

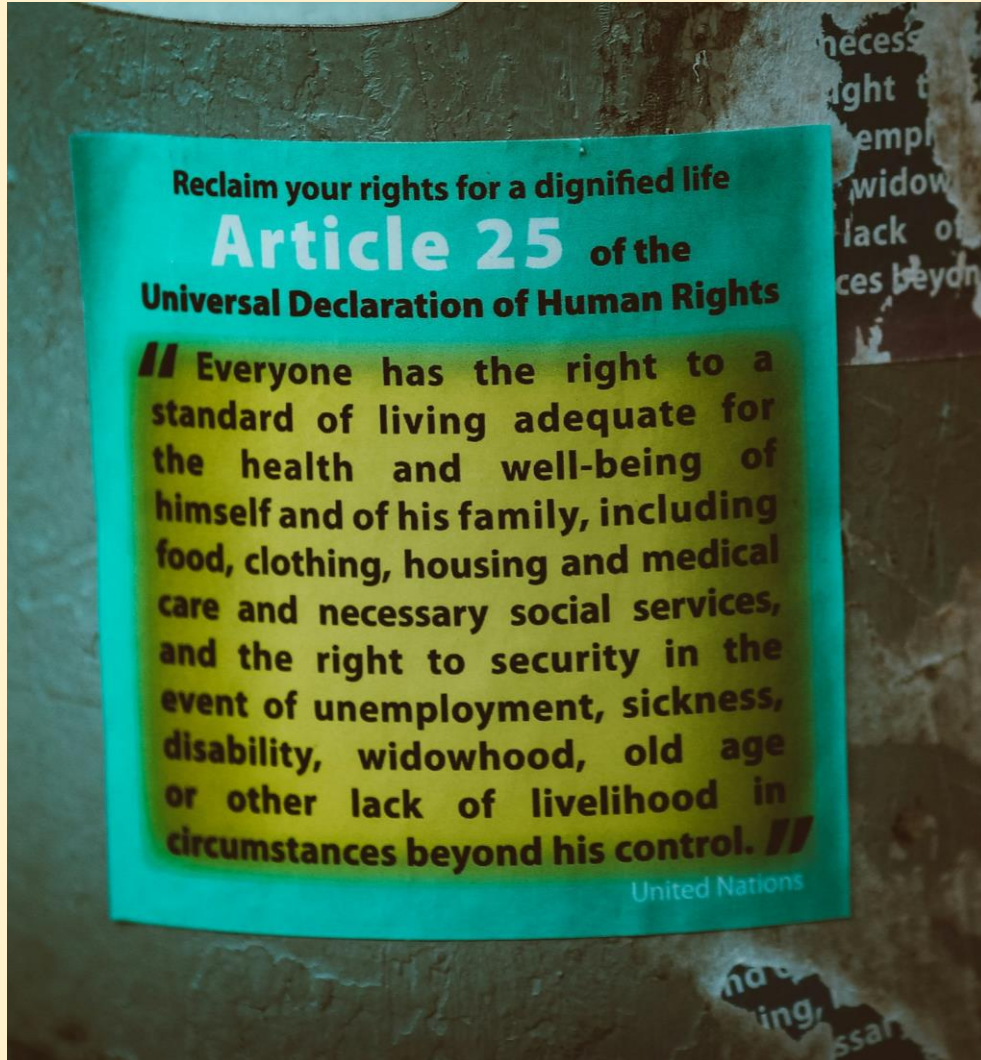


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Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

The Parish Eucharist for the Season of Lent

Exploring Social Justice

Sunday 22 March
at 10.00 am

Gathering

“God has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6.8 (NIV)

Gathering

Introit: I am the resurrection and the life

William Croft (1628 - 1727)

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.

Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

Welcome

The President is Revd Shan Rush

The Deacon is Revd Dr Ian Wallis

The Preacher is Revd Dr Ian Wallis

Welcome and Singing Bowl

Opening Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven:
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple,
We would take God at their word;
And our lives be filled with glory
from the glory of the Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber (1814 - 1863),

Music: Maurice Bevan (1921 - 2006),

Tune: Corvendale

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you
and also with you.

Ever-beckoning God
**you call us to leave behind falsehood
and seek our integrity in you:
may our hearts be open to your love
and our minds to your truth,
that we may learn to worship what is worthy
and to serve what is good,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Collect

God, who draws near, who comes to our level,
whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside:
give us grace to welcome you
in the one who tests the bounds of our community:
in the child, the outcast,
the one who comes with no power
save that of remaking our heart;
through Jesus Christ, the one who will be betrayed. Amen

Credit Steven Shakespeare

Journeying Together in Faith

As we prepare to explore God's word,
let us pray together:

**May God guide each of us
in the way of Christ,
whatever our age or experience.
The love of God be with us all.
Amen**

Attending

First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-9

Page 698 Old Testament NRSVA

Read by Rosalind Rogerson

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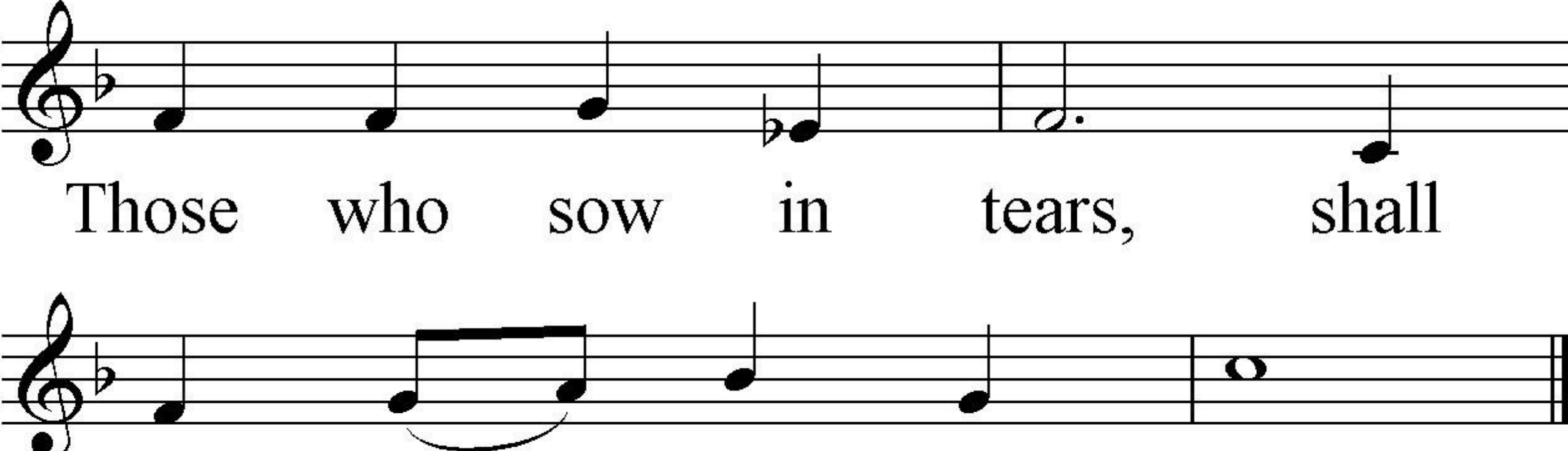
Let us wait upon God's word of life.

Followed by quiet for reflection

Psalm 126

Eve Saunders

We sing together.



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reap with songs of joy.

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Choir sings:

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion

We were like them that dreamed.

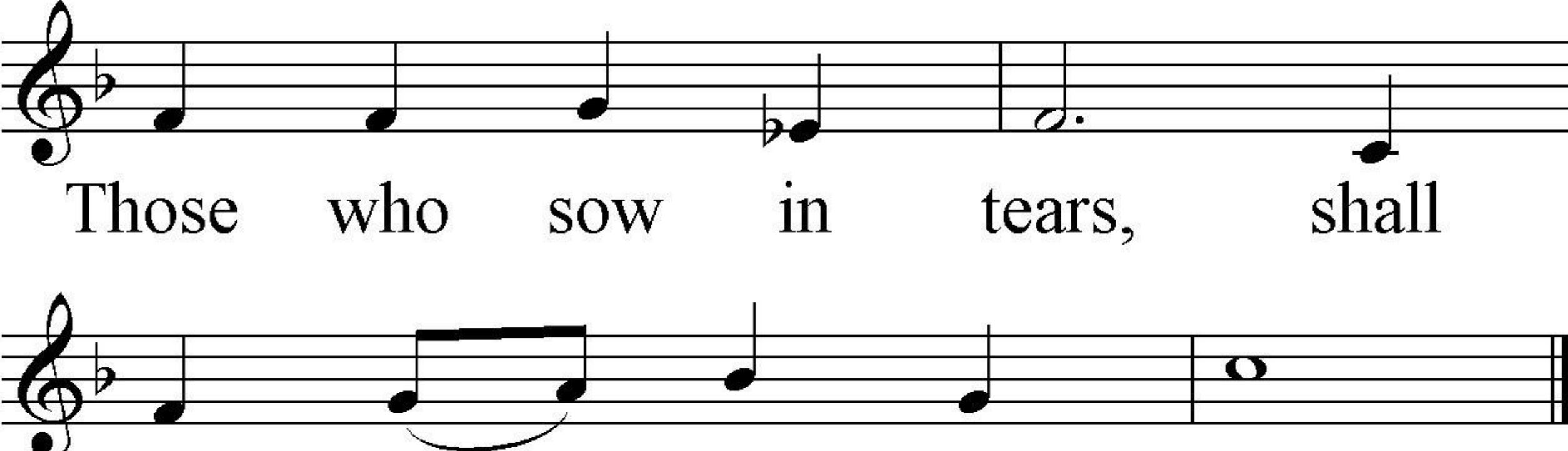
Our mouths shall be filled with laughter,

Our tongues with songs of joy.

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Choir sings:

Then was it said among the nations:

'The Lord has done great things for them'.

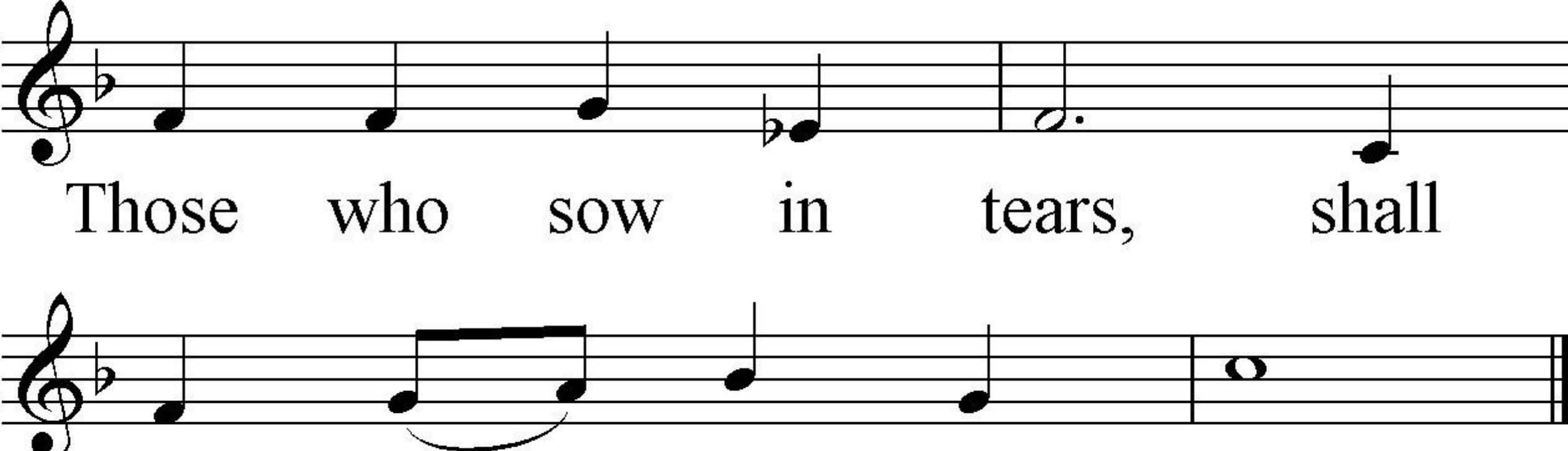
The Lord has done great things for us,

And we are filled with joy.

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Choir sings:

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

Like streams in the Negev.

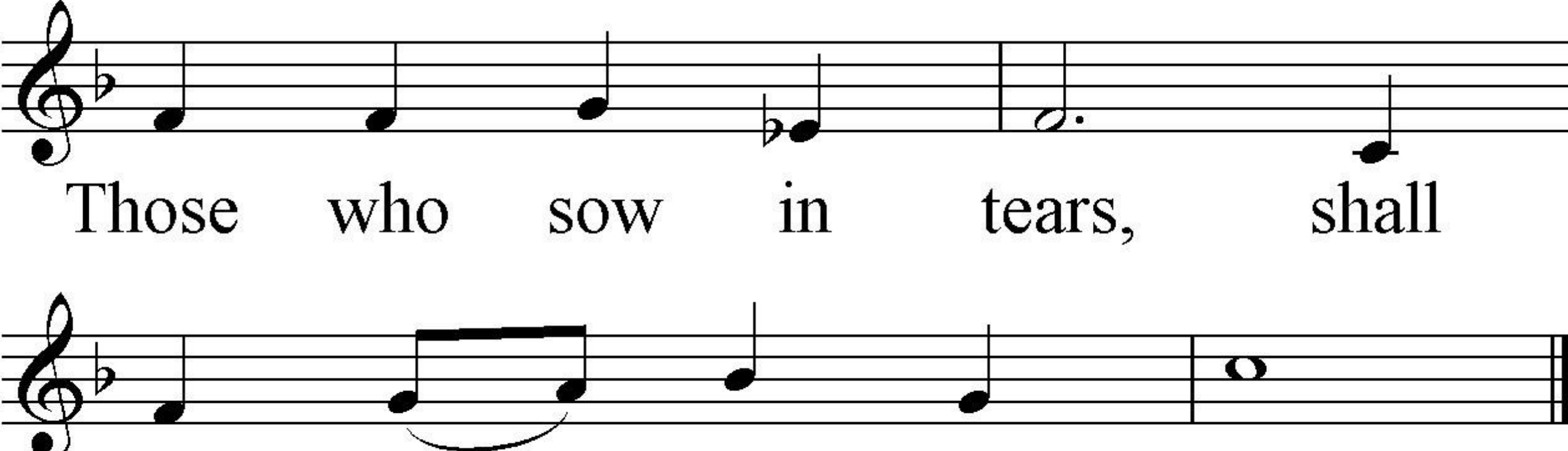
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Shall reap with songs of joy.

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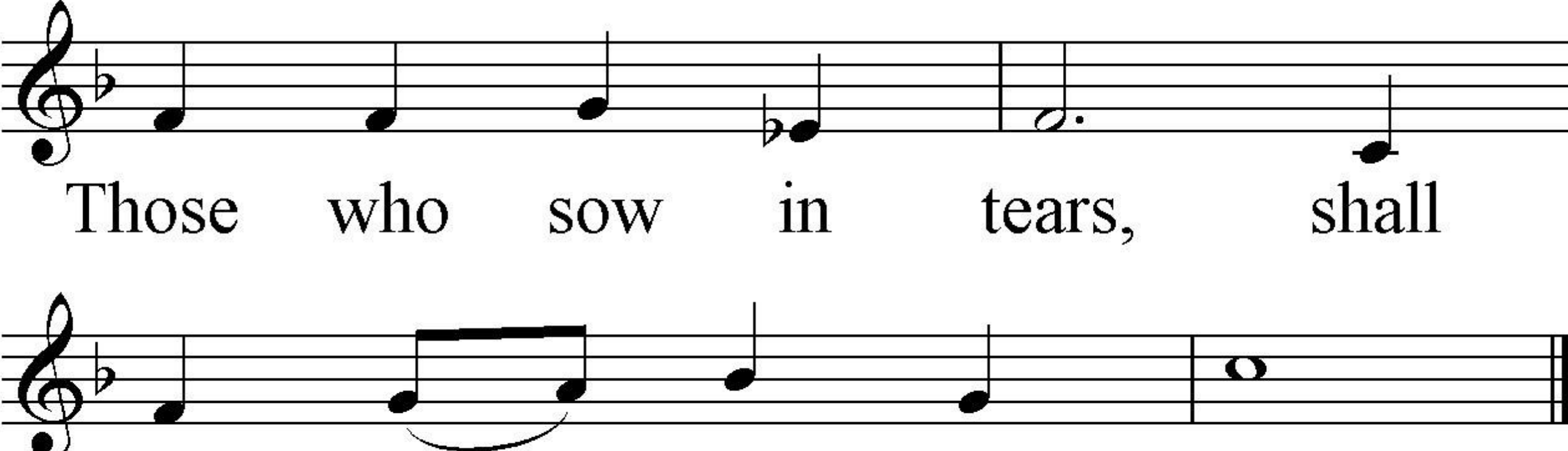
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*Those who go out weeping,
Carrying seed to sow,
Will return with songs of joy,
Carrying their sheaves with them.*

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Gospel Matthew 15.21- 28

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 Dr Ian Wallis

The sermon is followed by quiet reflection

Liturgy of Penitence

Jesus said:

“Above all else, strive for God’s reign of justice.”

Matthew 6.33

We do not always live up to our calling.

The Kyries are sung

The Bridget Setting, John Bell

Cantor *Congregation* *Cantor*



Ky-ri-e e - lei-son *Ky-ri-e e - lei-son* *Chris-te e -*

Congregation *Cantor*



lei - son *Chris-te e - lei - son* *Ky - ri-e e - lei -*

Congregation



son

Ky - ri - e - e - lei - son

Holy God,
when we draw back from the anger
which would compel us to fight for justice:
forgive us and make us angry for change.

When in our fear we silence our own voices
and deny our claim to be heard:
forgive us and make us angry for change.

When we allow our anger to be buried
beneath indifference and uneasy compromise:
forgive us and make us angry for change.

When our desire for a quiet life
maintains a false peace and leaves injustice unchallenged:
forgive us and make us angry for change.

Holy God,
give us that anger which is strong and clear,
coming from the depths of our passion.
**Make us angry for change,
until right prevails
and justice and healing are done.**

May God forgive us,
Christ renew us
and the Spirit enable us
to grow in love. **Amen.**

Affirmation

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life,
in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

‘A New Creed,’ United Church of Canada

Prayers of the People

Led by Eve Saunders

Let us pray

O God, Spirit of infinite compassion;
May our lives reflect your love.

God of justice, truth and love;
**inspire us with your Spirit
to let your kingdom come. Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

Christ is our peace,
creating in himself a new humanity,
reconciling all people to one another and to God.

cf Ephesians 2.14-16

We meet in Christ's name and share in his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

For everyone born a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice
and joy!

Regardless of gender, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
Regardless of gender, a system that's fair,

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice
and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice
and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice
and joy!

Text: Shirely Irena Murray (b. 1931),
Music: Lori True (b. 1961)
Tune: A place at the table

Abiding

Preparation

What do you bring to Christ's table?

**We bring bread,
made by many people's work,
from an unjust world
where some have plenty
and most go hungry.**

At this table all are fed, and no-one is turned away.

Thanks be to God.

What do you bring to Christ's table?

**We bring wine,
made by many people's work,
from an unjust world
where some have leisure
and most struggle to survive.**

At this table all share
the cup of pain and celebration
and no-one is denied.

Thanks be to God.

These gifts shall be for us
the body and blood of Christ.
**Our witness against hunger,
our cry against injustice,
and our hope for a world
where God is fully known
and every child is fed.
Thanks be to God.**

Brian Wren (b 1936)

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.

God of the jubilee,
in Christ, you shatter the temples
we create to contain you
and reveal your will
to loose the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free,
to share your bread with the hungry
and shelter the homeless poor.

Silence our pretensions
and prepare our hearts
to suffer the cries of your suffering people
as we join with all in every age
who have been stirred by your passion
and long for your light to break forth like the dawn,
raising our voices in protest and acclamation, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of truth and love.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Especially, we praise you
for coming among us in Jesus,
in him, your kingdom is made manifest,
through him, your will is fulfilled,
with him, we are called into your service.

And now, it is our duty and our joy,
to remember the night he gave himself up
and was handed over to death.

In the company of friends,
gathered around a table,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and offered it to them, saying,
This is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Later, he took a cup of wine,
gave thanks and offered it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
do this in remembrance of me.

And so, Lord of the Fast,
breathe your passionate Spirit into this communion
that all may feed on Christ
and taste his sacred hunger
for a world renewed by your justice
and transformed by your grace.

Amen.

Inspired by Isaiah, chapter 58

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.**

Agnus Dei - St Bride, by John Bell (*sung as a round*)

Cantor Congregation

Lamb of God you Lamb of God you take a-way the
Lamb of God you take a-way the
Lamb of God you take a-way the

1, 2 3.

sins of the world, have mer-cy on us
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us
sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace

Words of invitation follow

All Christ once was
and continues to be
is offered to us
in bread and wine,
in communion together;
so come,
let us celebrate the feast.

During communion the choir sings Crux Fidelis

attr. John IV, King of Portugal (d. 1656)

Translation:

Faithful cross, above all other, One and only noble tree:

*None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit thy peer may
be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is
hung on thee!*

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray

**God of the open hand,
in whom all find a welcome:
help us to feed the hungry,
give refreshment to the thirsty,
provide covering for the naked,
care for the sick,
and extend a hand of friendship to the lonely,
as fellow pilgrims of Love's embrace. Amen.**

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Announcements

To support our ministry and outreach financially please consider joining our regular giving scheme.
Information at the back.

For one-off donations,
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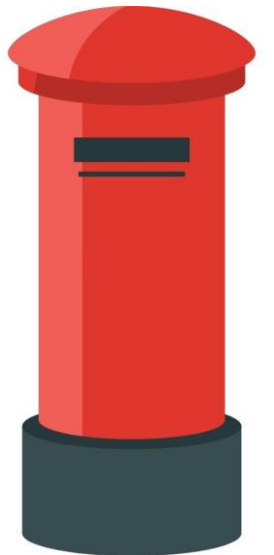
Thank you.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

To be on the roll you need to be baptised, 16 years old or over, and live in the parish or have worshipped at St Marks for 6 months.

Check the list at the back of church to see if your name is already included. If not, and you are eligible to do so, do complete a form and place it in the red letterbox.

You need to be on the electoral roll if you would like to vote at our APCM on 26 April.





Stay after the service
to hear short talks from:

Steve Rundell,
Nomad Homeless Project
(10-15 minutes)

Cathy Rhodes,
Together for the Church of England
(10-15 minutes)

Lent lunch 12.15 today!
Filled Jacket potatoes
and dessert

Hosted by
Home Donations Team



Actors needed!

**Ruskin comes to Walkley
– And also to Totley**

New play by David Price and Frances Gray
To be performed on Saturday 13th June
at St Mary's

No experience needed. Please contact David
or Frances if you are interested.



Blessing

Go forth into the world,
offer worship that is worthy -
pursue justice, embrace kindness,
practice humility;

and may 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

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024),
Music: Michael Baughen (b. 1930), arr. David Iliff (1939 - 2024)
Tune: Lord for the Years*

Commission

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,
letting go of our security.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus challenges us to listen
to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,
where power and status are overturned.
Let us walk his way with joy.

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,
where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.
Let us walk his way with joy.

Jan Berry

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

With thanks to Tom Corns for playing the organ

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.



JOIN US FOR

CONTEMPORARY

Worship

TONIGHT, 7-8PM

AND EVERY 4TH
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



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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



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Filled Jacket potatoes
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and a further chance to ask
our guest speakers
questions

Local charities St Marks is supporting 2025-2026

Key themes:

- Anti-racism
- Homelessness
- Climate
- Inclusivity

Anti-racism:

- £2000 – Nomad (housing for homeless people of all backgrounds, especially refugees)
- £1000 – South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice (legal advice for those who have had an unsuccessful asylum application)
- £1000 – Solace (trauma-processing therapy for refugees)
- £500 – Hope at Home (arranging hosting for survivors of modern slavery)

Local Groups:

- £500 – Broomhall Centre (local activity and resource centre)
- £1000 – Broomhall Girls Group (weekly girls' group)

*Any questions, chat to the Home Donations committee:
Chris Ware, David Price, Dez Martin, Naomi Wassall,
Rosie Hughes*

Homelessness:

- £500 – Ben's Centre (outreach to those using substances - to pay for sleeping bags)
- £25 Church Action on Poverty

Inclusivity:

- £1000 – Together for the Church of England (encouraging inclusivity in C of E)

Climate:

- £1000 – Hope for the Future (working with politicians to encourage engagement with the climate)
- £75 Eco Church

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**Steve
Rundell**

Nomad

- Provide housing for homeless people of all backgrounds in Sheffield
- Currently housing a lot of refugees who have recently had a successful asylum application and are being evicted at short notice from asylum accommodation and being made homeless

St Marks gave Nomad £2000 this year

A blue dashed line graphic in the bottom right corner, consisting of several short, curved segments.

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Cathy Rhodes

Together for the Church of England

- Encouraging inclusivity in the Church of England
- Particularly important as a response to a lack of inclusivity in the C of E in the run up to elections next year
- Organising the inclusive slate candidates for the next general synod in 2026

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