



Notices for 09 August 2026

Information about upcoming events, news and how to get involved below.

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THIS WEEK



COFFEE CONCERT Katia Carlestone is deputising for David Willington on 9 Aug. She's going to do a recital after the service.

Kat Carlestone (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](#)).se

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.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WELCOME – We have received a lovely card and box of coffee, tea, sugar and biscuits as a thank you from Alex and Laurie whose daughter Sasha was baptised in the 10am service on 26 July.



The card says:

Thank you so much for making Sasha's Christening such a special and memorable day for our family. We were made to feel so welcome by everyone's kindness and warmth. The service was a beautiful celebration of faith, love and family. Thank you for helping us in celebrating an important milestone in Sasha's life. We are truly grateful for the care and generosity you showed us. With our heartfelt thanks, Alex, Laurie and Sasha.

Everyone present played their part in welcoming the family but we always need more people to help welcome on the door and set up and serve refreshments after the service. If you could offer to be part of a team on a regular rota every 6 weeks or on an adhoc basis, do talk to Jean Baxter or one of the clergy.

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>

HELP OUT



heritage open days

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2026 - As in years past, St Mark's will be open to the public for four hours on Saturday 12 September and Tuesday 15 September. Members of the congregation are of course very welcome to come on either day, when there will be people available to talk a little bit about the building and our community. Help is also required to staff the open days (from 10:00 to 14:00 on each day). If you are willing to help, please contact Philip Booth.

philipabooth@btopenworld.com

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

COMMUNITY LUNCH - this will take place on **Wednesday 12 August** from 12.15 pm. Cost £5, £2 children under 12. All are welcome; please contact Briony to book as places are limited. 0114 2350174



WHAT'S ON IN THE MISSION AREA:

Come to **York** WITH US!

The incredible choirs of
St John's Church, Ranmoor
are visiting **York Minster**
as part of their tour in August –
and **YOU** can come along!

**SUPPORT
OUR INCREDIBLE
CHOIRS!**



SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST



JOIN OUR COACH FROM ST JOHN'S, RANMOOR

Coach departs at 9.30am
for a wonderful day exploring
the beautiful city of York.



CHORAL EVENSONG AT YORK MINSTER

At 5.30pm, join us in the magnificent
surroundings of York Minster for
Choral Evensong, sung by our
very own St John's choirs.



OPEN TO EVERYONE

Congregation, family and friends
all very welcome!

COACH TRAVEL
+ A FABULOUS DAY OUT
+ THE UNFORGETTABLE
SOUND OF OUR CHOIRS
IN YORK MINSTER

All for just ➔

**£15
RETURN**

**A FEW TICKETS
STILL AVAILABLE!**

Enjoy a day in one of England's
most historic cities and be part of
something very special – supporting
our wonderful choirs as they sing
in one of the world's most
magnificent cathedrals.

Don't miss out! 

➔ COACH DEPARTS ST JOHN'S, RANMOOR AT 9.30AM ➔

BOOK YOUR TICKET VIA TICKETSOURCE OR THE PARISH OFFICE

www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-church

 *Come and support our wonderful choirs and enjoy a very special day in York!* 



The First St John's

Uncovering What Was Lost

Do you know that St John's Ranmoor, a familiar Sheffield sight for over a century, is not the original church? The first St John's was built on the same site in 1879 and destroyed by fire less than ten years later in 1887. Only the spire, incorporated into today's building, remains from that church.

This year Scissors Paper Stone will celebrate Heritage Open Days with art and trails that reveal the first St John's Church.

12th - 17th September 2026

See overleaf for opening times

St John's Church, Ranmoor

Ranmoor Park Road, S10 3GX

www.stjohnsranmoor.org.uk



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](#).*

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

HOT STREETS COOL IDEAS - Discover how Sheffield is responding to the challenges of climate change. Join researchers from the University of Sheffield for a free guided walking tour exploring the innovative ways the city is becoming greener, cooler, healthier and more resilient. From adaptable buildings and drainage to cleaner transport, biodiversity and urban food systems, this tour reveals the hidden sustainability stories behind everyday places in the city centre. [More here](#)

'HOT STREETS, COOL IDEAS'

30.08.2026

13:00

Meeting point:
Devonshire Green
Car Park, S1 4GT

**FREE
TOUR**

