

Notices for 18 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:

NEW APPOINTMENT - During Zoë's upcoming adoption leave, the Operations Co-ordinator role will be covered by Rachael Hand. Many in the church community will already know Rachael, and we are pleased to welcome her into this position. She will be starting on 2 June and will be based in the office five mornings a week. Please note that for the first few weeks she won't be in on Tuesdays. A gentle reminder that Rachael is present on Sunday mornings to worship, not to work.

UPCOMING AT ST MARK'S:

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.

BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION - 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.

MISSION AREA ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – Thursday 29 May 7pm at St Mark's

A special joint Mission Area Service to mark Ascension Day. This service will use Church of England Common Worship liturgy, so may feel more 'traditional' than our usual services, and there will be some incense used. Singers from St Mark's and St John's will combine to lead our music, and the service will be led by clergy and readers from all three churches.

And some of us will be making a sharp exit and running down to the Broomhall Centre for the discussion organised by Church Action on Poverty.

MIDSUMMER MUSIC AT ST MARK'S - A series of free to attend lunchtime concerts starting at 1.00 pm in St Mark's, in the week beginning Monday 9 June, featuring a selection of both professional and talented amateur performers. Tell your friends! More information is available [on the website here](#)

Midsummer Music at St Mark's



CONFIRMATION & LICENSING – 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 and a picnic lunch afterwards on the green with activities organised by the environment group.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION AT ST MARK'S:



ENVIRONMENT GROUP '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' – photos should be taken this spring.

There are three age categories: Primary school age children, secondary school age and children and adults. How to enter: please submit up to 3 digital photos. All entries to be emailed to participatestmarks@gmail.com. Please give your entry a title, and submit it with your name, age category, and contact details.

Photos will be printed and displayed at the back of church. All members of the congregation will be able to vote for their favourite picture in each category. 1 vote per person per category! Prizes on an environmental theme will be presented to the winner in each category.

Closing date for entries 25th May 2025

Photos displayed from Sunday 1st June for viewing and voting
Voting ends and winners announced on Sunday 15th June at the Church Picnic.

HELP OUT:

ST MARK'S GENERAL KEYS - does anyone have a copy of the St Marks General key that you have been issued for an event or when volunteering that you no longer need. Please could you arrange to hand it back with your name so we can ensure our key holders register is up to date. Thank you, Zoë

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 Taylor & Sue Godley for arranging them during May. Contact Mary-Jane Ryder if you could help arrange the flowers occasionally, training provided.

Two opportunities to help - and have a good time too!

- If you will be at *Rosie and Jon's wedding* on 7 June and could offer to serve tea, coffee, fizz and cake etc, please be in touch with Briony as soon as possible.
- *Midsummer music, 9 - 13 June*: If you would be interested in helping serve light lunches before any of the concerts - from c.11.30 - 1.30, please also contact Briony.

SHEFFIELD MINISTRY EXPERIENCE SCHEME:

Interested in a year out to explore your calling?

St Mark's is one of the placement options for the **Sheffield Ministry Experience Scheme (MES)** – a brilliant opportunity to spend a year discovering more about who God is and who you are. The scheme includes:

- A placement in a local church (like St Mark's!)
- A chance to study and grow in faith
- Support from a placement supervisor and spiritual mentor
- Time to reflect on where God might be leading you

Want to know more? Watch a [video here](#) or visit the [website here](#):

We'd love to have you with us!



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](#). Please make your donations by **6 June** so they stand the best chance of getting matched funding.

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.



ECO TIPS

Eco Tip - where to take Tetra Pak cartons?

In Sheffield, you can now recycle Tetra Pak cartons at the High Green Household Waste Recycling Centre, the Shirecliffe Household Waste Recycling Centre, The Deepcar Household Waste Recycling Centre, The Beighton Road Household Waste Recycling Centre and the Blackstock Road Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Source: Margot Fox

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