



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 15 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

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.



TAIZÉ SERVICE Sunday 15th March at 7pm

A service of singing, prayer and silence, using the pattern and style of worship practised at the Taizé Community

TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Sheffield Diocese Meeting
Thursday 19th March 7pm 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

LENT LUNCHESES - 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.

On 22nd March, 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

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.



If you would like to sponsor us, you can do so through Just Giving [here](#) or via justgiving.com and search Shan Rush.

Shan & Siobhan

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.

**ST MARK'S CHURCH
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

Palm Sunday - 29 March
10am Parish Eucharist*
7pm Via Dolorosa
reflective service of readings and music

Maundy Thursday - 2 April
7pm Last Supper,
with stripping of the altar
and The Watch

Good Friday - 3 April
9.45am All Age Activities
Crafts & Hot Cross Buns
10.30am Sensory Faith Walk & Picnic
12-3pm Meditation at the foot of the cross
12.30pm Quiet child care space
-1.30pm for parents and carers going to
the meditation at the cross.

Easter Day- 5 April
6am Dawn Service on the Green
8am BCP Communion*
10am Festive All-Age Service* followed by Easter Egg Hunt
*Service also on zoom



OPEN COMMUNION – Sunday 12th April at 4pm

with refreshments from 3.30pm

A sacred space for LGBTQ+ people, their families and friends.

THINKING FAITH – Sunday 12th April at 7pm

Populism and Democracy with Professor Bruce Edmonds

Bruce Edmonds is Director of the Centre for Policy Modelling and an Adjunct Professor at Universities in Umeå and Tromsø. He has led a Europe-wide investigation into populism in Europe and responses to it, so is well-equipped to lead our evening. Bruce will be a familiar face to many as he and his wife, Kim, worshipped at St Marks for several years.

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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will be held on Sunday 26 April, followed by a bring and share lunch.

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

KWEER – New Community Hub for LGBTQ+ people in Sheffield.

Instagram [@kwr.sheffield](https://www.instagram.com/kwr.sheffield)

Eventbrite - [Kweer Sheffield Events - 7 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

To join the whatsapp group email Kwr.sheffield@gmail.com



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.

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

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

ECO TIPS:

The Great British Spring Clean runs from 13th- 29th March and is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and helps bring people together.

Join the Broomhill litter-pick which meets at 10.30 am on Saturday 21st of March at Broomhill Library.

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