



Notices for 17 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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 – 17 May: Sponsor the children and families for their walk held 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

LUNCH ON 17 MAY will be a chicken stew and a vegetarian option. If anyone could offer to make a fruit crumble or similar, please let Paula or Dilys know. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.



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>

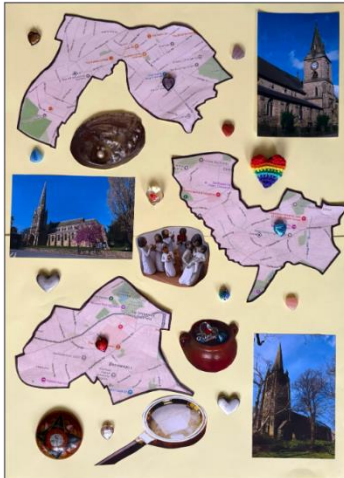
Christian Aid's booklet **JUST PEACE** is a lucid, fair assessment of the very unfair state of affairs - Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Free copies are available at the back of church. Do take one and read it. *Michael Bayley*

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 returned 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.

NEWS:



CAMPING WEEKEND - The children and families had a wonderful time camping together last weekend with 69 people attending in total. It was great to have a few wider members of the congregation come and join us as well. We toasted marshmallows, ate good food, played, worshipped and walked together and thankfully even enjoyed the weather together most of the time! If you are able to, please do sponsor our walk for Christian Aid week. Most of us walked 4 miles, even the smallest among us managed approximately a mile!

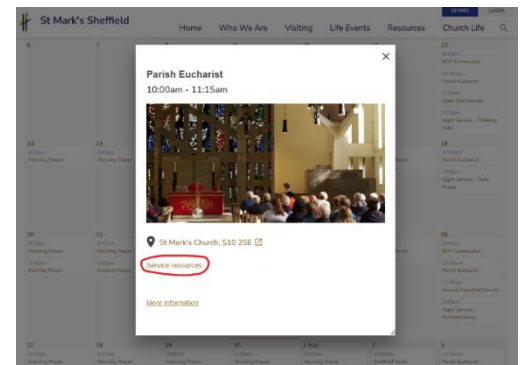


10 -12 July 2026
**Three Spires Mission Area Weekend -
Treasure Hunting**
*“Where your treasure is, there your
heart will be also”*
[Click here to book your place](#)
scan the QR code
or pick up a leaflet in church



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.](#)


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.



COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

THINKING FAITH – will now be held on the fifth Sunday as well as the second Sunday of each month

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

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

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.

Midsummer Music at St Mark's



A series of events in the week beginning Sunday 7 June 2026

Admission is free – all welcome – retiring collection

MIDSUMMER MUSIC AT ST MARK'S

- A series of free to attend events and concerts at St Mark's, starting on **Sunday 7 June**, featuring a selection of both professional and talented amateur performers. Light lunches, costing from £2.50, will be served from 12noon on Monday to Thursday. Tell your friends! More information is available [on the website here](#)

IN THE MISSION AREA:



**MISSION AREA ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST
ST MARY'S WALKLEY
THURSDAY 14 MAY AT 7.30PM**

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

HELP OUT:

WORSHIP IN CARE HOMES – We visit 3 of the 4 care homes in our parish on a monthly basis for about an hour to offer a service of hymns, readings and prayers or Holy Communion. This has been sustained by a small but dedicated team of lay people some of whom are now needing to stand down due to other commitments. We are therefore looking for 2 or 3 new volunteers to support the remaining team so there are always 2 people to go into the care home each visit. You don't need lots of experience and time, just a willingness to chat, read, sing or be present for residents in our local community who really value your company and the opportunity to share in a short act of worship. If you are interested, or know of someone else who might be, do have a conversation with Shan or Jennifer Hurrell and arrange to accompany other members of the team to see how they operate. If you decide you would like to volunteer on a regular basis, you would need to undertake basic and foundation safeguarding training which can be done online or with a group. Please pray about this and consider if you could be one of the people we are looking for. Shan

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.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS - Abura Literacy School is a small school in Ghana which we have been running for nearly 20 years. Due to the US-Iran war, the exchange rate to Ghana has increased significantly meaning our outgoings are much higher than our incoming donations. We have some buffer but we wondered if anyone might be in a position to donate £5-£10 a month? (If you only felt able to do this for a short while, that's also absolutely fine). The school relies solely on donations. 100% of donations goes to the school (for the teachers' salaries, books, uniform, daily hot lunch, transport to school and building maintenance). It enables children from poor families who wouldn't be able to access education in any other way to attend school. Happy to discuss any of it more. Please contact me on hughes.rosie@hotmail.com or grab me after the service. Thank you so much, Rosie Hughes (Hunt).

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.](#)

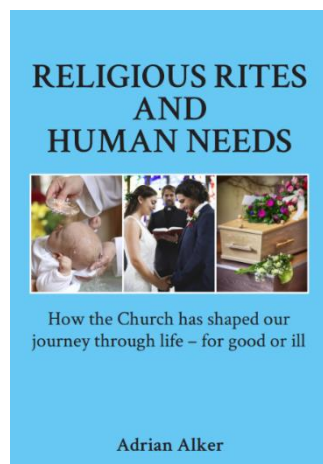
ADRIAN ALKER HAS WRITTEN A NEW SHORT BOOK entitled 'Religious Rites and Human Needs', in which he looks at the development over time of those rites of passage - baptism, marriage and funerals and asks how the Church today can best serve people at times of joy and of sorrow. To order a copy (price £6) please contact Adrian either by email (Adrian.christine@googlemail.com), by phone or by text (07595 249791).

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.





FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

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 20th 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.