toilets/baby changing and front porch area are now open and ready to use. A big thank you to everyone who has made this possible. Donations to this project are welcome by bank transfer: sort code: 20-63-25, a/c 90703753, reference Porch, a/c name StMarksWoodthorpe (no spaces). Let Jackie Carey know if can be Gift Aided. Confidential finance email: smwft@outlook.com
We also accept cash or cheque (PCC StMarksWoodthorpe). Please mark envelope "Porch" and "Gift Aid" if able.

Decorating of the Tower Room

As we continue to reorder the Hospitality Area, we will be redecorating the Tower Room. It will have new heaters, will be freshly redecorated, and will house a nice settee and coffee tables. Whilst we recognise that some of the youth gravitate towards this space on Sunday (for a cosy chat) this space also lends itself to being a private space for breast-feeding mums, and a quiet space for private conversation and prayer. As we prepare to decorate, please collect any equipment or resources that are currently housed there. If you have any queries, please see Jack.

The Church Friendship Group

This group seeks to bring kids together to have fun and build lasting friendships. Meets once a month, alternating between Friday after school & Sunday afternoon: Sunday 10th Feb. Venues through WhatsApp group. For more information contact Kari Lao/Jo Pratt.

Termly Leaders' Evening: Tuesday 12th February

For all those who lead, or aspire to lead, either at church or in other spheres - 7.15pm refreshments. All Welcome!

Promises Auction and Light Supper

Guy Heywood is running the London Marathon for Action Against Hunger, a charity seeking to eradicate hunger around the world. As well as preparing to run 26.2 miles, Guy is hosting a Promises Auction on Saturday 16th February, 7.30pm at St Marks Church Hall. Local businesses and those further afield have donated many promises to be auctioned off during the evening. Tickets are £10 each to include a light supper and available from Guy 07876 574430.

Café Church

Sunday 17th February. Coffee Bar opens at 10.15am (service begins at 10.45am). Cafe Church is an inter-generational, informal model of church which enables us to explore different topics in a relaxed cafe-style atmosphere. At February's Cafe Church we will be exploring 'The Art of Failure' and why failing is an important part of life. There will be discussion around tables, interviews, interactive fun and reflection. For more info contact revjack01@gmail.com.

If you could bake or bring cakes/biscuits for February's Cafe Church (Sunday 17th) please drop Jack a line to let her know: revjack01@gmail.com Our Cafe Church hospitality is always fantastic and much appreciated!

Younger Youth Film Night

On Tuesday 19th February (during school holidays) the members of the younger youth group are invited to come along to the church hall lounge for a movie night! We will be watching The Incredibles 2 and eating lots of popcorn (provided). Children will need to be dropped off at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start and collected again at 8.30pm. Please make sure that we have the correct contact details in case of emergency.

Reloved, Saturday 2nd March

Any help would be gratefully appreciated for the Friday afternoon set-up and hospitality, sale and car parking teams during the evening. On the Saturday we will need help for the sale itself, car parking, re-sort and clean-up teams. This will be supported by the Reloved team who will provide encouragement and guidance and plenty of refreshments! Please spread the word to advertise the sale, flyers available.

Additional Needs Training Day

On Saturday 9th March we will be holding a training session to help us to better understand some of the additional needs some of our children and young people may have or that we may encounter in the future. It will cover a range of conditions such as Autism, ADHD & Dyslexia along with more physical needs such as being wheelchair bound or visually impaired. This should hopefully help to make St Mark's more inclusive and accessible for all. Please see Jackie Fuller for more details and to book your place.

Experience Easter

Following the success of Experience Christmas, we will be holding an Experience Easter event after the Community Easter Hunt on Easter Monday (22nd April). If you would like to be part of making this wonderful event come to life by helping to share the amazing story of Jesus' Resurrection with the wider public, please see Jackie Fuller. It will be a fantastic day for all to enjoy.

Newsletter

To reduce our use of plastic, please can Newsletter distributors return the clear plastic bags to church so that they can be re-used, thank you.

Would you like to join a home group?

The majority of adults at St Mark's are part of a mid-week small group. These give opportunities to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each group has a unique flavour...

Visit www.stmarksonline.co.uk and click on: About Us – Mid-week Groups

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St Mark's is a caring church where every member is encouraged to love and support others. In pastoral situations, home groups are normally the first point of contact. We also have a pastoral team. Our local hospitals have trained chaplains available who offer support, prayer and Holy Communion. However, if you urgently need to make contact with a member of clergy, please use the following numbers when the church office is closed:

Bryan Mallows (Warden) 07884 062337
John Sargent (Warden) 0115 952 2275
Pat Simpson (Safeguarding) 07816 908133
Sue Roberts (Pastoral Team) 0115 953 7949

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th February 2019 – 4 before Lent

8.45am Holy Communion
Psalm 138
Luke 5:1-11
Leader: Matt, Preacher: Matt

10.30am Morning Service
Luke 5:1-11
Leader: Jack, Preacher: Matt

6.00pm Evening Service
Psalm 138:1-8
Luke 5:1-11
Leader: Pat S, Preacher: Matt

Wednesday

10.00am Tiddlywinks

Thursday

9.00am Parish Prayer (Chapel)
10.30am Coffee at Catherine's

Sunday 17th February 2019 – 3 before Lent

8.45am Morning Prayer
Leader: Diana M, Preacher: John C

10.30am Café Church
Leader: Jack

6.00pm Communion
Leader: Matt, Preacher: Chris D



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Church Office:

Monday 9.30am – 11.30am
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If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail about news and upcoming events at St Mark's, please e-mail stmarkscirculations@gmail.com. This e-mail address will also send prayer requests and any urgent information

Please note that photographs/videos may be taken, but exercise discretion and consideration.

Safeguarding legislation requires us to make referrals without consent, if a child or vulnerable adult is potentially at risk

Let's pray for the following:

Those recovering from operations.

Our elderly who are no longer able to attend church.

Parish Prayer

Bonington Road, Gretton Road
Staff and Pupils of Arnold Hill Comprehensive

Friends in Burundi

Please pray for Bishop Seth and the staff of Matana diocese as they try to help families that have lost their businesses as a result of the fire that destroyed Matana market.

Azaria Spencer in Guatemala

Azaria asks that we pray for her Spanish as she has now started some conversational based lessons.

This month's Person to Pray for

Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye as he leads the Diocese of Matana and seeks to encourage pastors working in very poor, rural areas.

