



Notices for 4 May

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:

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: [click to sign up](#)

CONFIRMATION – 15th June 10am

On June 15th Bishop Pete will be coming to our 10am service. Alongside Ian Wallis' licensing there will be baptisms and confirmations. If you are interested in getting baptised and/or confirmed please email or talk to Beth. We are running two sessions aimed at 10-17 years olds exploring the Christian faith with St Mary's on 18th May and 8th June from 3-4.30pm at St Mary's Church. These are open to everyone that age even if you have been baptised/confirmed before or if you are not yet sure if you want to be baptised/confirmed. Please let Beth know if you are planning to attend.

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 jean_baxter5@hotmail.com. Thank you.

FLOWERS- With thanks to Eve Saunders, Helen Fisher, Judith Price & Susan Whitmill for donating flowers, and Rachel Pilkington, Jean Baxter, Briony Tayler & Sue Godley for arranging

them during May. Contact Mary-Jane Ryder if you could help arrange the flowers occasionally, training provided.

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 hold a POP UP CAFÉ in Broomhill - 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**



To give directly [click here](#) or scan this QR code
Thank you, Dilys Noble, St. Mark's Christian Aid Lead



St Mark's Church
Living Thinking Loving Faith

10.30am

Saturday 10 May: Sponsored Walk



6.2km / 3.9 miles

Looping round Monsal Head and Ashford-in-the-Water from Thornbridge.

If you'd like to join us contact Hannah.





To sponsor us, please use QR code or sponsor form. Thank you!

St Mark's Broomhill presents

THINKING FAITH

On the second Sunday of each month we tackle a different topic

11 MAY 7PM

WHY THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS MATTER FOR CHRISTIANS



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 as well as in the building.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89515577906>
Meeting ID: 895 1557 7906

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.

MISSION AREA ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – Thursday 29 May 7 pm at St Mark's
Do save the date in your diaries.

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

LICENSING – We are looking forward to the licensing of Rev'd Dr Ian Wallis at St Mark's on Sunday 15 June at our 10 am service. There will be a picnic lunch afterwards on the green with activities organised by the environment group.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY:

BROOMHILL METHODIST CENTRE - is working to transform their building into a hub for community, well-being, and faith, including an exciting new project: a community bouldering wall open to all ages and abilities. They are aiming to raise up to £15,000 to unlock match funding from Sports England. To give or find out more: [click here](#)

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](#)

St John's Church, Ranmoor AFTERNOON TEA



- Come and join us to celebrate 80 years since VE Day.
- Thursday 8th May 2025
- 2pm
- Afternoon tea. Sandwiches, scones, Cake and tea/coffee.
- £15 ticket on sale from the parish office

All Proceeds go to our **Save Our Spire Appeal** **SAVE OUR SPIRE**



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.

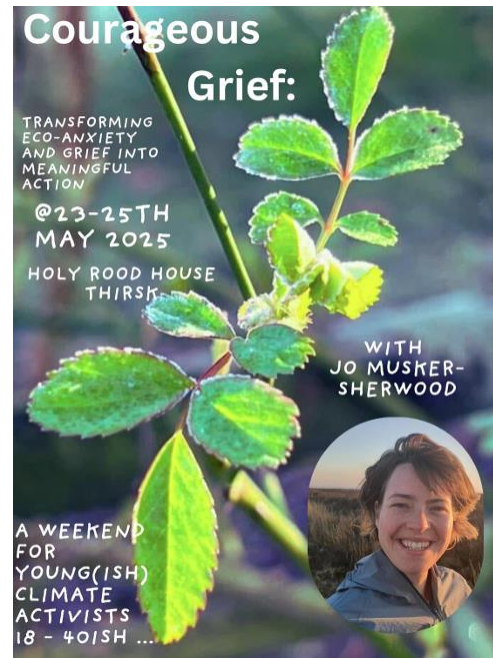


**Church Action on
Poverty in Sheffield**

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.



REPAIR CAFÉ - St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Saturday 10th May, 10am – 2pm. The St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Eco Group will hold a Repair Café on Saturday 10th May in church. Volunteer repair people will be on hand to make small repairs and teach people how they can do these themselves, with the aim of reducing waste by re-using and recycling items that would otherwise be thrown away. Please come along with your wonky stuff and get it fixed! Refreshments and lunches available. There will also be a Fairtrade stall selling a range of fairly-traded products from around the world. No charge for repairs, but any donations, and profits from the refreshments, will be in aid of Christian Aid Week.

ECO TIPS

Make space for wildlife

Make your home's green space wildlife friendly. Even a window box or doorstep pot could be a feeding pitstop for bees and insects. Plan your space and then pick the best bee-friendly plants for every season.

Consider helping care for St Mark's Green and the wildlife it shelters

Source: *Friends of the Earth*

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