



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 02 August 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

COFFEE CONCERTS Katia Carleston is deputising for David Willington on 2 and 9 Aug. She's going to do recitals after each of the services.

Kat Carleston (née Farn) is an organist and composer from Sheffield. She began her musical studies as a chorister at St John's Ranmoor, eventually graduating to junior organ scholar before leaving to study organ, piano, harpsichord, and composition at Chetham's school of music in Manchester, studying with Chris Stokes at Manchester cathedral. She is currently studying composition at Birmingham Conservatoire with Andrew Toovey and Howard Skempton. Kat specialises in performing music by underrepresented composers, particularly living ones and those of the LGBTQ+ community and runs a YouTube channel promoting obscure organ music ([@thekathal](https://www.youtube.com/@thekathal)).se

Contemplative Communion 1st Sunday



A simple and contemplative service, with the focus on remembering Jesus in sharing bread and wine.

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.

NEWS

HOMEMADE JAMS AND PRESERVES – Could you make homemade jams, chutneys or preserves to sell in aid of charity at Harvest Festival which will be 4 October? If so, please do so and label with ingredients. Thank you – International Committee.

PCC SECRETARY – we are searching for a volunteer who is willing to support Beth and the team to manage the administration of our PCC meetings and act as a contact point for the Diocese to receive and handle correspondence that helps us keep St Mark's running smoothly. You do not need to be a member of the PCC to undertake this role. If this is the case, you would not have voting rights at the meetings unless it was agreed you are co-opted onto the Council.

PCC meetings are held monthly on a Monday or Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 9.30 pm except for August (holiday) and December (social gathering).

The role would involve working with the Chair to produce and distribute agenda's, booking a meeting room, taking and writing up minutes of the meetings and uploading relevant documents for safe storage onto Google Drive so we are looking for someone with good organisational skills and a willingness to learn and be involved.

Training will be available if required for using Google Drive and other members of the PCC are willing to help with taking minutes if needed.

We are fortunate to have other people who help undertake other aspects of this important role including our administrator Zoe who helps to plan and publicise the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Co-ordinates the Annual Report, and our Church wardens who help complete the Parish returns about membership, attendance, finances etc.

If you think you could offer your skills and time to fulfil this role or would like to discuss what is involved further, please contact Beth or one of the other clergy.

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored Siobhan and myself when we walked the Camino between Sarria and Santiago in May / June.



Your generosity meant we raised a total of £2500 which has been divided equally between our 3 Spires Mission Area and Poynton Golden Memories, a group which supports people living with dementia and their families / carers.

Because the Mission Area did not go ahead as originally intended, the remainder of the money after expenses incurred in hosting the BBQ have been deducted will be used to purchase resources that can be used across the Mission Area and within our Communities. Thank you. Shan & Siobhan

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT DAY - Leading Your Church Into Growth: The Next Step:

Building on the themes of the recent Diocesan conference, this years Diocesan Development Day will take place on Saturday 3 October 2026 between 9 am and 3.45 pm at St Thomas Church, Crookes.

Initially bookings are limited to five people per church. If space remains available, they will offer additional spaces in the final fortnight. If you are interested in attending, please talk to one of the Clergy team. Further details can be found at <https://sheffdio.org/DevDay26>

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

Thinking Faith



Queer Church? Looking Forward Hopefully with Boyd Morgan

Sunday 9 August 7pm



Wed 12th August 12 noon

COMMUNITY STAYCATION LUNCH



Join members of the usual Wednesday Lunch Club and residents of Lifestyle and Dellside for a 2-course meal.



Numbers limited –
Please contact Briony
to book a place.



Cost £5 for adults
and £2 for Children
under 12



FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

ECO TIPS:

Whilst the heatwaves are coming and going across the UK, the reality is that we will have many more extreme-weather periods in the months and years ahead due to climate change. So while there is a real danger to wildlife in times of drought and dryness, it can also be a chance for us to make sure life continues in abundance. So what can we do to ensure nature has a chance in these dry and hot times? Here are some of our top actions for wildlife.

1. Make sure you have a supply of water for birds and insects. Water stress is one of the biggest killers of wildlife during drought. Put a dish of water out and you will help to keep all kinds of wildlife hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds and even badgers, foxes and deer will benefit. Putting a stone in a plant saucer will help bees to perch and drink without drowning.
2. Don't forget to continue to supply food for wildlife. Drought can mean that grains dry up faster and insect numbers reduce, so wildlife relies on us for extra support. Hedgehogs struggle to find invertebrates when the ground is dry, as worms move deeper down. Why not put out some hedgehog food too? Make sure it's from a reputable source like the RSPB shop.
3. Avoid cutting your grass. Keeping grass long will help retain moisture, provide a source of shelter for insects and mammals and keep the topsoil from blowing away.
4. Keep your bushes unpruned. Creating shaded areas will help reduce your garden's temperature, slowing the effects of drought.
5. Make sure you keep fruit trees well watered – with a can not a hose. Don't waste water trying to keep grass alive – instead, focus your attention on flowering and fruiting species. This will help to keep a food source for pollinating insects and for birds and other animals.
6. Adding mulch around trees, shrubs, and plants in your garden helps retain soil moisture, reduces watering needs during drought and improves soil health. Use organic mulch like grass cuttings, wood chips or straw, spread two to three inches deep and avoid direct contact with plant stems.

We hope these top tips will help to create a resilient landscape in these challenging times. For more practical eco tips, sign up to [Wild Christian](#).

Monthly tips supplied by A Rocha

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