

St Margaret's Frizinghall

March Newsletter

If this is your first time with us or are visiting, we're happy you are joining us today! If you have any questions or would like to find out more about St Margaret's then please speak to a member of our welcome team, Churchwarden or Service leaders. We hope you will join us for after-service refreshments (we make a great cup of tea!)

Church News

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Vision Sunday on the 2nd February! It was great to see everyone so engaged, and we got LOTS of great ideas about how to put our five key priorities into action. The leadership team will now look at which ideas can be put into practice straight away, which ones will require more planning, and which ones we need a miracle from God to implement! Lent has just started, and we would love for all members of St. Margaret's to be part of one of our five lent groups. It is not too late to join one if you have not already signed up for one of the groups. We have groups on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and on Monday lunchtime. Have a look at the signup sheets at the back of church, or chat to Jamie for more information.

Our annual meeting (APCM) will on the 29th March at 10am. This is a chance to reflect on what God has done in the life of the church over the last year, and look forward to the year ahead. We will also take a look at our finances and elect people for different roles in our church, including churchwardens and PCC members.

Due to a new job role, Olau will not be able to be a churchwarden next year. So do pray that the Lord will provide two new churchwardens at the APCM. And why not consider becoming a churchwarden yourself? We are planning to have one churchwarden responsible for the fabric and finance of the church, who will have the full support and encouragement of the Fabric and Finance team behind them. The other churchwarden will be responsible for the spiritual growth and development of the church, and will have the full support and encouragement of the leadership team behind them. With such great people supporting them, who wouldn't want to become a churchwarden?!

Services

Sunday 1st March - 10am: Service of the Word
Speaker: Colin Wright

Sunday 8th March - 10am: Holy Communion
Speaker: Matt Sanderson

Sunday 16th March- 10am: United service
Speaker: Jamie Dow

Sunday 22nd March- 10am: Holy Communion
Speaker: TBC

Sunday 29th March- 10am: Annual Meeting (APCM)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th March – “What’s the Story about Easter ?” An annual event to which the year 5 classes from Frizinghall Primary School are invited. We tell 8 stories about Easter at both morning and afternoon sessions. The children are given worksheets and refreshments. Help on the day is needed as is help on the Wednesday and Thursday [25th, 26th] in the setting up of the Story Telling stations. If you have any availability and/or would like further information please talk to Trevor or Helen Longman.

Wednesday 4th March - Meal in the church all 12pm for 12:30 serving

Thursday 5th March – Over 50’s meeting in the crèche room @ 2pm. No Holy Communion
Please come in through the bottom door on St Margaret’s Road

Lent Groups

Lent Group A

Wednesdays 11th, 18th and 25th March @ 7:00-8:30
Venue: Church Hall / ‘Sparklers’ Lounge.
Leader: Brian Adams

Lent Group B

Mondays 24th Feb, 9th and 23rd March @ 12:45-2:45
Host: Tammy Gore. Leader: Helen Longman

Lent Group C

Thursdays 5th, 19th March & 2nd April @ 7:45-9:30
Host & Leader: Jamie Dow

Lent Group D

Mondays 9th, 16th & 23rd March @ 8:00-9:30
Host: Richard & Lizzie Temple. Leaders: Rhys & Steph North.

Lent Group E

Wednesdays 4th, 18th March & 1st April @ 8:00-9:30
Host: Jennie Sanderson. Leader: Amy Sattin.

Regular Weekly Events

Tuesdays: 9.45-11.45am - PATCH

Wednesdays: Places of welcome cafe & knitting group 10am-12pm

Thursdays: Keep-fit for the over 50’s Christ Church Windhill 10:15 – 11:45am

Thursdays: -Homework club 6.30-7.15pm

Diocese Events

11th, 18th, 25th March @ 1830: Lent course

Pilgrimage, Bradford cathedral with Canon Andrew Tawn. Holy Ways and Sacred Places; the Journey of the Bible; Worship as a Journey

Prayer Space

There will be no church prayer on Wednesday evening, 4 March. Please do join in Lent Groups this month though, and get praying there!

St. Margaret's Wednesdays (yes, a change from Monday!)

A couple months ago, Jamie preached on the passage where Jesus' disciples were in a storm at sea, while Jesus lay asleep in the boat. Jamie encouraged us not to "row harder" when we face challenges but to "ask for help!" instead. God knows what we need as a church - so, let's join together to ask for help and see how God wants to provide for our needs!

4 March

The APCM (annual church meeting) is on 29 March. Let's pray that God raises up the people needed in various roles within the church, especially for two new church wardens. This is an important role in the church - let's ask God to provide!

11 March

Lent groups are underway! Let's pray that each person in SMCF is able to be part of a group and that God builds our relationships with Him and with one another through the groups.

18 March

Please pray for the Leadership Team and PCC as they seek to make wise decisions for the church. Pray God will guide them about how to pursue the priorities we have for the next couple years.

25 March

Pray that God will raise up more leaders for our youth. We're grateful for those who volunteer, but we need more people who would be passionate about building into the youth. God sees this need - let's ask Him to fill it!

We also continue to pray for all those suffering in body, mind, spirit or grief



Missed a sermon? Listen again to all our sermons & talks via our website!

Have something for next month's newsletter? The submission deadline will be Monday 23rd March. Please email items directly to our administrator: Amy Milner, (amy@amadmin.co.uk) and copy in Olau (olau@smcf-church.org.uk)