



Notices for 12 April 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

CAR PARK ACCESS: the code for the padlock changed on **Thursday 9 April**. If you need access and have not already been informed of the new number, please contact carparkingstmarks@gmail.com.

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

8 am BCP Service of Holy Communion

10 am Parish Eucharist

11.30 am - Swift talk (in church after the 10 am service)

Come to a talk about swifts, why they are on the Red List and what we can all do to help them. Flora Blackwater from the Sheffield Swift Network will be speaking.

Donate towards our boxes - Each box costs £35, including installation. Please give what you can towards these costs. Donate via the church bank account marking your donation SWIFTS or speak to our treasurer David Armstrong.

4 pm OPEN COMMUNION – Refreshments from 3.30pm A sacred space for LGBTQ+ people, their families and friends.

7pm THINKING FAITH – 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.

Please note that there will be no morning prayer on Zoom on Wednesday 15 April at 9am as the clergy have another commitment.



NEWS:



Between **6th – 20 April**, Matthew Rhodes (Vicar of St John's Ranmoor) is walking the Coast to Coast path to raise vital funds to Save St John's Spire which is on Historic England's 'At Risk Register'. They need to raise £1,000,000 to restore the building for generations to come.

The famous route designed by Alfred Wainwright is 192 miles long, almost as long as the spire is tall in feet. Can you help by donating to their JustGiving Fundraising [here](#)

MARK'S MESSENGER - 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**

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING

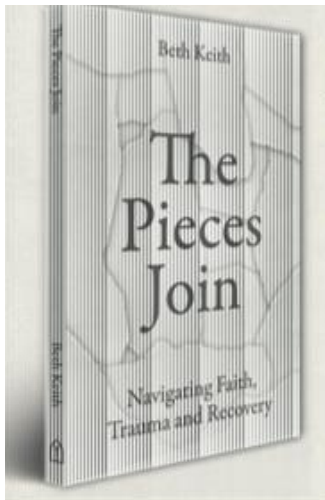
Broomhall Centre Thurs 23rd April 7.15 Tickets [here](#)

St Thomas' Church, Crookes Mon 27th April 7.30 Tickets [here](#)

Climate change and nature breakdown are affecting our daily lives - the cost of living, our food supply, storm damage, our health and security. This film gives local communities the same information that was shown to MPs last year. It will be followed by the chance to talk together about the challenges ahead.

About the Film: This 45-minute film includes scientific facts and reactions from members of the public and some familiar faces. It sets out the threats we face, but also explains the opportunities if government takes genuine emergency action. Many of the MPs who saw the briefing said that, although the facts are alarming, it gave a sense of hope. If we confront the challenge together we can see a pathway towards a better future. Please note: this film is suitable for audiences aged 16 and over.

28 April 6.30PM, BOOK LAUNCH of 'THE PIECES JOIN' by Beth Keith



You are invited to the launch of my new book, which will be taking place on **Tuesday 28th April at 6.30pm at Sheffield Cathedral** following evensong at 5.30pm.

The evening will be a chance to gather, hear a little about the book, and enjoy the occasion together. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to chat afterwards.

If you like to buy a book, I have some copies and you can pick one up for £15 from church or at the book launch or email the office. Please bring cash. It helps me if you buy it from me rather than from Amazon or elsewhere.

Thanks, Beth

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to sponsor Shan & Siobhan who will be walking the last 115 km of the French Camino between Pentecost and Corpus Christi, you can do so through Just Giving [here](#) or via justgiving.com and search Shan Rush or fill in the sponsor form on the notice board in church. Money raised will be shared 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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 May - This Christian Aid Week at St Mark's we are focussing on a JUST PEACE in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Christian Aid still works there through their trusted partners. Palestinians face homelessness; disproportionate allocation of water

and land; restriction of movement and blockade of goods. Christian Aid is working to both alleviate the physical problems and to find a path to a JUST PEACE. Please support Christian Aid Week. Dilys <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-marks-broomhill-christian-aid-envelope-2026>



COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

22 April at 7 pm -WELCOMING AND LICENSING OF REVD HELENA ROULSTON



26 April - ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will be held after a shorter morning service and will be followed by a bring and share lunch. Thanks to those who have signed up to join the electoral roll. The roll is now closed.

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 for a new churchwarden, and others happy to support the wardening role. Please get in touch to find out more and the [nomination forms are on the website here](#).

ANNUAL REPORT – You can look at the [Annual Report on the website](#) , limited paper copies are also available at the back of church with a suggested donation of £2 for printing.

26 April - YOUNG ADULTS 'COFFEE AFTER COFFEE'

Materials from this year's Lent course will be used to help explore the theme of Social Fragmentation

IN THE MISSION AREA:

DEMENTIA AWARENESS TRAINING

Supporting People with Dementia through Pastoral Care

Date: **Tuesday 19 May**, 10am Venue: Ranmoor Parish Centre, 5 Ranmoor Park Road, S10 3GX

During Dementia Action Week, Grace Stead, Director of Enrichment for the Elderly will lead this free introductory session. This two-hour session is open to Sheffield church members involved in dementia pastoral care, as well as anyone supporting someone on the dementia pathway. It will include practical guidance on communication and understanding dementia.

Dementia Stars Training

Dates: Fridays **12, 19 and 26 June at 2pm**

Venue: Ranmoor Parish Centre, 5 Ranmoor Park Road, S10 3GX

The three two-hour sessions (Bronze, Silver and Gold) explore how people with dementia experience the world and how we can best support them.

The course is free. Participants receive a badge and certificate after each session as recognition of their commitment. There are no tests, and attending all three sessions is strongly recommended.

Booking for either course is via the Enrichment for the Elderly website using the link [here](#). If you can't attend either of these courses locally, do check the site for other places Grace is offering the training. She is an excellent facilitator.

HELP OUT:

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

BURNGREAVE FOODBANK - are looking for a deputy manager, [more details here](#)

INVITATION TO SUPPORT STEEL CITY CHORISTERS -

In celebration of its fifth birthday and with a vision for a long and sustainable future, Steel City Choristers has launched a new **Firm Foundation** campaign with a focus on raising regular giving from committed supporters.

The Campaign will help to fund the new choir manager, ensuring the choir has a sustainable future. Donations start at just £5 per month and will also help pay for singing lessons, sheet music, choir places and Choral Evensong services. Even small amounts of regular giving will make a big difference. Supporters can sign up at: steelcitychoristers.org.uk/donate



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

JOB VACANCIES AT ST HILD –

Sheffield Centre Administrator (0.5 FTE)

Closing date is 12th April 2026

Interviews on Tuesday, 21st April 2026 in Sheffield.

Systems and Data Officer (0.4 FTE)

Closing date is 12th April 2026

Interviews on Wednesday, 22nd April 2026, in Sheffield or online.

Full details and the recruitment pack for both roles can also be found at <https://sthild.org/jobs>



EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S RANMOOR

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 and search Save our Spire (SOS) to find out more about their fundraising projects.

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

ECO TIPS:

Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something. April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those of-so-convenient supermarket salad bags. For indoor spaces try 'micro-greens' vegetable leaves harvested soon after they open.

Monthly tips supplied by A Rocha

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