



# St Mark's Sheffield

## Notices for 03 May 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](#).

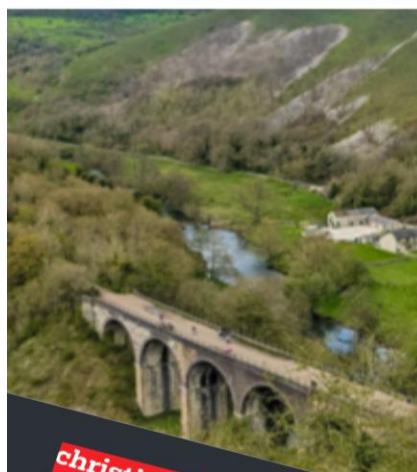
### THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

**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**, we are returning to this approach which will reduce additional footsteps 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.

**LENT COURSE REVIEW MEETING - Tuesday 5 May** at 7.00 pm in the lounge. All welcome!

**DAVID CHAPMAN** – David Chapman, a faithful member of our 8am congregation died on 19 April. David's funeral will be held at St Mark's and on Zoom at 11am on **Thursday 7 May**, with refreshments in the lounge afterwards and cremation at the North Chapel at Grenoside Crematorium at 2 pm. Donations to The Salvation Army in David's memory and in lieu of flowers. Please hold Maria, her family and friends in your prayers.

### 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

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Christian  
Aid Week  
10-16 May

**All Welcome!**

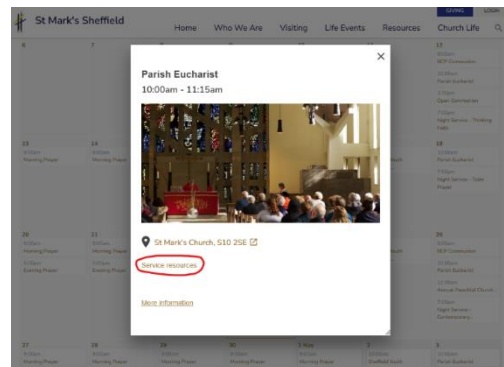
Contact Hannah  
for more details.

## 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 pattern 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](mailto: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.](#)



**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 and on Zoom on Thursday 14 May at 11am with refreshments in the lounge afterwards. Please hold Lucy, Robin, their family and Mary's friends in your prayers.

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:carparkingstmarks@gmail.com).

## COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 – 17 May:** Help us deliver envelopes to local streets, join or sponsor the children and families on their walk on Saturday 9 May, Stay for lunch after the 10am service on 17 May and donate to Christian Aid through our envelopes or using the QR code



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. Dilys <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-marks-broomhill-christian-aid-envelope-2026>

Christian Aid's booklet **JUST PEACE** is a lucid, fair assessment of the very unfair state of affairs - Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Free copies are available at the back of church. Do take one and read it. *Michael Bayley*

**THINKING FAITH** – will now be held on the fifth Sunday as well as the second Sunday of each month so please save the date for the 2 upcoming sessions this month:

## Thinking Faith



How will Artificial Intelligence  
Affect Us and the Church?  
with Rev'd Dr Chris Goswami

Sunday 10 May 7pm

at St Mark's Broomhill and Broomhall

On the 2nd & 5th Sundays we tackle a different topic, with specialist input and questions from the floor.

Smartphones, chatbots, social media, personal assistants, health monitors, satnavs, online banking, shopping and entertainment, Artificial Intelligence is already transforming many aspects of daily living. Like any tool or technology, it can be employed in constructive and destructive ways – from medical diagnosis and surgical procedures to deepfakes and fraud. One thing is certain, AI is not going away, with some heralding it as the dawn of a new age for humanity, while others predict it will orchestrate the demise of our species. How should we respond and what impact will AI have upon religious belief and the practice of faith? These are some of the questions we will be addressing during this timely evening of input and discussion.

Chris Goswami worked for over thirty years in the high-tech telecoms industry, initially as a Software Engineer in the UK and progressing to become Vice President of Communications at a Silicon Valley based company. Brought up in the UK as a Hindu, Chris converted to Christianity in his late teens before serving local churches in various capacities. In 2017, he was ordained as a Baptist Minister and currently works as an Associate Minister at Lymm Baptist Church and Chaplain to Manchester Airport. He also lectures and writes on matters of faith, culture and technology. In addition to being a Chartered Engineer, Chris hold First Class degrees in Theology and Electronic Engineering, as well as a Masters and Doctorate in Telecommunications.

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# Thinking Faith



Is the USA a threat to  
Western democracy?  
with Professor Richard Carwardine

Sunday 31 May 7pm

at St Mark's Broomhill and Broomhall

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There is increasing anxiety in the UK and Europe about the behaviour of President Trump. He told the New York Times "I don't need international law"; his power was limited only by his "own morality". He appears impatient of the 'rule based order', the Western alliance and the United Nations. He has taken the USA out of myriad international organisations and aims to intervene in Europe to prevent 'civilisation erasure'. How can the Trump phenomenon be explained in terms of American history? Why do the safeguards in the US Constitution not constrain him? How should the UK and Europe respond?

Richard is Emeritus Rhodes Professor of American History at the University of Oxford, former President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford and a Fellow of the British Academy. He is best known for his work on Abraham Lincoln, for which he was awarded the Order of Lincoln, the highest honour of the State of Illinois. From 1971 to 2002, he taught American history at the University of Sheffield. He regularly visits America and closely monitors the political scene there. He has long been a member of St Mark's Church

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## **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](mailto: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

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](http://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](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](mailto: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

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON CHRISTIANITY & THE FAR RIGHT** - Sun 17 May, 3-5pm, Quaker Meeting House. Join us for a community conversation on Christianity & the far right, focusing on questions like "Why are politicians talking about Christian values? Why are crosses present at protests outside of Asylum hotels? What are Christians doing in response?" [More here.](#)

### PEOPLE'S NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING

#### The Light Cinema, The Moor Wed 20 May 7.30

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.

### 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](https://steelcitychoristers.org.uk/donate)





# Bishop Pete and Cathy

invite you to a

## *Garden Party*

in support of three local charities:  
The Archer Project, ASSIST, and  
Refurnish Doncaster

13  
JUNE

2-5pm  
Bishopscroft,  
Snaithing Lane  
S10 3LG

Join us for free entry, craft stalls,  
delicious refreshments, live music,  
family fun, plus a raffle with prizes, a  
silent auction and more!



[sheffdio.org/gardenparty](https://sheffdio.org/gardenparty)

## 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:

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May is World Bee Day. Sow a pollinator friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden and don't use pesticides. *Monthly tips supplied by A Rocha*

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