

Notices for 28 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

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

NEWS:

FIRE PRECAUTIONS AT ST MARK'S – Please take a moment to watch of our new fire arrangements video [by clicking here](#).



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.

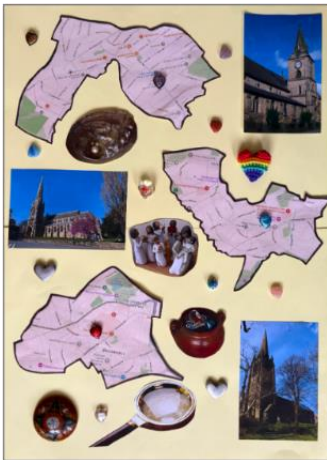
To anyone affected, especially those with local connections, I want to say that we are committed to listening, to learning, and to responding with humility and compassion.

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](#)

10 -12 July 2026 Mission Area Weekend

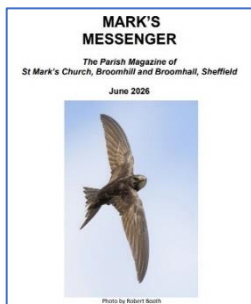


We will be at St Marks all of Saturday: worship and 2 sessions with Bishop Leah. Next is a BYO lunch. There will be workshops in the afternoon and a final closing worship.

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:

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

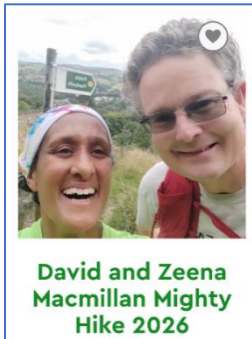
Thinking Faith



The People's
Emergency Briefing
Film – Discussion – Action

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

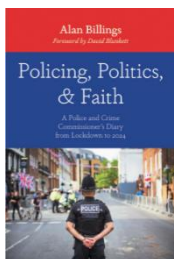
HELP OUT:



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

IN THE MISSION AREA

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR ST JOHN'S RANMOOR SPIRE FUND - July 4th, 7pm at St John's Ranmoor. Our last fund-raising event of the summer for our spire, now on the at-risk register. It promises to be a memorable evening of choral favourites in support of our Save Our Spire appeal. Tickets (which include complimentary refreshments) are available [HERE](#).



Revd Dr Alan Billings, one of the ministers in the mission partnership and based at St May's, Walkley, has just published a new book, Policing, Politics, & Faith - A Police and Crime Commissioner's Diary from Lockdown to 2024. If you would like to purchase it at the reduced price of £10.00 plus postage, you can contact Alan at this email alanbillingsuk@yahoo.co.uk. Otherwise, the book can be purchased on Amazon and at other online book shops.

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY



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 NEB campaign continues to encourage people to show the film to local groups and to lobby their MPs to “tell the truth” about climate change.



National Emergency Briefing

You can see the film at St Mark's at Thinking Faith on Sunday 12 July at 7pm

There is now a 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 sign here [Petition to hold a national televised briefing](#)

For other upcoming opportunities to see the film:

[Sheffield Peoples Emergency Briefings](#) including:

- Wednesday 1 July - Medical School, Beech Hill Road (opposite St Mark's), Lecture Theatre 2 12.30- 2pm.
- Monday 6 July Sheffield Showroom 6pm
- **Sunday 12 July at 7pm St Mark's at Thinking Faith on**
- Thurs 16 July 7-9pm Hallam Hall SHU, Level 6 Owen Building, Howard Street

This is a big event which local councillors and MPs will attend, plus local campaign groups and businesses.

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.