

Notices for 10 August 2025

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

Patterns of worship [here](#), Children's [here](#), church calendar [here](#) and giving [here](#).

THIS WEEK:

Open Communion

An inclusive service
for LGBTQIA people

Meets once a month

Next service
4pm on 10 August

with a cup of tea
before



Read on.....

THINKING FAITH

10 AUGUST 7PM



CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS OF
FAITH *in the* **CITY**

JOIN ALAN BILLINGS AND TERRY DRUMMOND EXPLORE WHERE WE ARE NOW 40 YEARS ON?

Revd Dr Alan Billings was a member of the Commission that brought in Faith in the City. He was the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire, 2010-2024 and was at various times: a parish priest in Sheffield; Vice Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford; Principal of the West Midland Ministerial Training Course and Acting Principal of The Queen's College, Birmingham; Director of the Centre for Ethics and Religion, Lancaster University. He is an author and former contributor to Thought for the Day on BBC Radio 4.

Terry Drummond, Church Army Evangelist with a ministry focused on linking the local church to the wider community. Including work on a housing estate, a ministry with the street homeless, and with lead responsibility for non-residential social work and policy development for the Church Army. He gave evidence to the Faith in the City commissioners, was responsible for drafting Church Army's response, and was seconded to the Inner Cities Unit of the government, working on behalf of the Church of England, as a response to the publication of Faith in the City. He will shortly be submitting a PhD Thesis on Urban Mission and Ministry in the Church of England after the report Mission-Shaped Church.



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NEWS:

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ARCHDEACON OF SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM - The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield, has appointed the Revd Canon David Gerrard as the next Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham. David is currently the Area Dean of Wakefield and Vicar of St Catherine's Church in the Parish of East Wakefield in the Diocese of Leeds. Ordained in 2012, David trained for ministry at Trinity College, Bristol, following an earlier career in education. He has served in Wakefield since 2016 and was appointed Area Dean in 2019. In recognition of his leadership and service, he was made an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral in 2023. Deeply committed to community engagement, David leads a range of outreach initiatives through the parishes' community centres (St Catherine's and St Swithun's) and founded the Every Good Work youth and social action project. He is also the author of a Lent devotional book exploring stories from Genesis, 'Creation to New Creation'. David is married to Carole, and they have two daughters. He loves walking, playing music (badly!), reading, all things Sci-Fi (especially Star Trek) and being with his family.

PRAYING AND PETITIONING FOR PEACE - St Andrew's Psalter Lane church will be open on each Wednesday in August, 12 - 1.30-pm, for people to go in to pray for peace. It is hoped that this will give encouragement to those very many people who are distressed and disheartened at the lack of trust and readiness to resort to violence that human beings worldwide increasingly seem to be exhibiting. As Christians, whatever else we may or may not do, we are called to pray.

WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO? – The current situation involving Israel and Gaza is a sensitive one and raises many issues. Whilst we believe in equal rights and dignity for both Palestinians and Israeli's, what is very clear is the strength of feeling and condemnation of the Israeli government's military operations in and around Gaza that are killing civilians and have led to a humanitarian catastrophe. There are a number of people at St Mark's working to help the children of Gaza and their families by:

- advocating for political change by writing to our Prime Minister, MPs or the Israeli Ambassador here in the UK. See an example you can send [here](#)
- boycotting supermarkets that stock products from countries contravening human rights. You can find more details of how to do this [here](#)
- donating to humanitarian aid charities – The DEC have updated their appeal for aid and address the question “What is happening in Gaza and can DEC charities still provide aid?” To read this or donate, please look [here](#)
- joining vigils
- signing petitions demanding the immediate lifting of Israel's total blockade of Gaza to allow full and safe humanitarian access, as well as condemning the use of starvation as a weapon of war.

If you feel challenged by these issues and want some inspiration to help you take the next step to do something, do listen to Boyd's sermon [here](#) or have a chat with Nick Jowett, Joe Forde, Michael Bayley or Michael Miller, all of whom are willing to share their thoughts with you.

SAD NEWS – By now, some of you will know that my mum, Kay, who I have been caring for in Somerset for the last 5 years died peacefully at home on Sunday 20 July at mid-day. My brother and I were both with her and are pleased she was able to remain in her own home with the support of family and carers. Although many of you never met mum in person, she very much felt part of the St Mark's community as she joined me on Zoom most Thursdays and Sundays. Thank you to all of you for your prayers and encouragement, especially over the last couple of months as mum became increasingly frail and debilitated following a fall and a subsequent chest infection. I will be in Sheffield on 10th August as

planned, then will return to Somerset for mum's funeral before coming back to Sheffield more permanently. Mum's funeral will be a simple service on Tuesday 12 August at 1pm and will be live streamed as we have relatives abroad. We are happy for any of you who wish to join to do so. Details are in the weekly e-mail this week. Be assured I appreciate your messages of condolences and anecdotes and please accept my thanks via this message and continue to hold mum, me, David (my brother), and our families and friends in your prayers. With love, Shan x



GREENBELT FESTIVAL

Those of you who are going to Greenbelt this summer, have a look out for Jo Musker-Sherwood. Jo is one of the speakers at the festival, talking about resistance, activism, and burnout recovery, drawing on burnout recovery practices from across the world, and the wisdom of grief tending practices and nature/ body connection.

And if you're thinking you'd like to hear about this, but aren't going to Greenbelt, watch this space. We have some plans coming together for later in the year.

NIGHT SERVICE CANCELLED ON 24 AUGUST.

With various people away at Greenbelt, and it being the August bank holiday weekend we have decided to cancel night service on Sunday 24 August.

JULIAN PRAYER UPDATE – From now until the start of September, Julian Prayer will just be offered via a weekly e-mail to those people who have requested to receive it. Apologies to those of you who like to join on Zoom or in the chapel but due to other commitments, at the current time we do not have sufficient people to sustain facilitating it in person. We will keep the situation under review and let you know when we can restart the Zoom sessions in the first instance.

ST MARK'S OFFICE HOURS While Rachael is covering our Operations Coordinator role, her working hours will be 9:30 to 1:30 Monday to Friday. It would be appreciated if items for the notices are received by close of work on Wednesdays as the notices are designed, proofread and frozen into PDF on Thursday mornings. As a lone worker, Rachael is choosing to keep the outer doors locked, so please email or phone ahead if there are items you need to drop off/ collect. The building will be open as usual during Tim's working hours 1pm to 5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

SECURITY AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING A polite reminder to all keyholders, to please lock up when you leave. Recently on different occasions, windows and the main doors have been found open first thing in the morning. Please do NOT return borrowed items by leaving them in the porch outside the main doors.

WEEKDAY USERS OF THE CAR PARK Please be aware that the padlock code changed on Monday 28 July. We have contacted those people from church who need to know; if we've missed anyone out, please contact carparkingstmarks@gmail.com *not the office*.

LATEST EDITION OF THE MESSENGER is available on the website. Printed copies can also be found at the back of church (donation to cover printing would be appreciated). To join the email circulation list, please email the office.

SOCIAL SECURITY TWO CHILD LIMIT – Response from Abtisam Mohammad MP

On Sunday 1 June, Mark James and I offered members of the Congregation an opportunity to sign a letter to local MPs, calling on the Government to end the two-child limit in social security, which is greatly increasing child poverty. Abtisam Mohammad MP has now given a full and positive reply, which she has asked to be relayed to members of the congregation. You can read the letter we sent [here](#), and Abtisam's response [here](#). *David Price*

UPCOMING AT ST MARK'S:



The poster features a dark background with a vibrant, colorful nebula or starburst pattern in shades of purple, blue, and orange. In the top left corner is a circular logo with a stylized 'M' and 'S' in yellow and blue. The text is centered and reads: '7:30PM | 9 SEP' followed by 'ST MARK'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR'. Below this, 'FUNDRAISING' is written in a smaller font, and 'QUIZ NIGHT' is in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, 'SUGGESTED DONATION: £8/PERSON' is displayed. The venue information '@ STEEL CAULDRON TEA ROOM & TAVERN 3 SPOONER ROAD, BROOMHILL' is listed next. At the bottom, it says 'GATHER YOUR TEAMS & BOOK YOUR PLACES ASAP!...' and a QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

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Read on for more events....

Coming to St Marks
'JUST' ECONOMICS? with Ann Pettifor

Political Economist

Saturday 20 September 2025

9.30 am to 1.00pm

Free Admission - donations invited

Booking now open!



Internationally-acclaimed economist, Ann Pettifor, will offer critical analysis of prevailing governmental strategies before outlining an alternative ethically driven, environmentally-responsible approach in which economics serves the common good. Expect to be challenged, informed and inspired.

Registration

Admission is free, but delegates must register either beforehand via Eventbrite or on the day on the door. Donations are invited and can be made in advance on the day via Givealittle.

Register [here](#)

Donate [here](#)



Friday 26th September 2025
8.00 pm
St Marks Church, Broomhill, S10 2SE
No tickets required!
Sheffield Sinfonietta
Directed by Gordon Busbridge from the Harpsichord

Programme Includes:

J.S. Bach - Suite No.3 in D major for Three Trumpets, Timpani and Strings
Telemann - Concerto for Three Trumpets and Strings
Vivaldi - Concerto for Two Violins in A minor
J.S.Bach - Brandenburg Concerto No.3 in G major

Including soloist David Tonkin - Trumpet

Violin soloists- Hannah Thompson-Smith and Charlotte Pinder

Please come and bring friends These concerts have been truly amazing

HELP OUT:

PRESERVE FLAVOURS NOW FOR ENJOYMENT LATER - Now is the perfect time for making homemade jams, chutneys and preserves over the summer / early autumn. If you can, please put back a jar clearly labelled with the ingredients and bring to church from 21 September ready for us to sell on 5 October when we celebrate harvest festival.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER – Would you be interested in joining the Church Library Group? The role is not onerous as the Library Group only meets up about two to three times a year. You would join their rota and be available to offer advice and support to library users at the main 10.00am Sunday service every couple of months or so. If you are interested, please contact Joe Forde, Church Librarian, [at joe.forde@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:joe.forde@tiscali.co.uk)

MEALTRAIN – Just as we support families with a new baby, we would like to support Zoë and Leyla as they adopt 2 children (Age 2 & 4 years) into their family. They would prefer to have a meal a week for several weeks than a block of daily meals as this will help them establish a routine. If you could prepare meat or vegetarian cottage pie, cheesy pasta, meatballs in sauce, sausage and mash or spaghetti bolognese (the children's favourite) for a Wednesday starting on 18 June and ending on 10 September, please contact Shan who will send you the link for the MealTrain. Thank you

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.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS As in years past, St Mark's will be open as part of the Heritage Open Days programme, on 16 and 19 September. We need volunteers to staff the period when we are open, between 13:00 and 17:00 on Tuesday (16.09) and 10:00 and 14:00 on Friday (19.09). There are useful notes available about the church, its architecture and its stained glass to help you with the task. Contact Philip Booth 0114 2550634.

FLOWERS- thanks to Maureen Whitebrook, Stuart Bennett, Lenni Oglesby, Peter Ryder, Shelagh Marston & Cicely Chibnall for donating flowers, and Rachel Pilkington, Jennifer Hurrell & Briony Tayler for arranging them during August. Contact Mary-Jane Ryder if you could help arrange the flowers occasionally, training provided.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY:

OUR MISSION PARTNER St John's Ranmoor

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](#)

STORIES OF HOPE AND HUMANITY FROM THE NHS – live storytelling evening.

18 September at 7.30pm. - Montgomery Theatre. Register via Eventbrite [here](#).

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

ECO TIPS

Eco Tip – Reduce, Re-use, Recycle everything

Repairing or fixing something is more environmentally friendly than simply throwing it away, although the latter may seem easier and cheaper sometimes. The internet gives you access to the tools and information you need to fix practically anything. Chances are that you're already recycling, but check out the Recycling Guide the Environment Group pulled together with information on where to recycle things locally in Sheffield. St M's Recycling Opportunities e.xlsx

Source: Good Energy

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