

Notices for 26 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

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. There are various pieces of paperwork you may wish to review before the meeting [on our website here](#) including, the annual report, the minutes from last year's meeting, the current electoral roll and the agenda for the meeting.

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](#).

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

NEWS:

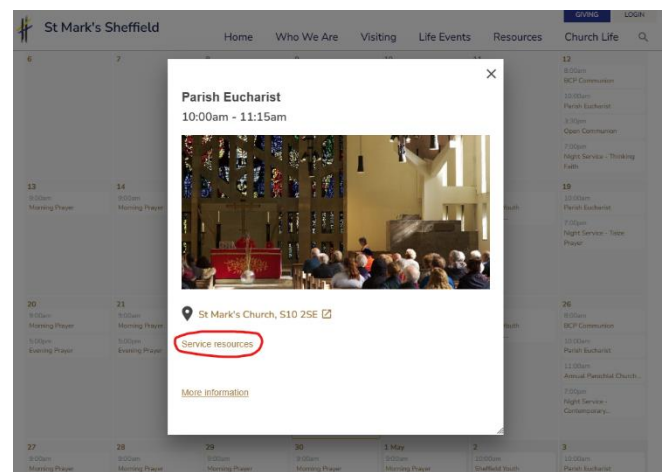


ZOE RETURNS – Thank you to everyone for the support, prayers and meals while I have been on adoption leave, everyone is settling in well. My working patten is: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm. Please do get in touch if I can be of assistance. office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk. It's lovely to be back and look forward to catching up with you all.

SERVICE RESOURCES – every week the order of service that is shown on the screen in church at 10 is uploaded to our website. If you would like to view this on your device, you will find it by navigating to the 'calendar/what's on' on our website and clicking on 'service resources' in the Sunday at 10am diary entry. [Click here for an example.](#)

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

– Those of you who have been at St Mark's for longer than 6 years will remember that before Covid the route the congregation took to receive Holy

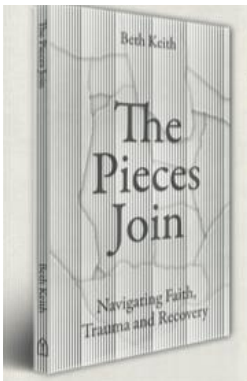


Communion was to leave the pew via the central aisle, proceed forward to receive Communion, then to return to your seat via the side aisles beside the windows. From 3 May, it is our intention to return to this approach which will reduce unnecessary movement and ease the flow of people. The hand gel will be moved nearer to the front pew of church to enable those who use it before receiving Communion to continue to do so. We used this approach on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and it worked well. If you have any concerns about the proposed change, please talk to one of the clergy.

MARY KNIGHT – Many of you will remember Mary Knight who worshipped at St Mark's and contributed to community life for many years. Her family have let us know that her health declined over the last few weeks and she died after a short period of end-of-life care. A memorial service to celebrate Mary's life will be held at St Mark's in the next few weeks with refreshments in the lounge afterwards. Please hold Lucy, Robin, their family and Mary's friends in your prayers.

DAVID CHAPMAN – I'm also saddened to share the news that David Chapman, a faithful member of our 8am congregation died on 19 April. David's funeral will be held at St Mark's in the next few weeks with refreshments in the lounge afterwards. Please hold Maria, her family and friends in your prayers.

MARK'S MESSENGER - Frances Gray will now be editing the June edition of Mark's Messenger which will be based around the theme of play and recreation. Please submit all articles you would like considering for inclusion by **26 April**



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>



Save the date!

Saturday 9 May 2026



**Sponsored Walk
6.2km / 3.9 miles**

Leaving from
Thornbridge & looping
round Monsal Head and
Ashford-In-the-Water.

**Christian Aid
Service & BBQ**

burgers/hot dogs
provided at cost,
Bring & Share sides etc

All Welcome!

Contact Hannah
for more details.

Sponsorship details to follow soon. Thank you!

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

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

LOGOS RETURNS!

Online Bible Study
First Wednesday of the month
7.00–8.30 pm, on Zoom
Commencing Wednesday 3 June 2026
Christian Beginnings
According to the Acts of the Apostles

No prior knowledge is needed – only an open, inquisitive mind and desire to discover more about the Christian Way. The Logos Zoom Link will be on the weekly e-mail. If you do not receive this and would like your name to be added, please contact the Church Office via office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk.

TREASURE HUNTING – This is the theme of our Mission area weekend which will be held over the 10 – 12 July with Bishop Leah facilitating the Saturday here at St Mark's. There will be activities for all ages to participate in and we look forward to spending time with members of our partner communities of St John's Ranmoor and St Mary's Walkley, learning about one another's gifts and skills and starting to explore ways we can work more closely together beyond our parish boundaries.

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.

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.

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

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.

PAINTING RAILINGS – Our caretaker Tim is carefully stripping and painting the railings all around the exterior of St Mark's and would welcome volunteers to help, no experience needed. Email the office or speak to Tim.

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING

Last November, ten of the UK's leading experts briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy.

The People's Emergency Briefing presents the national implications of climate and nature breakdown - along with credible, positive responses - in a single, accessible account. The 45 minute film featuring Chris Packham, leading scientists, a former general and Jennifer Saunders includes scientific facts and reactions from members of the public. 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. It will be followed by the chance to talk together about the challenges ahead.

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

The Light Cinema, The Moor Wed 20 May 7.30

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



FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

REPAIR CAFE - at St Andrew's Psalter Lane, Saturday 9th May in church. Volunteer repair people will be on hand to make small repairs and teach people how they can do these themselves, with the aim of reducing waste by re-using and recycling items that would otherwise be thrown away. Come along with your wonky stuff and get it fixed! Hot and cold drinks, light lunches, and lots and lots of cake; all repairs are free but any donations, and profits from the refreshments, will be sent to Christian Aid Week!



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.