

Welcome to the Parish Church of St Mark
Serving the people of Broomhill & Broomhall
Living Thinking Loving Faith

*The Parish Eucharist
for Ordinary Time
with the
Baptism of
Sasha Isabella Smith*

Sunday 26 August 2026
at 10.00 am

Gathering

Introit:

To thee, O Lord

S Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943)

*To thee, O Lord do I lift up my soul,
my God I trust in thee.*

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Please do not take photos or videos during the service.

Welcome

The President is: Revd Dr Ian Wallis

The Deacon and Preacher is: Jonathan Williamson, Reader

Welcome

Followed by a period of quiet reflection (NB no singing bowl)

Opening Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

○ let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
○ speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
○ speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816 - 1874)

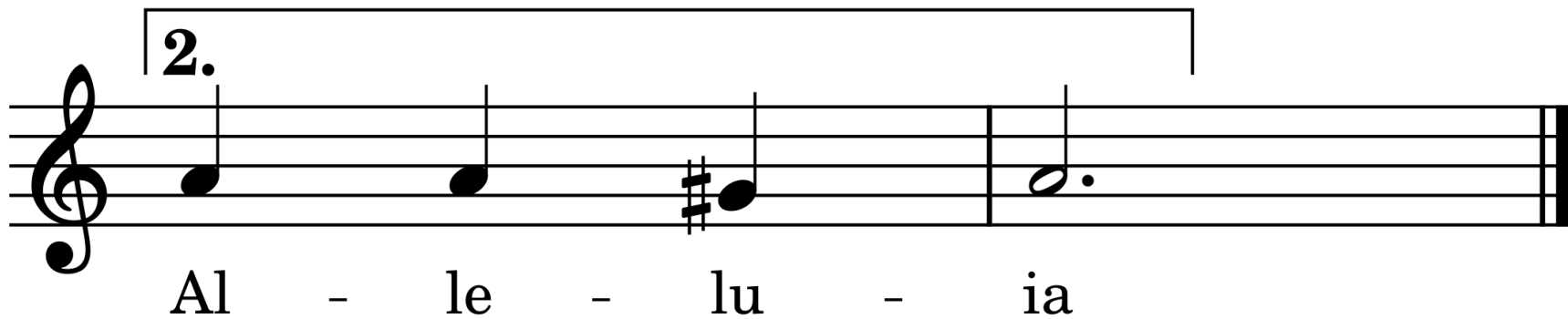
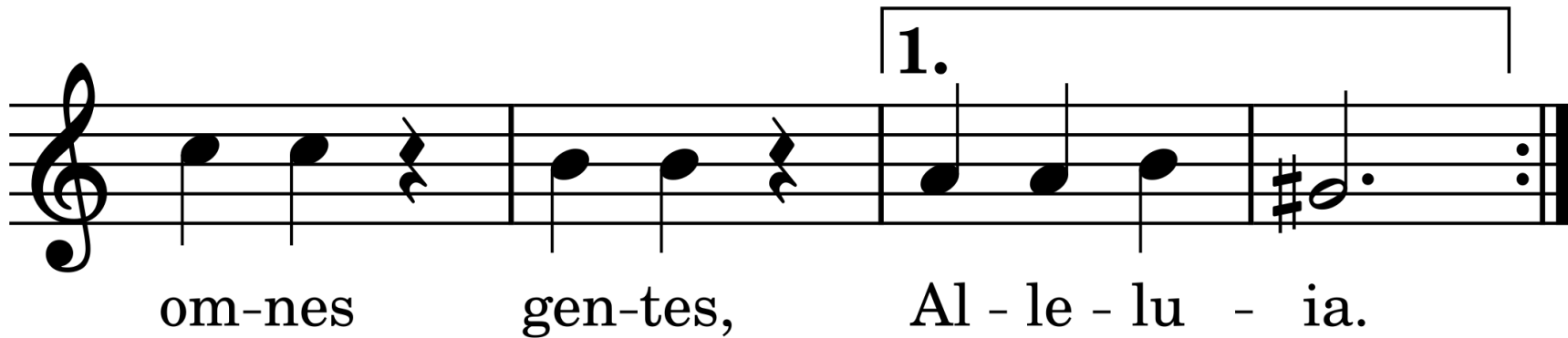
Tune: Wolvercote

Prayers of Approach

May God be with you **And also with you.**

**Ever-loving God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria (sing 4 times)



Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994)

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Matthew 13.31-33 & 44-52

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

Preacher: Jonathan Williamson - Reader

The sermon is followed by quiet reflection

Prayers of the People

Led by Rev Shan Rush

Let us pray

Your kingdom come:
Your will be done.

God of justice, truth and love:
**Inspire us with your spirit
to let your kingdom come. Amen.**

Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen for James and John -
they came with me and the dance went on.

*Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.

*Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced on a Friday when the sky was black -
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

*Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he*

*Sydney Carter (1915 – 2004)
Tune: 'Lord of the Dance'*

The Baptism of Sasha Isabella Smith

Sasha is presented to the community of faith.

We present Sasha Isabella to be baptised
and to take her place within the body of Christ.

The minister addresses the whole congregation.

From the beginning, the Christian community
has received followers of Jesus through baptism;
their children also, so that with help and encouragement,
they may grow in faith and respond to Christ's call.

During the days of his ministry,
Jesus asked for children to be brought to him, saying,
'God's kingdom belongs to such as these.'

People of God, will you welcome Sasha
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses the parents and godparents.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Sasha with joy.
Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you promise to teach Sasha right from wrong,
to offer her an example of honesty and integrity
that she might learn to act justly and wisely?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister addresses the parents and godparents.

Will you promise to nurture and protect Sasha,
to provide her with an environment of grace and gratitude
that she might learn to love faithfully and tenderly?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you promise to pray for Sasha,
to draw her by your example into the community of faith
and to accompany her in the way of Christ
that she too might learn to walk humbly with her God?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The minister addresses the whole community of faith.

As God beckons us to walk in the way of Christ
and to grow into fullness of life,
so we make our response.

Are you sorry for the hurt you have caused others
and for the times you let God down in your life?

I am sorry.

Are you resolved to turn from evil
and from all that is unworthy, destructive or false?
I am resolved.

Are you willing to love God
and to serve him with all your strength?
I am willing.

Are you ready to follow Christ
and to make him your companion and guide?
I am ready.

May almighty God
deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of glory
and lead you in the light
and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

Chant

Come, ho - ly spi - rit, gra-cious heaven-ly
dove; come fire of love.

Come, Holy Spirit, gracious heavenly dove; come, fire of love.

John L Bell (b 1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958)

Preparing the Waters of Baptism

The minister, parents, godparents and candidate move to the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth:
who is faithful for ever.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God:
it is right to give thanks and praise

God of abundant life,
we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son, Jesus Christ,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
cleansing us from sin.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church;

for all creation finds its source and fulfilment in you,
to you be praise and glory for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the whole assembly.

Let us affirm,
with those being baptized,
our inheritance of faith.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
who is the source of all things and gives us life?

We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who shows us what God is like and how we should live?
We believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who brings God close and inspires our hearts?
We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

Sasha Isabella,
I baptize you in the name
of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

*Everyone responds. **Amen.***

Signing with the Cross

The minister traces the sign of the cross on Sasha's forehead.

Sasha, I sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

God has called you by name and made you his own.

Do not be ashamed to confess
the faith of Christ crucified.

Remain faithful to your calling,
as God remains faithful to you. **Amen.**

*Parents godparents are invited to trace the sign
of the cross on Sasha's forehead.*

Gift of Light

A lighted candle, symbolizing the gift of faith and the presence of God's Spirit, is offered to Sasha's godparents.

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.'

Receive the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**May God kindle in you
the flame of faith,
the fire of love
and the torch of truth. Amen.**

Commission

The minister prays for Sasha's parents and godparents.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Sasha
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The minister anoints parents and godparents with the Holy Oil of Chrism for strength and inspiration.

I anoint you for service:
remain faithful to your calling,
as God remains faithful to you. **Amen.**

Welcome

Sasha, there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

1 Corinthians 12.12-13.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)
Adrian Vernon Fish (b. 1956)
Tune: Seek ye First

Abiding

Preparation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
They will become for us
the bread of life and cup of salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray

We sit

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and language,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a way to praise you saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of truth and love;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, John, Mark and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Lord's Prayer & Communion

OUR FATHER in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The bread is broken

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share
in one bread.**

Words of invitation follow

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*All are welcome at the altar rail,
to receive bread and wine, or a blessing.*

During Communion we sing the Taizé chant:

○ Lord Hear my Prayer

○ Lord hear my prayer,

○ Lord hear my prayer.

When I call answer me.

○ Lord hear my prayer,

○ Lord hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

The choir will sing the anthem

Blessed be the God and Father by SS Wesley (1810 - 76)

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which, according to his abundant mercy,
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of
Jesus Christ from the dead;
To an inheritance incorruptible,
and undefiled, that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you,
who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Anthem continued:

*But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.
See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently,
Being born again, not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory
of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.*

Prayer of Commitment

Let us pray

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory...**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Announcements

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Tonight at 7pm

Contemporary Worship

4th Sunday



An informal service with an open and inclusive style, modern liturgy, and contemporary worship.

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Final Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)

Tune: Fulda

Commission

Please turn to face the back of church

Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ,
Amen**

Voluntary

Sortie in E flat

Louis Lefebure-Wely (1817 - 1869)

Friendship Time

Refreshments are served at the end of the service, please stay if you can.

For those on Zoom, we offer breakout rooms so you can chat to others.

LOGOS ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Christian Beginnings According to the Acts of the Apostles

Wednesday 5 August 2026, 7.00 – 8.30 pm

No prior knowledge needed, just an open, inquisitive mind and desire to discover more about the Christian Way. All welcome! 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

Thinking Faith



Queer Church?
Looking Forward
Hopefully with
Boyd Morgan

Sunday 9 August 7pm

Thanks to Briony Tayler, Jean Baxter,
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