



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 15 June 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:

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 bring your own picnic lunch afterwards on the green.



NATURE PICNIC ON THE GREEN - 15 JUNE 12pm till 1:30pm.

Come and join us for an informal and fun picnic on our lovely church green. There will be nature-based activities and games for children, free home-made lemonade and elderflower cordial, and a bookstall for your holiday reading. Bring your own food. Talk to us about what being an Eco Church means.

As part of this event there will be a plant stall. Please bring any surplus young plants you have and come prepared to browse and buy. Any help on the stall will be very welcome. Everything to be purchased via donations.

NEWS:

THANK YOU to everyone who organised or supported our fund-raising activities for **Christian Aid Week**. Through the envelopes in church and online, envelopes delivered, church cake sale and family sponsored walk, we raised an amazing £2075.33 and there will be an additional £300+ to add from Gift Aid. For 80 years, Christian Aid has been fighting poverty and injustice and your support means they can continue this vital work with communities who need it most. Thank you!

Dilys and Shan

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

JUDY ROBINSON – There will be a celebration of Judy's life at St Mark's on 6 July at 2pm. Please hold Judy, her stepfamily and friends in your prayers.

Message from Lynn Pockcock

Sunday July 6th 2pm - the executors for Judy Robinson are planning to hold a celebration of Judy's life on Sunday July 6th at St Marks. Judy was part of many different communities and aid in planning the executors would like an idea of rough numbers of those coming. If you hope to attend, please email catherineellis29@gmail.com. Additionally, if you would like to help serving teas, could you let me know on lynn_pocock@yahoo.com. I know many of you will have worked on various projects or committees with Judy while she worshipped with us, I'd appreciate anecdotes or information about your shared experiences. Again, you could email them to me, I would be very grateful. With thanks , Lynn

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY PCC

1. Finance – we are currently expecting a significant surplus this year. This is because we have not been employing an associate priest since Beth became vicar in January.
2. New clergy post – work is being done on a new associate priest post and we hope to advertise later in the year.
3. The children and families had a fabulous time away camping at Thornbridge.
4. Improvements have been made to smoke detectors, safety lighting and smoke alarms.

Minutes from meetings can be found on our PCC noticeboard in the corridor. We are in the process of updating our PCC noticeboard so it should be up to date in a few weeks' time.

UPCOMING AT ST MARK'S:



HOLBERRY: You are invited to come to the dramatised play reading of this new historical play by David Price at 7 pm on Saturday 21st June 2025 at Upper Chapel, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JD. Entry is free and no tickets are required, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of St Mark's Church and Upper Chapel. The play tells the story of a Chartist plot, led by a young ex-soldier called Samuel Holberry, to seize control of Sheffield on the night of 11/12 January 1840. The cast includes 16 members of our congregation.

(Bas relief of Holberry, left, by Isobel Baxter)

HELP OUT:

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 Dilys Noble, Rosalind Rogerson, Alan North, Wendy Mass & Mabel Padfield for donating flowers, and Trisha Morgan, Briony Tayler, Alan & Sue Godley for arranging

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

CLIMBING EXPERTISE WANTED -There is a 7.6 metre long ladder leading up to the spire balcony. This has no handrail and climbing it is a daunting prospect for non-climbers. We would like advice about providing a safety rope. If you can help please contact Briony Tayler phone number 011 42350174 or email briony@professor3.f9.co.uk

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:

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](#)

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

CAN BILL - Thank you to the 23 folk who wrote letters to their MPs in support of the Climate and Nature Bill after the morning service a few weeks ago. Replies have been coming in. [See here for the responses.](#) Coming up: Read more about the mass lobby of MPs being planned by the Climate Coalition for July 9th <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/act-now-change-forever>. The Bill is scheduled for debate in Parliament on July 11th. Let's keep letting our MPs know our concern for God's creation.

FROM DESPAIR TO EMPOWERMENT - Saturday 14th June 2025, 10:30am - 16:30pm

Location: City of Sanctuary S1 2PD

From Despair to Empowerment or How to Face the Mess We're in without Going Crazy! Moving from fear to creative energy, from alienation to compassion, into the discovery of what we can do to restore wholeness, harmony and peace in our lives and in our precious and endangered world. Inspiration for all those trying to keep hope alive for a more sustainable world. An antidote to numbness and paralysis. A variety of exercises to open our hearts, find our strengths and our joy in this work of healing our world and to strengthen /build a community of support, vision and

encouragement. Please bring vegan/veggie lunch as will eat together as part of this day, and cake for tea! Based on the work of Joanna Macy, lifelong campaigner, now 94 and still going strong!



ECO TIPS

Eco Tip - Spend time in Nature

Research shows that time outside in natural landscapes is good for our physical and mental health, but 69% of people in the UK told Friends of the Earth that they don't experience nature as much as they'd like to. The more people get to know local green spaces and the wildlife that lives there, the more they'll want to protect them. And reconnecting with Mother Nature can also help calm the feelings of stress and fear associated with eco-anxiety.

Source: Friends of the Earth

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