

Notices for 20 April – Easter Day

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

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

ST MARK'S APCM

Next Sunday 27 April is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), it will be held in church immediately after a shortened morning service. We will review the past, assess where we are now and look ahead at where we are heading over the next year including hearing something of Beth's vision for St Mark's. We will thank those standing down and elect new people into various roles and our treasurer will present the budget. There will be an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns. The paperwork for the meeting including the latest annual report, the minutes from last year, the agenda and the latest electoral roll is now <u>published here on the website</u>. The treasures report will also be published in the same space soon, please keep an eye our prior to the meeting. If you didn't make it on to the electoral roll, you can still sign up at the back of church and be able to vote in the meeting next year.

After the APCM, there will be a bring and share lunch, all are welcome to stay. Do sign up on the sheet at the back of church to let us know what you might bring.

NEWS AT ST MARK'S:

COVER OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – With Zoe heading off on parental leave we are looking for cover of the roll of Operations Co-ordinator. We are looking for someone with excellent administrative skills to join the St Mark's team on an 8-month fixed term basis. Duties include maintaining the church office and systems, communications, managing our room hire, working with volunteers and supporting the staff team. 20 hours per week at £17 per hour. More information on the St Mark's website. Apply by letter with CV to Revd Beth Keith beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk by Sunday 27th April. Interviews planned for 7th May. More information here



ST MARK'S ENVIRONMENT GROUP 2025 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 'NATURE IN MY BACK YARD'

Join in the fun and capture pictures of your local environment on the theme of 'Nature In My Back Yard'. There are three age categories: Primary school age children, Secondary school age children and Adults. Maximum of 3 photos per person. Closing date 25st May. Entries to be emailed to: participatestmarks@gmail.com Look out for the poster for more information





WEEKLY E-MAIL & CONTACT - As part of our efforts to improve communication, we would like to invite you to receive our **weekly email**. If you do not already receive it and would like to do so, please complete this form so we can gain your consent in line with GDPR: <u>click to sign up</u>

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.



ELECTRIC BIKE FOR SALE - 2019 Giant E-bike for sale £600 ono. In near new condition (less than 250 miles), Giant Dailytour e+1, Frame size Medium, has all manuals. Contact Zoe office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk

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.

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:

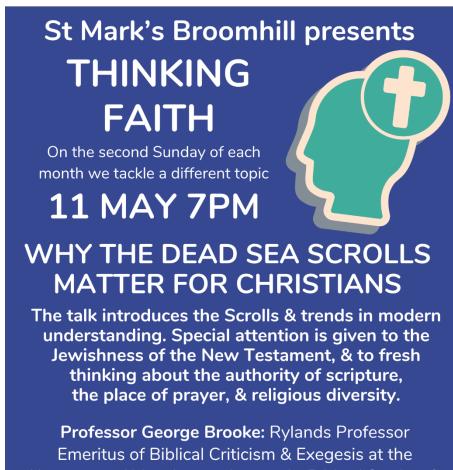
11-17 May 2025 CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Please participate in St Mark's fundraising activities to provide vital tools and training, so farmers can support their community to escape hunger as well as offering disaster relief.



- This year we want to deliver CHRISTIAN AID envelopes to as many houses, flats, student accommodation as possible in the parish.
- We are hoping to repeat our POP UP CAFÉ at Broomhill Methodist Church details later
- The young people and families are doing a sponsored walk over the weekend of 9th-11th May. All are welcome to join them, please see Hannah for details
- Suggestions for other fundraisers gratefully accepted so do get thinking creatively
 Thank you, Dilys Noble, St. Mark's C.Aid Lead

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: Christa Beaumont and her partner Matt Voice will be having their Civil Partnership celebration at St Mark's on 17th May at 1pm, and the congregation is warmly invited to attend. No dress code - just wear whatever makes you happy! Please e-mail matthew.a.voice@gmail.com if you're planning to attend.



Emeritus of Biblical Criticism & Exegesis at the University of Manchester, he taught Biblical Studies & Early Judaism from 1984-2016. He completed his MA at Oxford, his PhD in 1978 at Claremont Graduate School, California. He was President of the European Association of Biblical Studies from 2021- 2024.



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

THE ENVIRONMENT:

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

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 on 7 June to raise money for their heat pump plans. Please support him if you can, click here



CLIMATE AND NATURE BILL (CAN) - Thank you to all who took the time to write to their MP after the I0am service last Sunday to request ongoing support for the bill - due to be debated in July but at risk of further prevarication. 23 letters have been sent to 5 MPs. Please share responses with the Environment Group. If you missed it, you can still write to your MP here: www.writetothem.com.

SHEFFIELD ROUND WALK - The Environment Group would like to invite you to join them on the Sheffield Round Walk over the Easter weekend. This is a 15-mile circular walk around south-west Sheffield. We will be walking a different part of the route over each of the four days of Easter, and you would be welcome to join us for all or part of the walk. You may bring a friend if you wish. If interested please call, text or WhatsApp Alan on 07958 079048 or email alan@platform5.com. Details of the route can be found at www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/content/articles/sheffield-round-walk/.

ECO TIPS

Take the Train

When travelling to mainland Europe, for a lower carbon footprint consider taking the train instead of flying. Although many journeys are more expensive by train than by plane, going by train is often more affordable than you might think. The difference in price can also work out a lot less if you take into account the cost of getting to and from the airport (or parking at the airport). The Man in Seat 61 website (www.seat61.com) contains useful information about how to get to each country in Europe (and even some non-European destinations) by train and/or ferry. Alan Yearsley

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