



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 08 March 2026

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 AT ST MARK'S



YOUNG ADULTS 'COFFEE AFTER COFFEE'

Meeting Sunday 8 March after the 10 am service to explore the theme of disability using the Lent resource

OPEN COMMUNION – Sunday 8th March at 4pm

A service held on the Second Sunday of every month creating sacred space with all who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies. Refreshments are served from 3.30pm.

together 
For the Church of England
Sheffield Diocese Meeting
Thursday 19 March 7-9 pm
Sheffield Cathedral
Chapter House

Speakers followed by Q&A:
-Dr James Morgan
-Dr Cathy Rhodes
General Synod LLF update & election plans

All are welcome. Light refreshments provided
Contact: togethersheffield@gmail.com
Please email to RSVP and join our mailing list

A future online meeting is also planned

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION – forms available at the back of church. You need to be on the electoral roll if you want to vote at our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26 April. This year is a partial revision of the roll, which means if you are already on the electoral roll, you don't need to fill in a form. There will be a 'names only' copy of the form out of the back of church for you to check. To be on the roll you need to be baptised, be 16 years old or over, and live in the parish or have worshipped at St Marks for 6 months. **Please placed your completed forms in the letterbox provided.** Any questions, ask Pete Ryder.

THINKING FAITH

8 March 7pm



Pilgrimage

The Very Reverend Abigail 'Abi' Thompson

Dean of Sheffield Cathedral

Tom Daggett

Director of Music at Sheffield Cathedral

From the beginning, 'journey' has been both a practice within and a metaphor for the life of faith. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus summoned people to accompany him as he fulfilled an itinerant ministry. The early Jesus movement soon became known as the 'Way.' By the fourth century, pilgrimage was practised within Christianity as a means of deepening faith, with the emergence of popular sites. Although long embedded within Catholic and Orthodox spiritualities, as well as within those of other religious traditions, in recent decades its worth has been discovered much more broadly, both in sacred and secular contexts. Why has pilgrimage become so popular and what has it to offer?

Dean Abi Thompson and Tom Dagget walked part of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela last year and will return this March to complete the final 100 kilometres of the Portuguese Way, a coastal route from Vigo to Santiago, to raise funds for the Cathedral's 'Archer Project' and its 'Choir with No Name.' Tom and Dean Abi will both speak of their experiences and offer reflections on pilgrimage.



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NEWS:

ST MARK'S MESSENGER OUT NOW! - Read or download from the website, or pick up a copy from the back of church. The editor, Michael Miller, would be pleased to receive any comments about articles you found particularly enjoyable or interesting. mgm@mm1728pm.plus.com

Frances Gray will now be editing the June edition which will be based around the theme of play and recreation. Please submit all articles you would like considering for inclusion by 26 April



MAKE SURE YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE GREEN over the next few weeks while it is at its most beautiful, as befits a woodland glade. The snowdrops are still out but overtaken by the mass of crocuses. Daffodils are opening, cowslips are showing their leaves and bluebells on their way.



ST MARK'S LIBRARY GAZETTE ISSUE NUMBER TWO OUT NOW!

Hard copies available at the back of church. £5 suggested donation to cover printing costs. Also available to download from St Mark's website [here](#).

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO –

On Saturday 23 May, Shan and Siobhan are setting off on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella in Spain. We will be walking around 70 miles of the French Camino between Sarria and Santiago over 9 days starting just after Pentecost and ending the day before Corpus Christi. This is our first pilgrimage of this kind, and we will be walking independently rather than with a guided group so we would value your prayers and encouragement as we prepare as well as whilst we are walking. We will be seeking joint sponsorship and any money raised will be divided equally between Poynton Golden Memories, a voluntary support group for people affected by Dementia / Alzheimer's and our forthcoming Mission Area Weekend in July to cover some of the costs enabling everyone who would like to attend to do so. Both these projects focus on shared journeys, sharing the caring, and offering friendship and hope. Watch this space for how you can sponsor us. Shan & Siobhan



LENT LUNCHES - There will be another lunch marking the final Sunday of Lent on 22 March when we will be serving jacket potatoes with fillings and dessert. Thank you to The Home Donations Team for co-ordinating this.

Between the morning service and lunch being served, there will be two short talks connected to two of the organisations supported by St Mark's.

- Nomad Homelessness Project – which provides housing for homeless people of all backgrounds, but especially refugees.
- Together for the Church of England which encourages inclusivity in the Church of England

A MESSAGE OF THANKS FOR CANDLES FOR UKRAINE

From the Sheffield Branch of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain

St Marks was recently able to respond to an appeal for candle stubs for Ukraine. Once there, they will be melted down, mixed with paraffin and a large new wick added to form large blocks. They are then distributed to people living without power, desperately in need of light and warmth in bitter winter.

The Association says “With cold weather locally and recent local power cuts, many of us have had a small glimpse of the conditions that millions in Ukraine are facing daily. Your kindness directly supports those living in incredibly difficult circumstances. Thank you”

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT - This audit is an important opportunity for our diocese to listen honestly, learn well, and strengthen our commitment to creating environments where everyone is safe, valued and respected.

Your voice can help ensure that this independent process reflects the reality of safeguarding practice, culture and lived experience across our diocesan community.

If you have not yet completed a survey, please do so. It only takes a few minutes, and responses are anonymous and confidential, going directly to INEQE’s independent audit team. Every perspective matters, whether or not you are directly involved in safeguarding.

Safeguarding Audit Surveys – Spread the Word

Our diocese is currently taking part in an independent safeguarding audit being carried out by INEQE Safeguarding Group on behalf of the Church of England. You may already have seen information about this through earlier mailings, and we would like to thank everyone who has already taken the time to complete a survey.

The surveys are live until 11.30pm on Wednesday 11 March 2026. Every response matters, and your help in encouraging wider participation will strengthen the audit and support safer, more transparent church communities.

You can find out more and take part in the survey [here](#)

ENTRY TO ST MARK’S FROM THE CORRIDOR

From this



Which is more welcoming?



To this

Entry to St Marks

When you walk into St Mark's you are in a corridor with a selection of solid wooden doors. It is not clear which leads into the worship area. This is not very welcoming and tends to result in doors being left open which cause cold draughts in the winter.

After consultation with the church architect a design for new doors has been agreed. These have a similar design to the originals but containing glass panels. This design has been presented to the diocese for approval.

This approval has now been received and we can progress changing the doors and making St Marks more welcoming.

The doors into the chapel are changing in a similar way.

The Solution

The new doors will cost about £6,000 to manufacture and install. This cost can be met from existing fabric reserves.

However, if you were able to help to pay for the doors we could keep the reserves for other items.

If you are interested in making a donation towards the cost of the doors please talk to David, the treasurer. Alternatively, you could simply transfer your donation to the church bank account with a reference DOORS.

In the unlikely even that the appeal raises more than the cost of the doors any additional money will be used for other fabric items.

Thank you

Fabric & Finance Committee

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:



YOUNG ADULTS 'COFFEE AFTER COFFEE'

March 22nd - Asylum

April 26 – Social Fragmentation

Materials from this year's Lent course will be used to help explore these themes.

WELCOMING REVD HELENA ROULSTON - Helena's Licencing will take place on Wednesday 22 April at 7pm



Helena has recently been on the diocese podcast.

Do listen - either on the diocese website <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/our-diocese/whats-on/podcast/>

Or wherever you listen to podcasts.

It's a great way to get to know about her.

HELP OUT:

DONATING FLOWERS. If anyone would like to be added to the rota to donate flowers for a certain Sunday then please let Mary-Jane know. mjryder.ivypark@btinternet.com

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)

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.

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY



ST HILD

St Hild – short courses

St Hild is offering 5 short courses, some either online or in person, starting in April 2026.

The five St Hild short courses information and registration can be found at <https://sthild.org/flexible-options>. These options include:

L4/5 Intro to Christian Doctrine in person in Mirfield 6:30 – 9 on Wednesdays

L5 Baptist History and Principles 6 sessions Online Thursday

L4/5 Introduction to Spirituality & Discipleship/Ministry 5 sessions In Person in Sheffield 1:45 -4:30 on Mondays

L7 Advanced study of Christian Figure: Julian of Norwich 5 seminars Online on Thursdays with optional retreat at Cliff College May 16-17

L7 Advanced Christian Doctrine (Doctrine in Focus), Online Thursdays

Play Space Volunteers wanted at Mini Broomhill



The Play Space is a miniature creative play town designed to give children a safe place to play. It's more than a play space it's a community hub. If you have a friendly, approachable and calm manner, good listening skills, this could be the volunteer role for you. If you would like more information, please contact [Rose Durant](#)

Scissor Paper Stone Events at St John's Ranmoor

The Victorian who sat in the pews of St John's, the walls that enclosed them and the windows that lit them connect Ranmoor with worlds far beyond this hillside.

Saturday 7th March, 4pm, St John's Church

Wives, Widows, Spinsters: Women in Victorian Ranmoor

A talk by Val Hewson with refreshments available. Tickets £5*.

Friday 27th March, 7.30pm, Ranmoor Parish Centre

The medical networks of St John's in the late nineteenth century

A talk by Dr Jenny Stephenson with refreshments available. Tickets £5*.

Saturday 25th April, 4pm, St John's Church

Edgar Allen: 'A Man from Sheffield'

A talk by Sue Roe with refreshments available. Tickets £5*.

Thursday 21st May, 7.30pm, Ranmoor Parish Centre

From Louth to Gladstone Rd: The Servants of Ranmoor

A talk by Mary Grover with refreshments available. Tickets £5*.

Tickets for all events are available from TicketSource or the St John's Parish Office.

**These events are free to students and under 18s.*

Visit St John's website www.stjohnranmoor.org.uk to find out more about Scissors Paper Stone and to read the blog

Pigeons Project



Youth Frontier Trust Pigeons Project Festival Day

Wednesday 1 April The Greenhouse at Barnes Close Birmingham

The Pigeons Project, run by the Youth Frontier Trust offers events with and for Christian Youth and their families. The next event is on 1st April – more details on their website [here](#).

Youth Frontier Trust ask all young people to attend as part of a group with an adult group leader. A parent ally who comes to Open Communion with her family is looking to put together a group from Sheffield. To find out more contact Hannah (childrens@stmarkssheffield.co.uk)



At the Rainbow's End by Clare Summerskill

A new verbatim play addressing homophobic and transphobic abuse of older LGBTQ+ people in care and receiving care in later life.

Saturday 9th May. 3.30 and 6.30pm

Sunday 10th May 6.30pm

The Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane, Sheffield, S10 2FD

Presented as script in hand performances by Artemis theatre company, and followed by a Q&A with the writer, the audience and informed panellists.

Performances are free but booking via Eventbrite is essential

Saturday 9th May 3.30pm

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FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

ECO TIPS:

This Lent why not take part in the Climate Steward's Carbon Fast?

You'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions of

how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through Lent.

Find out more and sign up at: www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast

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