

Notices for 27 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.

ST MARK'S APCM

This 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>. 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.

NEWS AT ST MARK'S:

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR COVER - Closing date for applications 27 April.

With Zoe heading off on parental leave we are looking for cover of the roll of Operations Coordinator. 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 27 April. Interviews planned for 7 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 25 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>

HELP OUT:

STORAGE SPACE - Does anyone happen to have any attic/garage space for some boxes and/or a couple of chairs for a year or so? If so, could you let Rosie Hunt know (rosiehunt@hotmail.co.uk). Many thanks

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 <u>jean baxter5@hotmail.com</u>. Thank you.

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 Christian Aid Lead

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: Christa Beaumont and her partner Matt Voice will be having their Civil Partnership celebration at St Mark's on 17 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.

WEDDING - Rosie Hunt and Jon Hughes are getting married on Saturday 7th June at 12.30pm at St Marks. Everyone is warmly welcome for the service and for cake, cheese, coffee and bubbly afterwards

THINKING FAITH: On the second Sunday of each month we tackle a different topic. This talk introduces the Scrolls & trends in modern understanding. Special attention is given to the Jewishness of the New Testament, & to fresh thinking about the authority of scripture, the place of prayer, & religious diversity. This session on 11 May will be offered on Zoom

This session on I I May will be offered on Zoom as well as in the building.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89515577906

Meeting ID: 895 1557 7906



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

Are churches losing faith in low-income communities?

Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane, Sheffield Thursday 29 May, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Speakers will include:

Niall Cooper, CEO of Church Action on Poverty

Revd Lucy Sablan, who has been working in Arbourthorne and is now Rector of the Manor

Nick Waterfield, Pioneer Methodist minister and community worker in the Parson Cross community

Admission is free and there is no need to book. For more information, contact Briony Broome: briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk or 07801 532 954.



THE ENVIRONMENT:

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

CLIMATE AND NATURE BILL (CAN) - Thank you to all who took the time to write to their MP 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.

