



Notices for 23 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:

23 MARCH Sheffield Half Marathon - We will have our usual 8am, 10am and 7pm services. If you are planning on attending St Mark's church on Sunday – 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our current Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, the Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, who is going to serve as the Suffragan Bishop of Wakefield from June this year. His duties in Sheffield will end on Easter Sunday and he will be consecrated Bishop in York minister on 11 June. Malcolm has been a great advocate and encourager of the ministry of St Mark's and we wish him well as he moves onto the next phase of his ministry.

SAVE THE DATES:

ST MARK'S CHURCH
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 13 April 8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist* 7pm Via Dolorosa reflective service of readings and music	Good Friday - 18 April 9.45am All Age Activities crafts, walk and picnic 12-3pm Meditation at the foot of the cross
Maundy Thursday - 17 April 5.15pm Godly Play Story & Meal Age 4+, please book in advance 8pm Last Supper, with stripping of the altar and The Watch	Easter Day- 20 April 5.45am Taizé Dawn Service on The Green 8am BCP Communion* 10am Festive All-Age Service* followed by Easter Egg Hunt

*Service also on zoom

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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

A few people have had difficulty sending on the form. Once you add your information, you will need to save the form and then send an email of the saved form to the office. We don't receive the details if you just complete the form. We have added the form in different formats, as we think it may be an issue if trying to complete the form from a mobile. Any issues, please do contact the office.

[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](#)

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.

JUDITH CRAWSHAW - Judith's funeral will be a celebration of her life and will be held at St Mark's Church on Friday 28 March at 11.30am. The family request we wear something colourful rather than all black. Refreshments in the lounge will follow the service. Please hold Judith, her husband John, their family and all her friends in your prayers at this time. Shan

LOST PROPERTY will be displayed in the entrance corridor on 23 March. On 30 March items can be purchased, then the rest will go to a charity shop.

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:

HOLY GROUND - Healing Service on Mothering Sunday, 7pm Sunday 30 March


Mother's Day can be a cause for celebration but for some of us can be a difficult time. Please join us for a Healing and Wholeness Service with reflective, sacred space where we can explore together what we find hard about Mothering Sunday and recall the loving God who Mothers us. Lasting about 45 minutes, this informal service will use music, poetry and thought provoking prayer stations to help us pause, meet and walk with God. There will be an opportunity to have your hands anointed for healing or simply to light a candle and be still for a while. Everyone is Welcome- please come and join us!

THINKING FAITH

6 APRIL 7PM

Cross Talk - The Meanings of the Death of Jesus


How do you understand the death of Jesus? A victory?
A sacrifice? How do you interpret the Bible? How does the death of Jesus make a difference to your life?



Each month, we explore a new topic. This month, come and hear, reflect, and ask questions about the death of Jesus with Ian Wallis, interviewed by Robyn Vesey.

Ian Wallis is a former Vicar of St Mark's with 35 years experience of ordained ministry. He has taught at Cambridge and Durham Universities among others. He helps church communities relate contemporary Christian practice to the original impulse of faith embodied in Jesus.

Wherever you are coming from, whatever you have been told, and whatever you believe, we hope you will join us for this open, thoughtful discussion.



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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.



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Palm Sunday - 13 April <i>All-Age</i> 10am Gathering on the Green: Re-Telling the story of Holy Week	Good Friday - 18 April <i>All-Age</i> 9.45am Crafts & Hot Cross buns 10.30am Porter Valley Walk & Picnic (leaving from Church)
Maundy Thursday - 17 April <i>Age 4+ please book in advance</i> 5.15pm Arrivals and foot washing 5.30pm Godly Play Story & Meal	Easter Day- 20 April 10am Festive All-Age Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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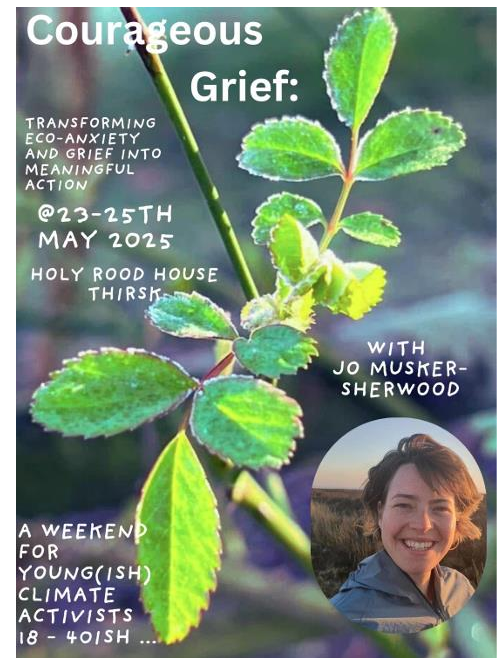
WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY:

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](#)

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"

COURAGEOUS GRIEF – Transforming Eco-anxiety and Grief into Meaningful **Action** 23-25th May 2025 at Holy Rood House in Thirsk. [More here](#)

HOLBERRY - This new play by David Price about Sheffield's famous Chartist revolutionary, Samuel Holberry, is to be performed as a dramatised play reading with music at **Upper Chapel** at **7 pm on Saturday 21 June** - the anniversary of Holberry's death at the age of 27 in 1842. Proceeds will go to church funds. We need many actors, including a young man to play Holberry and a child. Rehearsals on 21 June and 2 or 3 occasions before that. No experience needed. If interested, please contact David Price at davidprice2@googlemail.com or 0114 296 0806.



THE ENVIRONMENT:

SUPPORT DAVID CASTLE - Some of you will know David Castle who was a congregation member for a while and is Net Zero Officer for Sheffield Diocese. He is abseiling from the bell tower at Rotherham Minster to raise money for their heat pump plans. Please support him if you can, [click here](#)

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.