

Notices for 29 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:

FINDING GOD IN NATURE – 29 June 7pm Night Service on the Green. You are invited to a gentle and reflective service of healing and wholeness, held outdoors in the church grounds. This is a space to slow down, to explore the beauty of our outdoor space, and to encounter God in creation. There will be time for quiet reflection, meditation on the green, and simple liturgy and prayers for healing, peace, and renewal. The service is being led by Beth and will last about 45 minutes.

NEWS:

UPDATED 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, family sponsored walk and the book sale at the church picnic, we raised an amazing **£2380.33** and there will be an additional £600+ 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

EXPLORATION OF HEALING DAY Saturday 28 June 9am-2pm, at The Vine at St Barts, Primrose Hill, Langsett, Sheffield. S6 2UW. The program has been designed both as an introduction to Healing Ministry and also to build on last year's event. It will finish with a Service of Healing and Anointing. Join with colleagues from around the diocese to learn from each other, pass on your experience, and network at this free event. For more information and to book click here Don't forget to bring your lunch - see you there!

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 bolognaise (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

EMAIL HACKING – a member of the congregation has had their email hacked. If you have received a suspicious email, feel free to delete it. If you do not reply to the email or click on any links, then your own email is secure. If your own email is ever hacked, change your password as soon as possible.

ST MARK'S OFFICE HOURS While Rachael is covering our Operations Coordinator role, the office will be open 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.

NEW EDITION OF THE MESSENGER out now! Available on the website. Printed copies at the back of church (donation to cover printing would be appreciated). To join the email circulation list, please email the office.

UPCOMING AT ST MARK'S:

SHEFFIELD CHRISTIAN AID NIGHT HIKE

This annual fundraising event for Christian Aid is taking place on Saturday 5th July. It is a 9 mile evening hike, starting and ending in Hathersage. Further details and information on how to register can be found on our website <u>http://www.sheffieldnighthike.org.uk</u>.

JUDY ROBINSON – There will be a celebration of Judy's life at St Mark's and on Zoom on 6 July at 2pm. If you want to join via Zoom, the code will be in the weekly e-mail sent out to members of the congregation on a Friday.

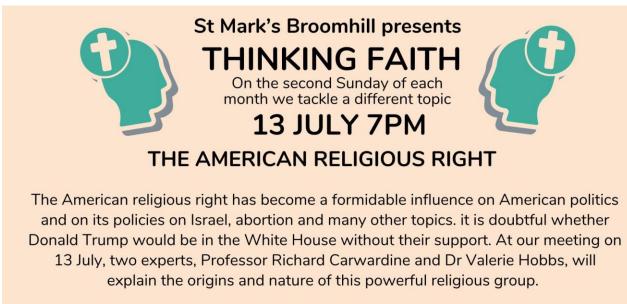
Judy was part of many different communities and aid in planning the executors would like an idea of rough numbers of those coming. If you hope to attend, please email

<u>catherineellis29@gmail.com</u>. Many of you will have worked on various projects or committees with Judy while she worshipped with us, anecdotes or information about your shared experiences would be appreciated – please email <u>lynn_pocock@yahoo.com</u>. Please hold Judy, her stepfamily and friends in your prayers.

LUNCHTIME SUMMER BBQ 13TH July.



THINKING FAITH Sunday 13th July 7pm.



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TAIZE SUMMER BBQ 20th July 5-8pm BBQ followed by Taizé service on the green from 7pm. Salad and bread provided, please bring things to put on the BBQ (meat and meat free BBQ)

'JUST' ECONOMICS??? A DAY CONFERENCE WITH ANN PETTIFOR

Saturday 20th September 2025 10am-4pm. Ann Pettifor has a formidable international reputation as an economist. Her books include *The Case for the Green New Deal* and the forthcoming *The Global Casino: How Wall Street Gambles with People and the Planet.* Ann argues that austerity measures are not needed, will not work and are undoubtedly unjust. Her approach brings a breath of fresh air and hope to a situation which increasingly looks hopeless – an approach we need to hear and weigh carefully. **Save the date!** Booking opens shortly.

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 <u>jean_baxter5@hotmail.com</u>. Thank you.

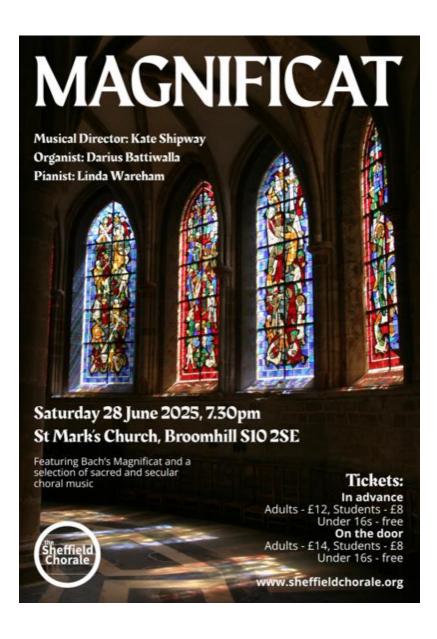
FLOWERS- With thanks to Dilys Noble, Rosalind Rogerson, Alan North, Wendy Maas & Mabel Padfield for donating flowers, and Trisha Morgan, Briony Tayler, Alan & Sue Godley for arranging them during June. Contact Mary-Jane Ryder if you could help arrange the flowers occasionally, training provided.

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 <u>briony@professor3.f9.co.uk</u>

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY:

SHEFFIELD CHORALE'S SUMMER CONCERT – MAGNIFICAT

is at St Mark's on Saturday 28 June at 7.30 pm featuring Bach's Magnificat and a selection of sacred and secular choral music. Tickets: Adults $\pounds 12$ in advance via <u>www.sheffieldchorale.org</u> or $\pounds 14$ on door; students $\pounds 8$, under 16's free.



More events below!

MUSCIALS, MOVIES AND MORE -5th July 7pm, at St Mark's.



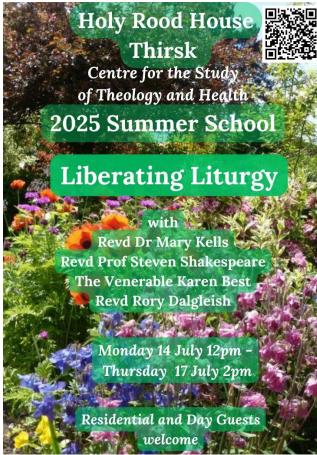
ST JOHN'S – OUR MISSION PARTNER

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 <u>HERE</u>

Summer Fair – Sunday 6th July 12:30pm to 4pm. Bouncy Castle, stalls, roast pork sandwiches, traditional crafts, lots of Entertainment, Bell Tower tours, Music, Ice-cream and more! All proceeds to the St John's Save Our Spire Appeal.



LIBERATING THEOLOGY Summer School at Holy Rood House, Thirsk, 14-17 July.



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. <u>See here for the responses.</u> Coming up: Read more about the mass lobby of MPs being planned by the Climate Coalition for July 9th <u>https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/act-now-change-forever</u>. The Bill is scheduled for debate in Parliament on July 11th. Let's keep letting our MPs know our concern for God's creation.

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.