

Notices for 21 April

Information about upcoming events, news and how to get involved below.

Patterns of worship here, Children's here, church calendar here and giving here.

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND ST. MARK'S & THE MISSION AREA:

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The meeting will be held next Sunday, **28 April at 11am** in the building and on Zoom following a shortened morning service. Prior to the meeting, please take a moment to view the following documents which <u>can all be seen here:</u>

- Annual report
- 2023 minutes
- 2024 agenda
- Annual accounts (will be uploaded over the weekend)
- Nomination forms (If you would like to stand for PCC, please send your form to the office by Wednesday 24 April)

SHARED LUNCH AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING, 28TH OF APRIL- there will be a buffet – type lunch after the meeting, to which all are welcome to stay. If you would like to make a food contribution, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or contact Briony, or the office. Donations of money towards costs are also welcome, if that would suit you better. Thank you

DOREEN GODDEN – We are saddened to learn of Doreen's death on Tuesday 9th April. Doreen was one of the few remaining people who were present when St Mark's was consecrated in September 1963 and over the last 60 years she has contributed to the educational, pastoral, social and worshipping life of this church in many ways. Her funeral will be held at St Mark's on Thursday 2 May at 10.30 am and will also be available via Zoom. The service will be followed by refreshments in the lounge whilst the family go to the crematorium. Please hold her family and many friends in your prayers at this time. Shan

ENVIRONMENT SURVEY - Environment Group is taking stock, now that we have our Eco Church Gold award, and thinking about where our focus as a church should be for the next year

or two. We would like to widen this thinking out to the whole church family and would be very grateful if you take a few minutes to think about and respond to 2 questions. Responses will be collated and we will feed back to you. Click here to submit your answers. Or email the office or complete the paper copy at the back of church.

Thinking about the climate and biodiversity emergencies:

I What do we really care about?

2 What could we and our church do next?



LIFT SHARING TO SUE & SIBYLLE'S LICENSING -

If you have expressed interest to come via coach please note the cost is prohibitive. Margaret Ainger will be supporting us to arrange car sharing instead. Are you willing to drive and offer space? Please let Margaret or the office know. Thank you.

HOLY ROOD HOUSE

CENTRE FOR HEALTH AND PASTORAL CARE



Celebrating Community

Welcome and Licensing of The Revds Sue Hammersley and Sibvlle Batten

Saturday 25th May 2024 2-5pm with afternoon tea

ST. JOHN'S RANMOOR are celebrating their 150-year anniversary in 2029 with a project called Paper, Scissor, Stone! More information about this event and the celebrations can be found here

TAIZE EVENT IN SHEFFIELD - 20 April, St Mary's Walkley, 12.30-20.00

Brother Jean-Patrick, who is the link brother to the UK, is coming for a visit in April. As part of this, he is coming to Sheffield for an afternoon, on Saturday 20th April. We will be hosting him at St Mary's Walkley, where he has kindly offered to lead a reflection, as well as having some time for discussion, silence, a shared meal and evening prayer. We would love to have as many people there as possible, all are welcome. Please do share this information widely, as we know there are now more and more Taizé prayers happening across Sheffield which is wonderful. There is a sign up sheet with more information here

FAITH PERSPECTIVES ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS - 28 April 7pm

You are invited to a meeting at St Mark's Church, Broomfield Road, Broomhill, Sheffield from 7 pm to 8.45 pm on Sunday 28 April at which we will consider the current Middle East crisis from the point of view of the three religious faiths that are involved -Jewish, Muslim and Christian. How can a just and lasting peace be secured?

The meeting will begin with four short talks by the following speakers:

- Revd Dr Casey Strine, Senior Lecturer in Ancient Near Eastern History and Literature and the Bishop of Sheffield's Adviser on Inter Faith Relations on Palestine as a Holy Land for three religions.
- Dima Shami from Sheffield's Palestinian community.
- Professor Jane Ginsborg Chair of Seven Hills Shul, formerly Sheffield and District Reform Jewish Congregation.
- Mark James Kairos Sheffield, a network of Christians in Sheffield concerned and active for justice and peace in the Holy Land.

These talks will be followed by Q and A and discussion. The meeting will end with a period of private prayer.



TOMORROW IS EARTH DAY, Monday 22nd April, when we celebrate how wonderful our beautiful planet is and recognise the threats that face it and us. Greenpeace has a dedicated page to petitions you might like to sign to show your support plus information about their Pledge To Vote for Climate Action campaign

https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/take-action. Maybe take 10 mins over a cppa today to reflect on what you value and take a small action to protect it? Environment Group



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 12th - 18th 2024

Why do we bother? 275 projects across Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, and the Caribbean. Including: Water for Gaza; new farming techniques in Malawi; Promoting women's Rights in Afghanistan; supporting communities affected by climate change in Haiti and ...

"We need to enthuse the congregation about the work of Christian Aid and help us all to realise the **extraordinary** work that they do on our behalf throughout the world. They have been at it so long that I think the danger is we take what they do for granted." **Michael Bayley**

Please offer just a few hours of time to help us raise more than ever for Christian Aid this year; deliver only envelopes, serve tea in our pop-up café 17th May in Broomhill, promote our online envelope on your social media

https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/st-marks-broomhill-and-broomhall and our own QR code for donations

It works and so does Christian Aid!!!

Please contact me Dilys if you can help 07817651178 dilysnoble@hotmail.co.uk



AUDIO RECORDINGS OF SERMONS are now on the St Mark's website. Click here.



25 February 2024 - Roots and Shoots - Shan Rush

Shan Rush

It is the second Sunday in the Christian season of Lent Shan Rush links it to the season of the year, to explore the roots of our faith

Listen Download MP3 Audio 9.3MB (13:20)
Read Download PDF Document 194.9KB

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - If you are considering baptism or confirmation and would like to discuss this further, please to talk to Beth Keith either after the service or contact on email beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk.

LENT COURSE REVIEW

On I May at 7.30pm the leaders of the lent groups are meeting on zoom to review this year's lent course and share some ideas about planning for next year. We would like to open this meeting up to anyone who attended a lent group and would like to input into the meeting. If you would like to attend please let Beth know (beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk).

The Zoom code for the meeting is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87695182787

Meeting ID: 876 9518 2787

SAVE THE DATE - Trauma Informed Ministry Day, 19 October, 9.30-14.00

An interactive workshop by Rev Hilary Ison at St Mark's Church Broomhill S10 2SE. Come and equip yourself to deal with the stresses and strains of daily life better. An interactive workshop exploring how understanding ourselves and our body's reaction to trauma better can enable us to build resilience for the future. Hilary will help us learn how to check in on ourselves and respond in a more considered and creative way, enabling us to look after ourselves and accompany others better in pastoral ministry through difficult times. We will look at how we can respond in a helpful, healthy way, both individually and collectively as congregations and communities, and the biblical and faith resources available to help. We will finish with an optional healing service. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Hilary is a great speaker who is experienced in all kinds of church leadership and teaching and a trustee for St Lukes for Clergy Wellbeing. For more information and to book Click Here

APRIL ECO TIP

This year, we will be supporting the Eco Tip calendar provided by Rocha, who gave us our Gold Eco Church Award last year, follow along for a new tip every month:

Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Reevaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options, or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot, indulge in a leisurely stroll, or opt for a bike ride along a cyclist-friendly route. Consider connecting with your local Ramblers or cycling group for shared experiences. Use the extra steps or the changed travel arrangements as a prompt to pray for God's creation, nature's preservation and the reduction in fossil fuel usage



Michael Miller writes:

I am concerned that the world's attention and support for Ukraine's resistance against Russian aggression is waning. Please keep thinking of them. If you want to help directly here are some worthwhile charities.

The initiative of President Zelensky, **United24** is the official fundraising platform of Ukraine https://u24.gov.ua/

Medicines To Ukraine Pharmacists across Europe are using their expertise to organize the sourcing, logistics and the safe delivery of specialist medicines to where most needed by Ukrainian casualties. https://medicinestoukraine.com/

Insulate Ukraine windows are triple-glazed polyethylene windows designed provide cheap replacements for war damaged ones. They insulate like double glazing, let light through, cost only £12 per square metre, and can be built at home in 15 minutes from basic materials. https://www.insulate-ukraine.org/

Serhiy Prytula Charity Foundation is focused on strengthening the Defence Forces of Ukraine and providing assistance to the civilians affected by Russian aggression. https://prytulafoundation.org/en/