



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 21 June 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



NEWS:

CHURCH OF ENGLAND APOLOGY FOR HISTORICAL ADOPTION PRACTICES

On 18 June, the Church of England issued a national apology for its role in historical adoption practices, particularly in relation to mother and baby homes. The Diocese of Sheffield has acknowledged the Church of England's national apology for its role in historical adoption practices, including in mother and baby homes, and the lasting harm experienced by many mothers, children and families.

Bishop Pete says *"We recognise the deep and lasting pain experienced by many mothers, children and families, including those whose lives were touched by homes connected to this diocese.*

We are deeply sorry for the harm that was caused, and for the ways in which people were not always treated with the dignity, compassion and care they deserved.

To anyone affected, especially those with local connections, I want to say that we are committed to listening, to learning, and to responding with humility and compassion.

If you have been affected, support is available through:

1. Safe Spaces (independent support service) • Website: <https://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk> • Tel: 0300 303 1056
2. Specialist adoption support • PAC-UK (Family Action) – advice and counselling • Adoption UK – information and support • FamilyConnect – support for tracing and reconnecting These organisations provide independent, specialist support for those affected by adoption and separation. Contact details for all of these are available on the Diocesan website.
3. Immediate emotional support • Samaritans (24/7): 116 123
4. Diocesan Safeguarding Team • Website: sheffdio.org/safeguarding-team • Email: safeguarding@sheffield.anglican.org

Please note: The contents of the full Church of England statement include references to historical adoption practices, including the separation of mothers and babies, stigma, and experiences of trauma and lasting emotional harm. The full Church of England statement and research can be read [here](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO – WE MADE IT!



Thank you to everyone who encouraged and sponsored Siobhan and myself on our Camino Challenge to walk the last 115 km of the French Camino between Sarria and Santiago. Despite temperatures reaching 39 degrees Celsius on one day, we made it with smiles on our faces and no blisters!!

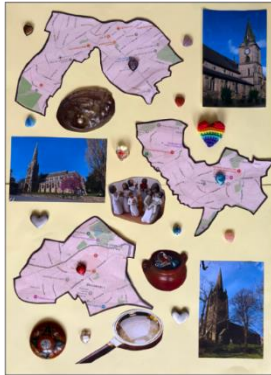
To date, we have raised £2300. The donations will be shared equally between Poynton Golden Memories, a voluntary support group for

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.

The Just Giving page will remain open for another month. If you did not get to follow us on Polar Steps, I am in the process of updating the Just giving site with daily updates of our experience. You can find it [here](#) or via justgiving.com and search Shan Rush. There is also a sponsor form on the notice board in church and I will organise a talk for after a service soon. Thank you again, Shan & Siobhan

10 -12 July 2026

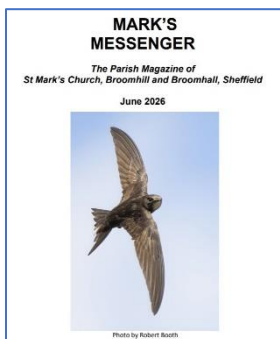
Mission Area Weekend



We will be at St Marks all of Saturday: worship and 2 sessions with Bishop Leah. Next is a BYO lunch. There will be workshops in the afternoon and a final closing worship. Provision for all ages.

It's time to sign up so we can finalise plans.

[Click here to book your place](#)
scan the QR code
or pick up a leaflet in church




MARK'S MESSENGER - The latest issue is out now. Thank you as always to everyone who contributed to it and put the issue together. You will find some printed copies at the back of church on Sunday.

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

COFFEE CONCERT - After the morning service on 28 June members of Steel City Choristers will be giving a coffee concert.

SAVE THE DATE – for our next Thinking Faith session. [More here](#)

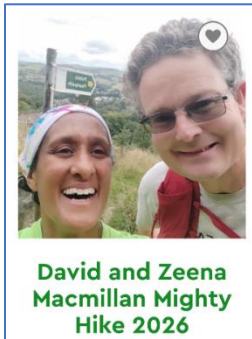
Thinking Faith



The People's
Emergency Briefing
Film – Discussion – Action

Sunday 12 July 7pm
at St Mark's Broomhill and Broomhall

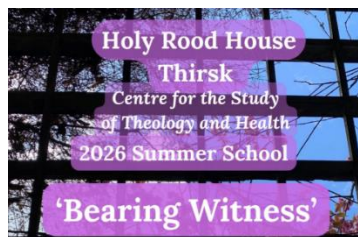
HELP OUT:



MACMILLIAN MIGHTY HIKE - Our music director David is doing a sponsored walk, [donate here](#)

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

A CLIMATE OF TRUTH – With Professor Mike Berners-Lee, 5:30pm - 7pm, Wednesday 24 June 2026. Do you want to learn more about what you can do to tackle the systemic challenges facing humanity right now? Global Action Plan is partnering with Sheffield Hallam University to host renowned researcher Professor Mike Berners-Lee. This event is FREE to attend, [but registration here is essential.](#)



HOLYROOD HOUSE – Learning opportunity on the theme 'Bearing Witness', 6-9 July; more information here :

<https://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk/Groups/426712/Events.aspx>

CHRISTIAN AID SHEFFIELD NIGHT HIKE -Saturday 4 July 2026, An ideal mid-summer evening walk this year's Sheffield Night Hike is on Saturday 4 July. With a 9-mile countryside walk, chosen by local volunteers to make an interesting dusk till midnight adventure. Setting off from Hathersage Methodists Church, all you need are some good boots, a torch and bring a friend if you can! Come and join us to raise vital funds for Christian Aid's work to tackle global poverty and injustice. Find out more and register <https://sheffieldnighthike.org.uk/>

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING - campaign continues to encourage people to show the film to local groups and to lobby their MPs to "tell the truth" about climate change. They have now launched an official UK parliamentary petition calling for a UK-wide public briefing from independent experts on the risks posed by climate change and nature loss - and the opportunities if we respond at scale and with urgency saying

"The UK faces growing risks from climate and nature breakdown - from extreme weather to economic disruption and national security threats. Yet the public has never been given a clear national briefing on the scale of these risks. Government should hold an emergency briefing from leading experts.

These risks could have serious consequences across UK society, with threats to health and food supply - which could become irreversible if without urgent action. Many people are unclear how these risks may affect them, and information in the public domain is often misleading.

A credible national briefing from independent experts would give people clear, trusted guidance on what these risks mean in practice, and what we can do - both together and individually - to prepare and respond.”

The aim is to reach 100,000 signatures to secure a Parliamentary debate, generate media attention, and significantly raise the profile of the National Emergency Briefing in Parliament.

If you support this idea, please could you sign - and, crucially, share it with friends, family or colleagues who might be interested? You can do this [here](#)

The Briefing can be watched at:

- Christ Church, DoreDore, England on Thursday 25 June • 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
- Church Lane, Dore S17 3GS
- Adsetts Centre Sheffield City Centre, England - Thursday 16 July • 7 PM - 9 PM
- Adsetts Lecture Theatre, Adsetts Centre, Sheffield Hallam University City Campus, Sheffield City Centre, S1 1WB
- Access: The entrance to the Adsetts Centre is on Arundel Gate (what3words ///dock.punch.crust) next to the Odeon Luxe Cinema. The Adsetts Lecture Theatres offer step-free access, lifts to all levels, and accessible facilities throughout.

ECO TIPS:

Take part in citizen science projects and help in data collection and scientific research. Examples include:

- Spending ten minutes counting pollinators www.ukpoms.org.uk
- Do a regular Bee Walk: www.beewalk.org.uk
- Join in the Big Butterfly count Big Butterfly Count

Monthly tips supplied by A Rocha

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