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ST JOHN'S NEWS

5th February 2012

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LEPROSY DAY

1 CORINTHIANS
15:50-58

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

If you are a visitor today, we hope you enjoy your time with us and feel at home here. If you'd like to know more about us, do ask one of our Welcome team for our "What's On" leaflet, and fill in the form on the back of this sheet.

What's On This Week

Sunday 5th

3RD BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) - Parish Centre
- 10.30am Holy Communion - Newton Hall, with Guest Preacher, James Greig
- 12.30pm Leprosy Mission Lunch - Parish Centre
- 4.00pm Welcome to Bishop of Doncaster -
Sheffield Cathedral
- 6.00pm D group - 41 Housley Park

Monday 6th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer - Parish Centre
- 7.30pm Real Lives Steering group - Parish Centre

Tuesday 7th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer - Parish Centre

Wednesday 8th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer - Parish Centre
- 7.30pm Element - Parish Centre

Thursday 9th

- 9.00am Morning Prayer - Parish Centre
- 6.30pm E89 - Parish Centre

Fri day 10th

- 7.00pm Valentine's Dinner - Parish Centre

Saturday 11th

- 10.00am Marriage Preparation - Parish Centre

Sunday 12th

2ND BEFORE LENT

- 8.00am Holy Communion - Parish Centre
- 10.30am Baptism & Blessing - Newton Hall
- 6.00pm D group - 41 Housley Park

Collect for Third Sunday before Lent

**Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORLD LEPROSY DAY TODAY

Today as we support our friends at the Leprosy Mission, we mark World Leprosy Day - thinking of millions across the world whose lives are still blighted by this disease. We are delighted to welcome back James Greig, our local Leprosy Mission representative, who will be preaching at our 10.30am service. And at 12.30pm we have a special lunch for the Mission, complete with prize quiz! If you didn't manage to book, but would like to come, please speak to Rick as you leave church today. And here's two great ways you could raise funds for the mission:

- **Collection boxes:** you can get these from Bev or Mark Johnson, and as soon as they're full, bring them to church for Bev and Mark to empty and return.
- **Used stamps:** any used stamps you have can be used to raise funds, so just bring them in and give them to Bev or Mark.

NEW BISHOP OF DONCASTER

There will be a special service of welcome for the new Bishop of Doncaster Peter Burrows in Sheffield Cathedral TONIGHT at 4pm, all are welcome. He is married to Jane and have two adult children. Among his interests are all forms of motor sport but particularly Formula 1, and cooking Indian food! If you would like a lift to his welcome service, speak to Rick.



VALENTINES DINNER

Tickets going fast for Valentines Dinner THIS FRIDAY 10th Feb at the Parish Centre. £10 per head for a 3 course meal with entertainment. Please bring your own drink, and glasses. Proceeds for our young people to go to Soul Survivor in July. See Ben or Fee as soon as possible.

VICAR ASKS FOR PRAYER

This Wed-Fri, Rick is attending the *Living Leadership* Pastoral Refreshment Conference, an annual event which gives encouragement and sustenance for church leaders across the country. *Living Leadership* ask us to pray for all the leaders attending the conference and while they are away. The Conference has a strong ethos of experiencing the grace of God as foundational to loving the Lord, loving the Church and continuing to love leading over the long haul. At this year's conferences there will be inspiring preaching from Terry Virgo (New Frontiers) and Peter Maiden (Operation Mobilisation). Please pray for Rick and all going that



- they will receive richly from God's grace, for their encouragement and help
- they will find the mixture of teaching, small group prayer and interaction on pastoral themes uplifting
- following the busy Christmas period, they will enjoy rest and an opportunity to feed on God
- they will love the Lord, love the Church and love leading over the coming year
- the spiritual benefit of the conference will be felt at St. John's in the year ahead.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

March 17th 6.30pm Family quiz inc Pie and Pea –Parish Centre.
Adults £4 children under 12 £2

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (New Living Translation)

⁵⁰ What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever.

⁵¹ But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.

⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.