



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 22 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

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

LENT LUNCHESES - lunch on **Sunday 22 March** will be 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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is meeting this Sunday 22 March after the 10am service. They will be exploring the theme of Asylum, using materials from the Lent course.

SPRING FORWARD CLOCK CHANGE UK clocks go forward on hour at 1am Sunday 29 March

SHEFFIELD HALF MARATHON Starts at 9.30 am on 29 March and will affect traffic. Please plan your route to church!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST MARK'S

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, we warmly invite you to join us for this special time in the life of the church. Below are details of our services, along with a little insight into what each is like.

Palm Sunday – 29 March

10am Parish Eucharist. We begin Holy Week with a dramatic reading of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. This service will also be on zoom.

7pm Via Dolorosa. A reflective service of readings and music, moving prayerfully through the journey to the cross.

Maundy Thursday – 2 April

7pm Maundy Thursday Service. A communion service, including a drama depicting the Last Supper and foot washing. We gather around the table as Jesus did with his disciples, before moving into a powerful, quiet time of watching and waiting. The service includes theological reflection and ends with the stripping of the altar, followed by The Watch: an opportunity to wait in silence and pray.

Good Friday – 3 April

9.45am All Age Activities with crafts & hot cross buns. A welcoming space for all ages to engage with the story of Good Friday in creative ways followed by a Sensory Faith Walk and picnic which starts from church at 10.30am.

12–3pm Meditation at the foot of the Cross. Our Good Friday reflections will be different from last year, offering more space for reflection on the events and theology of Good Friday. We will explore themes of violence, power, and atonement, with homilies, reflection, silence and music. You are welcome to stay for the three hours as we move through the different aspects of the Good Friday story. It is also possible to come for a shorter section of the time. From 12.30 – 1.30pm there will be a childcare space upstairs, led by Hannah, for any parents or carers who would like to join in with the service in church.

Easter Day – 5 April

6am Dawn Service on the Green. We greet the risen Christ at sunrise with a Taizé service which begins outdoors around the fire and then moves into church where we renew baptismal vows, celebrate communion, and conclude with a breakfast of hot cross buns, pastries and coffee.

8am BCP Communion. A quieter, traditional celebration of the resurrection. This service will also be on zoom.

10am Festive All-Age Service. A joyful celebration as we share in the good news of Easter together, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the Green. This service will also be on Zoom.

There is no Night Service on Easter Day.

Whether you come to one service or join us throughout the week, you are very welcome. Holy Week offers us a chance to journey together through reflection, story, and hope, as we move from the cross to the joy of resurrection.



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

Palm Sunday - 29 March 10am Parish Eucharist* 7pm Via Dolorosa reflective service of readings and music	Good Friday - 3 April 9.45am All Age Activities Crafts & Hot Cross Buns 10.30am Sensory Faith Walk & Picnic
Maundy Thursday - 2 April 7pm Last Supper, with stripping of the altar and The Watch	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	

NEWS:

NEWS FROM THE MARCH PCC

PCC met this week, here are three items of news to pass on to you:

1. The annual report is nearly complete and will be out next week, in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which is happening on 26th April after a short morning service. Thanks to those who have signed up to join the electoral roll. There is still time to join over the next few weeks if you are not already on it (more details below).
2. The PCC would like to encourage people to think about how they connect and get involved with St Marks. There are lots of opportunities to help out and share your time, energy and skills. There are currently spaces on the PCC. If you would like to find out what it is like to be on the PCC please speak to Beth, Dilys or other members of the PCC. This year we are particularly looking for someone to be PCC Secretary, and looking a new churchwarden, and others happy to support the wardening role. Please get in touch to find out more.
3. We will be putting swift boxes in the bell tower over Easter. It may take a while for swifts to find us and nest here, but we are very excited about seeing what happens over the coming years. More information to follow.

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

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION – forms available at the back of church.

Joining the roll is a good way to sign up to being part of St Marks.

Being on the electoral roll means you are eligible 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 so you to check if you're not sure if you are on it. 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 place your completed forms in the letterbox provided.** Any questions, ask Pete Ryder.



RUSKIN COMES TO WALKLEY – AND ALSO TO TOTLEY

This new play by David Price and Frances Gray is to be performed as a dramatised play reading with music at St Mary's Church, Walkley, at 7 pm on Saturday 13 June. 2026 is the 150th anniversary of the opening of Ruskin's Museum in Walkley. Proceeds will go to church funds of both churches.

We need many actors. The cast will be drawn from St Mark's, St Mary's and By the Book Drama Group. Rehearsals on 13 June and on 2 or 3 occasions before that. No experience needed. If interested, please contact David Price at davidprice2@googlemail.com or 0114 296 0806 or Frances Gray at grayfrances71@gmail.com or 0114 263 1214 by the end of March.

John Ruskin self portrait 1861

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



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

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.



Shan & Siobhan

Read on.....

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'

April 26 – Social Fragmentation

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



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

HELP OUT:

EASTER GREENERY - To be more eco-friendly the flower team would like to use homegrown greenery to decorate the church at Easter.

Do you have any greenery to spare in your garden? If so please contact

Mary-Jane Ryder

mjryder.ivypark@btinternet.com

Or on 07719600536

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

A PERFECT DAY – SONGS OF DAY AND NIGHT WITH THE SHEFFIELD CHORALE

Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses, Grove Road, S7 2GY, Saturday 21st March at 7.30 pm.

a lovely selection of music inspired by the night, the sun, the moon and the stars, featuring Ola Gjeilo's Dark Night of the Soul performed together with the Lumenox String Quartet together with works by Essenvalds, Hagenburg, Rheinberger, Chilcott and others. Tickets: Adults £13 in advance or £15 on the door; Students £8 and Under 16s free both in advance or on the door. To purchase in advance go to <http://www.sheffieldchorale.org/tickets>, a small ticket fee may apply.

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

Instagram @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.

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