

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark  
*Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall*  
Living Thinking Loving Faith



*Epiphany Season  
Baptism of Christ*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
at 10.00 am

# Gathering

Introit:

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

*If ye love me keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter.  
That he may bide with you for ever,  
even the Spirit of truth.*

# Welcome

The visiting President and preacher is Revd Lu Skerratt-Love,  
The Deacon is Revd Dr Beth Keith, Vicar

Welcome and singing bowl

Some official photos are being taken today.

Please do not take other photos or videos during the service

# Opening Hymn

Come down O love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner-clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;  
Nor can we guess its grace,  
Till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes their dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

*trans. Richard F Littledale (1833 - 1890)*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)*

*Tune: Down Ampney*

# Prayers of Approach

God of God,  
Light of Light  
true God of true God  
**we bless you.**

Object of the Magi's search,  
subject of an old man's song  
fulfilment of Anna's hope  
**we bless you.**

Mary's son,  
Joseph's son,  
God's own son,  
**we bless you.**

May God be with you  
**and also with you.**

# Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

Christ, the light of the world,  
has come to show us the way.

Christ came to share our lives:  
but sometimes we reject him.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for everyone:  
forgive us when we don't try to share it.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came to teach us to love:  
we're sorry when we are unkind, to ourselves and others.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

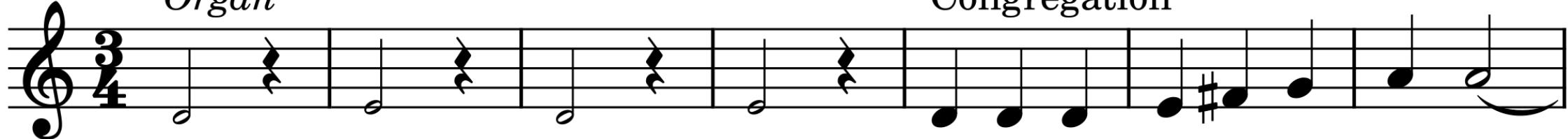
May the God of forgiveness  
heal you of all that harms you  
and lead you into life  
in all its fullness.

**Amen.**

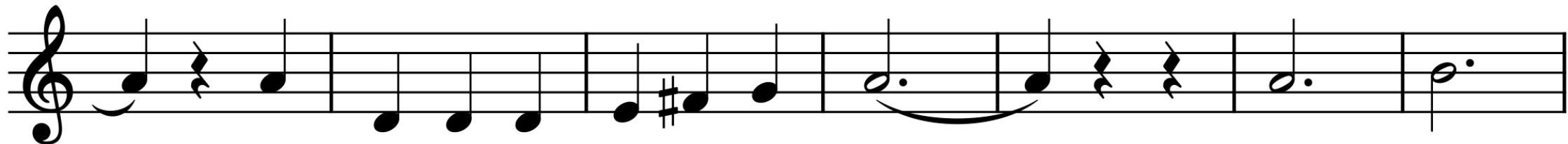
# Gloria, setting by John Rutter

*Organ*

*Congregation*

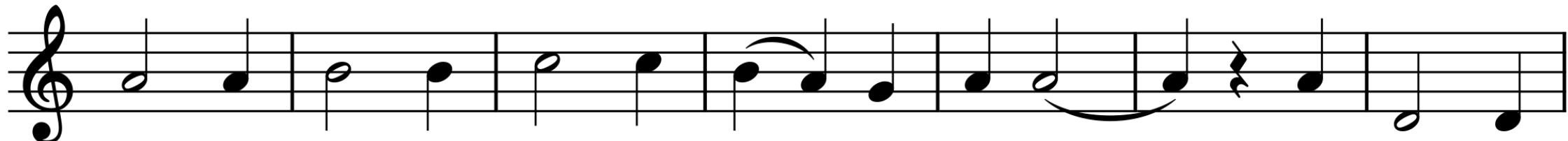


Glo-ry to God in the high-est



and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God,

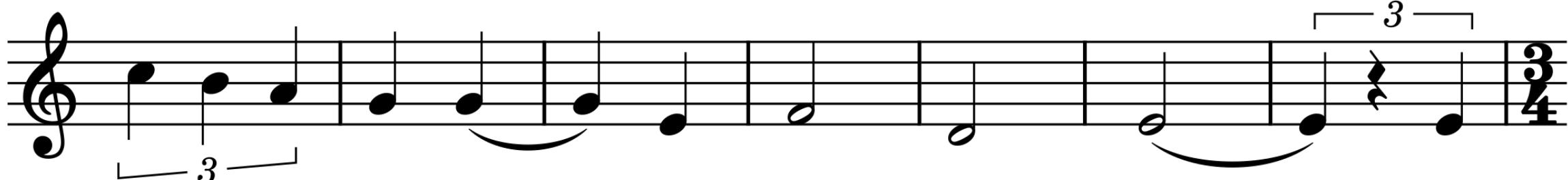
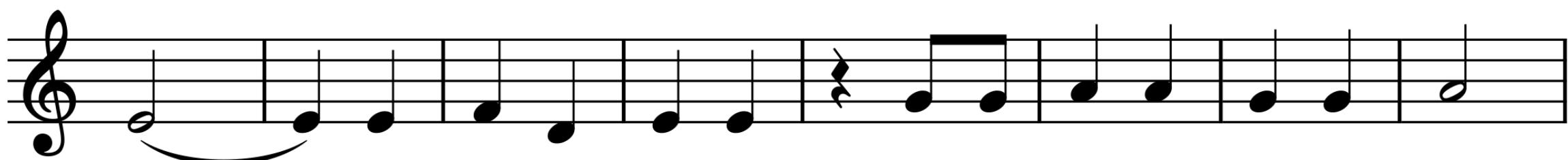
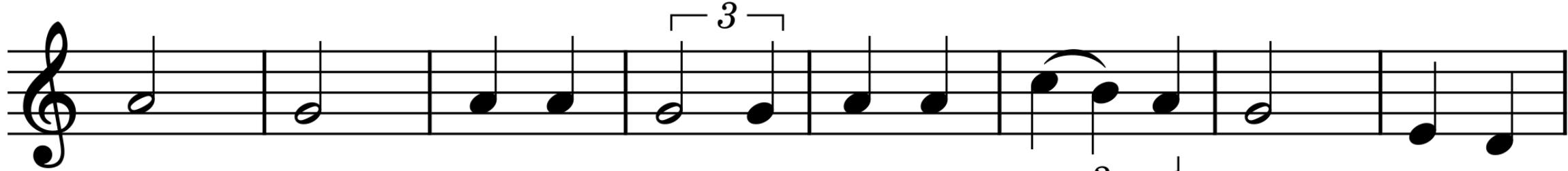


heaven-ly king, al - migh - ty God and fa-ther

We wor - ship



you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



you a - lone are the ho-ly one, you a - lone are the Lord.

You a - lone are the most high Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit. In the glo-ry of God the

fa - ther, A - men.

# The Collect

Spirit of energy and change,  
in whose power Jesus was anointed  
to be the hope of the nations:  
be poured out also upon us  
without reserve or distinction,  
that we may have confidence and strength  
to plant your justice on the earth,  
through Jesus Christ,  
**Amen**

*Janet Morley*<sup>17</sup>

# Attending

First Reading: Acts 10.34 - 43

Page 126 New Testament, NRSVA

*Read by Robin Saunders*

*At the end:*

**How is this God's light in the world?**

# Gradual Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
prophet, priest and King supreme,  
and at Cana wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest,  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed:  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now,  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807 - 1885)*  
*Charles Steggall (1826 - 1905)*  
*Tune: Tune: Saint Edmund*

# Gospel Matthew 3.13- end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Preacher: Revd Lu Skerratt-Love

*Followed by a time for quiet reflection*

# Intercession chant

The chant by Margaret Rizza is sung.

O Lord lis-ten to my prayer, my  
prayer as I call to you. O Lord lis-ten to my  
prayer, my prayer as I call to you.

# Prayers of the People

*Led by Eve Saunders*

Living light.

**May our hearts be open  
for your light to shine through us.**

*At the end*

Jesus, light of the world.

**May your love shine through us, Amen.**

# The chant is sung after the prayers:

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prayer as I call to you. O Lord lis-ten to my  
prayer, my prayer as I call to you.

# Sharing Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

# Offertory Hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as my best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldest reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811 - 1875)*

*Tune: Was Lebet*

# Abiding

## Preparation

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise  
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

# The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Giver of all blessings  
we give you thanks and praise  
for Jesus, Light of the world,  
the light which cannot be overpowered;  
we thank you that you have called us  
to walk in his light;

we praise you for the insight of the Magi,  
who by their gifts  
showed that all life is gift;  
with them, with angels and archangels  
and all who live in the light,  
we proclaim your glory singing:

*Ann Lewin*

# We sing

*Organ*      *Congregation*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord. God of truth and  
love. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.  
God of truth and love.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna... (in the highest)

*Organ*      *Congregation*

in the high-est      Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.      Ho-san - na in the high - est.

...in the highest.

# Blessed is he

who comes in the name of the Lord.

# Hosanna in the highest.

# John Rutter

Accept our praises, Lord of Light,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial  
of Christ your Son our Lord.

**Great is the mystery of faith:**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Come freshly to us now, O God,

and as we offer you our lives,

renew in us your gifts:

the gold of our potential;

the incense of our hopes and prayers;

the myrrh of healing for our pain.

Feed us and nourish us,  
that we may grow in the life of Christ  
and fill us with your Spirit  
that we may overflow with your love  
and transform the world with your glory.  
**Amen.**

# Lord's Prayer & Communion

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*The bread is broken*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*During communion we sing the Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier:*

Be - ne-dic - tus qui ve - - nit,

be - ne-dic-tus qui ve - nit, in no - mi-ne, in no - mi-ne,

no - mi-ne, in no-mi-ne Do - mi-ni.

The choir sings the anthem: O for a closer walk with God  
CV Stanford (1852 - 1924)

*Oh! for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame.*

*A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

*Return O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest.*

*I hate the sins that made thee mourn*

*and drove thee from my breast.*

*So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame.*

*So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

# Prayer of Commitment

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.**

**Dying and living,  
he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.**

*(continued...)*

**May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us;  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# Announcements

*To support the ministry of this church please use the card reader at the back of church or visit the website for more options.*

*Thank you.*

# Blessing

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself,  
**teach us to love our enemies;**

May Christ, who enters the water of baptism,  
**lead us to live in love;**

May Christ, who gives new wine for the world,  
**turn our despair into joy;**

# Blessing

and the blessing of God,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit of Life,  
rest upon you and all whom you love,  
both living and departed, now and always.

**Amen.**

# Final Hymn

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown,  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John L Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958 - 2019)*  
Tune: Kelvingrove

Go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ  
Amen.**

# Voluntary

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam - Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Thank you to Tom Corns for being our organist today.

## Friendship Time

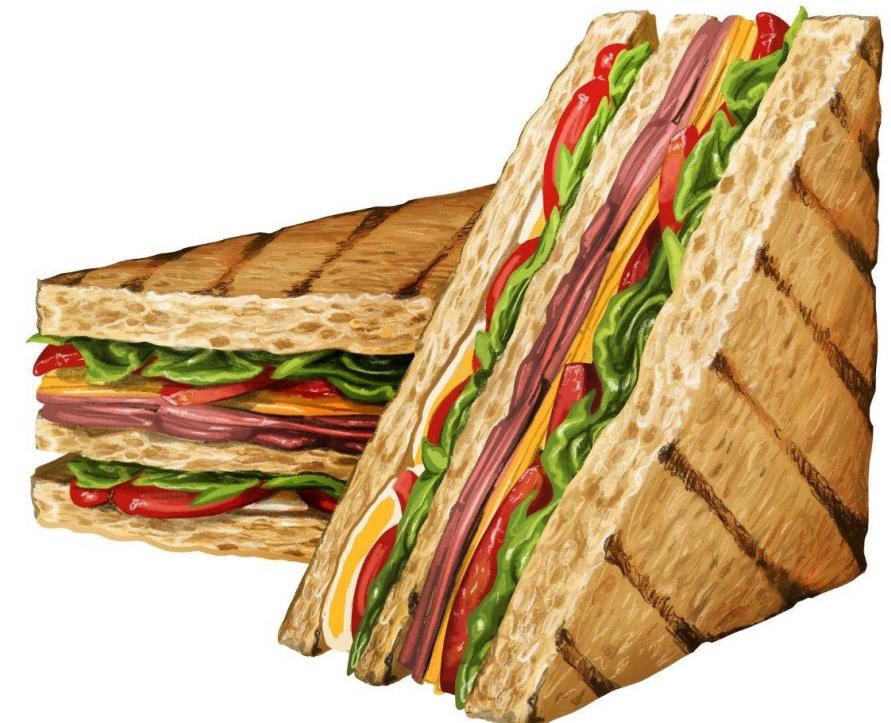
*Refreshments are served at the end  
of the service, please stay if you can.*

*For those on Zoom, we hold a breakout group  
after the voluntary to which you are welcome.*

# Sandwich Run Volunteers needed

to help provide food and drinks to people living on the streets of Sheffield

More details in the notices at the back of church and on our website



# Open Communion

An inclusive service  
for LGBTQIA people

Meets once a month

Today at 4pm  
with Revd Lu Skerratt-Love

with a cup of tea before



# THINKING FAITH

Tonight at 7pm



**Healing and wholeness:**

**Have faith communities anything to offer?**

with Dr Charlotte Bryson, Dr Alice Newitt & Revd Dr Mark Newitt

Join three healthcare specialists to explore questions including  
What is health? Are health and wholeness the same thing? Is the NHS a  
'health' service or an 'illness' service? Is there a spiritual dimension to  
health and wholeness?

There is an ongoing collection at St Mark's of good quality warm clothes and coats, as well as toiletries, shower gel and feminine personal care products.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

