



Notices for 24 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 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.

COFFEE AFTER COFFEE – Young Adults Group are meeting upstairs from 11.45.

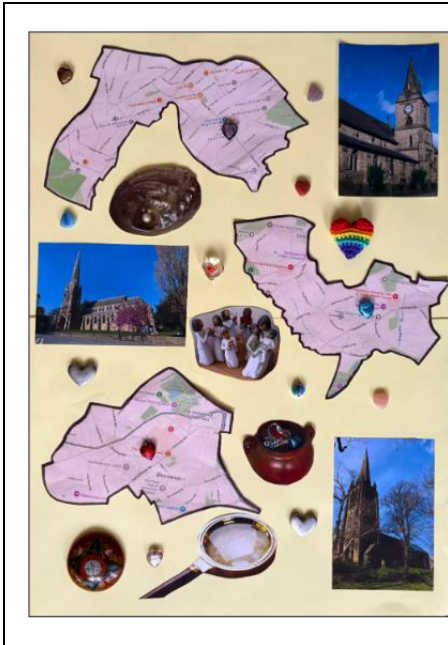
NEWS:



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!



PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to sponsor Shan & Siobhan who are currently walking the last 115 km of the French Camino, 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 all 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.



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



ADRIAN ALKER HAS WRITTEN A 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).

**RELIGIOUS RITES
AND
HUMAN NEEDS**



How the Church has shaped our
journey through life - for good or ill

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

THINKING FAITH is now 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

Save the date:

Thinking Faith

Religious Rites & Human Needs:
How the Church has shaped
our journey through life
– for better, for worse
with the Rev'd Adrian Alker



Sunday 14 June 7pm

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH NATURE PICNIC - Please bring family and friends to our annual Church Nature Picnic on Sunday 21st June after the 10am service. We would like to run plant, book and soft drinks stalls - and anything else with an eco theme! Help and donations needed please.
Contact margaret.ainger3@gmail.com

IN THE MISSION AREA:



RUSKIN COMES TO WALKLEY, AND ALSO TO TOTLEY

You are invited to a dramatised reading of this new play by David Price and Frances Gray at 7 pm on Saturday 13 June at St Mary's Church, South Road, Walkley, S6 3RX. The play, set in the 1870s and 1880s, tells how Ruskin founded a museum in Walkley and then bought a farm to create a farm commune for 'Sheffield Communists' in Totley. Ruskin and the Communists had conflicting ideas....

The actors are drawn from St Mark's, St Mary's and By the Book Drama Group. No tickets, but a collection for the funds of both churches at the end of the performance.

HELP OUT:

VIDEO EDITING – Martin Godley is making a video about fire safety in church. If anyone has any time to help edit it please do get in touch with him or email the office.

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



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 was 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.