



Notices for 09 March

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

Patterns of worship [here](#), Children's [here](#), church calendar [here](#) and giving [here](#).

NEWS AT ST MARK'S:

REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL - Under the Church Representation Rules, we are required to form a new Electoral Roll in 2025 (as part of the 6 year cycle which the rules specify). Everyone who wishes to be included on the new roll, whether they are on the present Roll or not, must complete an application form by 10 April at the latest if you would like to vote at our 2025 APCM on April 27 after the 10am service. To be on the Electoral Roll, you have to be aged 16 or over, a baptised member of the Church of England or of another Church (in communion with the CofE) and be resident in the parish or have worshipped here regularly for the last 6 months. **You will find paper forms at the back of church**, alternatively please complete this form digitally and return it to the office: office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk

[Application for enrolment on the electoral roll at St Mark's Broomhill](#)

While we revise our electoral roll and as part of our efforts to improve communication, we would like to know whether you currently receive our **weekly email**. If you do not and would like to sign up please complete this form so we can gain your consent in line with GDPR: [click to sign up](#)

CHANGE OF ZOOM CODE – Please note that some of the codes we use on Zoom have been changed. Do check our weekly e-mail for details. If you do not receive this e-mail, do complete the consent form via the link above so you can be added to the list. Codes will no longer be available via our website.

LARGE PRINT RESOURCES - If you need a larger print version of Mark's Messenger or find it difficult to see the liturgy on the screen at church, please contact Zoe or Shan and we can arrange for a copy to be printed and left at the back of church or in in your pigeonhole.

COFFEE CONCERT & LENT LUNCH - After the service on **9 March** there will be a Coffee Concert of piano music by Zulfiqar Willington which will be followed by a simple Lent Lunch.

GOOD NEWS AND THANKS – After Richard Hide shared some of his lived experience of working in and building relationships with people in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the impact the current escalation of hostilities is having on projects there, you very generously donated **£2,040** which has been sent via Richard to Indigenous rights NGO ADELIPO-Congo to support their work with orphans who have been abandoned as a result of natural disasters, conflict and rape. This will be used to help sustain the provision of food, clothing and medical care during the current crisis. Thank you very much. Donations are now closed for this appeal but we look forward to hearing how your generosity has helped and letting you know. Shan & Richard

SAD NEWS - I'm sorry to let you know that following a protracted period of ill health, Judith Crawshaw, a faithful and well known member of the 8 am congregation died suddenly in hospital on 3 March. Please hold Judith, her husband John and their family, and all her friends in your prayers at this time. Details of Judith's funeral will be shared once it is arranged. Shan


ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH

PARLIAMENT- You will be aware of the current debate on assisted dying and the legislation going through parliament. Many of you are interested and have expressed differing views on this - some are in support of the bill whilst others are against it. Some people have already been active in writing to their MP, to show support, or to raise reservations about the bill. There is certainly not a 'correct Christian' view on it. **On Sunday 9th March at 7pm we are holding a panel discussion** with Revd Dr Mark Newitt (chaplain) and Dr Rachel Vedder (palliative care consultant) to explore this. More information below.

St Mark's Broomhill presents

THINKING FAITH

On the second Sunday of each month we tackle a different topic, with a panel discussion, and lots of time for questions and responses from guest speakers.





9 MARCH 7PM
END OF LIFE ISSUES

There will be a summary of the Assisted Dying Bill followed by hearing about the lived experience of working with end of life care with:

Rachel Vedder is a consultant in Palliative Medicine working in Barnsley and has worked in palliative care for 20 years

Mark Newitt is an experienced healthcare chaplain who holds a number of different roles, including working in palliative care settings

 Broomfield Road, Sheffield, S10 2SE 
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CAR PARKING: If you wish to use a visitors' space as a one-off, to attend the hospital, please contact Briony or Tim, so we know you are not a "rogue" parker. Thank you for your co-operation.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: Public

Consultation. The process for the appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury is underway and, a key part of this, is the extensive consultation exercise taking place in February and March. **Wherever you are based, your views matter.**

You can find more information about the questions being asked and how you can participate [here](#)

This consultation closes on 31 March, so please ensure your response is submitted by that date. Your feedback will play a vital role in shaping the decision-making process on who should be nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

HELP OUT AT ST MARK'S:

LUNCH CLUB - If you have some free time on Wednesdays around midday and are interested in helping at **Lunch Club**, please speak to **Jean** or **Briony** to find out more – hot lunch included!

WELCOME TEAMS - would very much appreciate some additional help. If you would like to be involved (one morning every 6 weeks) in this role of welcoming people and serving refreshments, please speak to **Jean** or **Maria** or email jean_baxter5@hotmail.com. Thank you.

LENT LUNCH: A simple lunch will also be offered on 6 April. All are welcome to stay. If anyone would like to co-ordinate this, please contact Briony.

COULD YOU WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR MARK'S MESSENGER? – The next edition of Mark's Messenger will be in June and will be edited by Shan. If you have an article, book review or photograph you would like me to consider for inclusion, please send it to me by the end of April. The theme for this edition will be healing, wholeness and peace. Thank you. Shan

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST MARK'S:

LENT COURSE 2025: THE PARABLES

Lent Groups this year will be looking at some of the parables we find in the gospels. To do this the group will be using storytelling and drawing on Paula Gooder's book *The Parables*. Hopefully you have now heard from your group leader about your course, please get in touch if you haven't.

BURIAL OF ASHES, SHIRLEY ELLINS -Some of you may remember Shirley Ellins who died in April 2023. She had been attending St Mark's and the Methodist Church before the covid lockdown. We are holding a short service of remembrance and burying her ashes in the Garden of Remembrance on 18th March at 2pm, followed by a cup of tea and cake in the lounge. Rosie, her stepdaughter, would like to invite anyone who knew Shirley to join with us.

23 MARCH – We will have our usual 8am, 10am and 7pm services. If you are planning on attending St Mark's church on this date – do plan ahead and check the route of **Sheffield Half Marathon** which starts and ends in Sheffield city Centre. Your journey to or from church could well be affected by road closures which will start from 08.30 that morning.

HOLY GROUND - 7pm Sunday 30 March St Mark's:

A Service to explore Wellbeing, Healing and Wholeness especially for all those who find Mothering Sunday hard. Led by Louise Castle and Lizzie Illsley this is a reflective service with space to simply 'be' with God and receive anointing for healing & prayer. All welcome, no need to book.

27 APRIL - Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in church immediately after the shortened morning service. At the meeting, we review the past, assess where we are now and look ahead at where we are heading over the next year or so. We'll hear something of Beth's vision for St Mark's, receive the Annual report in which we share various aspects of the ministry of St Mark's over the last year, thank those who are standing down from lay and ordained service, elect new people into various roles, our treasurer presents the budget and there is an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns before we look forward to how we can work together to support the mission and ministry of St Mark's as we reach out to the world. Please do

save the date so you can attend and be part of this important meeting. If you want to vote or stand for election, you do need to be registered on our electoral roll. Do ask us for more details about being on PCC and the Electoral Roll. *Beth & Shan*

27 APRIL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH - After our APCM we plan to have a bring and share lunch to which all are welcome.

CONFIRMATION - If you would like to be baptised and/or confirmed at Sheffield Cathedral on Easter Eve (19th April) please have a chat with Beth asap or email her on beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY:

ST JOHN'S – OUR MISSION PARTNER - Scissors Paper Stone is hosting a series of events at St John's Church in 2025, exploring the lives of those who shaped the Ranmoor community. These events include guided tours, talks, exhibitions, and workshops, offering a fascinating insight into local history. Please support them by attending events or spreading the word. More details can be found [HERE](#)

MENTAL HEALTH & CHRISTIANITY

CONFERENCE – 22 March, Wesley Hall Crookes. Aimed at ordained or lay, who are working or volunteering with people in churches and Christian organisations. However, it is open to anyone who is interested. The Conference aims to deliver a high standard of information based upon both science and experience while respecting and incorporating the Christian faith. **The Keynote Speaker is theologian Dr Simon Hewitt—Lecturer in Philosophy and Religion at Leeds University, he also** draws on his own experience of bipolar disorder. Lunch and refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Suggested donation of £12.00 but pay as you can also available. [Tickets and more information here](#)



The poster for the Mental Health & Christianity Conference features a purple background. On the left, there is a logo with a green cross and the text 'Mental Health & Christianity'. Below this, the title 'MENTAL HEALTH & CHRISTIANITY CONFERENCE' is written in white. A QR code is positioned next to the title, with a 'Book now' button and a curved arrow pointing to it. Below the QR code is the URL 'https://MHandCConference.eventbrite.co.uk'. At the bottom left, a logo for the Sheffield Methodist Circuit is shown with the text 'Organised by Sheffield Methodist Circuit'. On the right side of the poster, there is a photograph of Dr. Simon Hewitt sitting on a rock in a natural setting. To the right of the photo, his name and title are listed: 'Dr Simon Hewitt, Lecturer in Philosophy & Religion, Leeds University'. At the bottom right, the date and location are specified: 'Saturday 22nd March, 2025, Wesley Hall Methodist Church, Crookes, Sheffield'.



THE UNCONTROLLING LOVE OF GOD - Join us at Highgate House Conference Centre, Northamptonshire, to discuss ideas that will change the way you think about the divine. Based around a series of set piece dialogues, this conference will open up avenues of theological thought that challenge the mainstream consensus that 'God' is all powerful and fundamentally 'in control'. Drawing on work from scholars and

practitioners from various parts of the Christian tradition, we will question these certainties and explore other ways of understanding the nature of God. [More here](#)

TO ALL THOSE WITH TEENAGERS: The National Youth Orchestra will be performing at the City Hall on Wednesday 16th April and tickets are free for teens! "The musicians will bring Stravinsky's Petrushka to life, with shifting rhythms and harmonies dancing between each instrument, creating an intoxicating world of sound. A palpable connection between the Orchestra

and the soloist is central to Jennifer Higdon's Percussion Concerto with Jordan Ashman, BBC Young Musician of the Year 2022, as soloist. Tickets £22 | Tickets free for teens"

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

JOB VACANCIES

Three Part-time Roles:

- Director of Reader Training (.5 FTE)
- Tutor for Alternative Learning Pathway (.4 FTE)
- Academic and Formational Tutor (.2 FTE)

- Closing Date Sunday, 23rd March
- Interviews on Monday, 7 April 2025 at the St Hild offices, Stocks Bank Rd, Mirfield WF14 0BW

[Click link for more information](#)



ST HILD

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URBAN THEOLOGY UNION- is looking for a part time administrator, initially 12 hours a week at Victoria Hall, Sheffield, and, from September 2025, six hours a week home working. Details can be obtained from office@utusheffield.org.uk

THE ENVIRONMENT:

ECO TIPS

Shop Second Hand

Save money, mix up your style, protect the planet. Ditch damaging fast fashion and get some feel-good threads instead. Charity shops and second-hand clothes apps are great places to look for brands you already wear and love and to find some new outfit inspiration.

Second-hand kitchenware, tools and toys can also keep more cash in your wallet and help reduce the amount of stuff being produced, which is good for the planet. And don't forget to take your unwanted items with you to donate.

(Source Friends of the Earth)

Eco tips from congregation members are welcome - please send them to the church office.