



## Notices for 27 September 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

**ADVANCE WARNING!!** Sunday 27 September is the Sheffield 10k 'Run for All' event which starts at Arundel Gate, goes down Charter Row and past Endcliffe and Bingham parks before circling round the botanical gardens and down Ecclesall Road before returning to Arundel Gate for the finish line. You can check if your journey to church will be affected [here](#)

### OUR WELCOME REMAINS STRONG

We were saddened that our inclusive welcome banner was cut down and stolen on 21 September, just six days after it was put up. We have reported the incident to the police as a hate crime.

At St Mark's, inclusivity is central to our ethos. We are committed to speaking up against discrimination and prejudice, and we affirm and support our LGBTQIA+ community.

We are pleased to say that the banner has now been replaced and is hanging higher from our trees. We hope its message of welcome reaches everyone who needs it.

You are warmly invited to join us every Sunday at 10am or 7pm. Our Students and Young Adults group meets fortnightly after the 10am service from this Sunday 27 September. To connect with our Students and Young Adults Priest (pictured), email Helena at [Helena@stmarkssheffield.co.uk](mailto:Helena@stmarkssheffield.co.uk). **You can hear more from her about this incident on BBC Radio Sheffield at 7.15am on Sunday**



**CONCERT FOR NEPAL** - Saturday 26 September at 7.30pm at St Marks, no tickets required. [More here.](#)

**FAIR TRADE STALLS** - On Sunday 27th at 10am, we celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight with a themed service, a display, and a stall to buy Fair Trade products sourced from the Good Taste shop in Broomhill. Cash or card. And then enjoy a Fair Trade hot drink and biscuits! This is our yearly reminder that many people in the world work long hours for a pittance and deserve our support for a fair living wage.



**PEW CONSULTATION** - This is the second part of the consultation process to see if anything has changed now that the New Seating Area has been in place for three months. [Click here to provide feedback.](#) If you did not get your response in by last week, please do so today or fill in a Paper copies at the back of church. Thank you!

**COFFEE AFTER COFFEE** – is starting up again fortnightly during term time from Sunday 27 September as we welcome new and returning students and young people.



Join us for  
'coffee after coffee'  
Sunday's 11.45am-  
12.30pm(ish)



**27th Sept:** Welcome to Young Adults at St Marks  
(games and pizza)

**11th Oct:** National Emergency Briefing film and  
discussion

**25th Oct:** Living Hopefully

**8th Nov:** An Introduction to Liberation Theology; it's  
Strengths and Weaknesses

**22nd Nov:** Spiritual Abuse in the Church

**6th Dec:** Feminist and Queer Theologies of Liberation;  
an SCM workshop

**13th Dec:** Christmas social

\*Anyone is welcome age 18-30(ish)- students,  
non-students & graduates



**LIONS** - Our first Lion's social for the term is on the 27 Sept 4.30-6pm at Church. We will be making pizza, playing games and generally having fun together after a long summer break.

## NEWS

**LENT COURSE 2027** - Although Lent is still months away, it is time to start preparing for next year's course. A short list of three possible topics has been drawn up ('Being Church'; 'Eco-Spirituality'; 'Miracles of Jesus'). Please indicate your preferences on the voting sheet posted at the back of church. Thank you! *Ian*

**BRENDA HOUGHTON** – Brenda's funeral will be held at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium on Thursday 22 October at 13.15. The family have requested people dress as they are most comfortable doing but are encouraging people to wear something bright and cheerful. Donations in lieu of flowers will be sent to The Friends of the Botanical Gardens. Please hold Brenda's family in your prayers.

**THANK YOU** - David and Zeena would like to say thank you to everyone at St Mark's for the sponsorship for their Macmillan walk, they raised £350.

**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.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS FOR THE ARCHER PROJECT** - This year, due to their exciting [rebuild project](#), commencing in November, The Archer Project are asking supporters to donate **only** the following essential items of Sugar, Cereal, Coffee, Laundry detergent and Socks/boxers

Although they appreciate every single donation, please do not give them out of date food as they cannot use it for health and safety reasons. They also cannot accept glass jars.

They can accept clean, used socks in good condition, but boxers/knickers must be new and in original packaging for hygiene purposes.

Please bring your donations to a service on Sunday 4 October.

We will also be looking for a couple of volunteers to take the donations to their Campo Lane entrance the following week. Their opening hours are 8.30am-1pm on weekdays, except Wednesdays which are 8.30am-10am. Thank you

**LION'S** – is now meeting in the Lion's den on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during term time. We are also asking if any Lion's would like to join in the competition to design a logo for the Lion's group. Please let Helena, Lynn, Jack or Matthew know if you are interested. All teens 11-18 welcome.



## HELP OUT

**THE HOME DONATIONS COMMITTEE** is considering its recommendations for donations this year. We'd love to hear from you about charities or issues that are important to you. We are also keen to recruit a new member. Please speak to anyone on the committee - Naomi Wassall, David Price, Rosie Hughes, Dez Martin or Chris Ware.

**FIRST AID TRAINING** - Pauline and I are keen to update our first aid training and find that have found that St Johns Ambulance will run a free 90-minute emergency first aid session for a group of at least 6 people. Let us know if interested and we will follow up. [millers@mm1728pm.plus.com](mailto:millers@mm1728pm.plus.com)

## COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** - On Sunday 18 October there will be a shared lunch at 12.15 to mark Action on Poverty. There will be pasta dishes; would anyone like to volunteer macaroni cheese? or a meaty/veggie sauce? Pasta will be provided, including G-free. Offers of puddings or fruit also gratefully received - and help on the day! Please contact Briony. Thanks. *Briony*

**LOGOS ONLINE BIBLE STUDY** - Christian Beginnings According to the Acts of the Apostles. Wednesday 7 October 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.

**THINKING FAITH** – please save the date for our next session. [More here.](#)

### Thinking Faith

The History of Ancient Israel and  
the Current Conflict in  
the Middle East  
with Prof Lester Grabbe



Sunday 11 October 7pm

**SAVE THE DATE** – for Big Queer Carols 2026, all are welcome and we will be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with cake after.



ST MARK'S CHURCH PRESENTS  
**BIG QUEER CAROLS**  
BROOMFIELD ROAD, S10 2SG

13 DEC AT 6PM

CAKE & DRINKS AFTER FAMILIES WELCOME

Celebrating 5 Years

STALLS FROM:  
JUNO BOOKS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SAYIT

[www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk](http://www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk)

## IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

### **CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY URBAN PILGRIMAGE** - 17 October in Sheffield

Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield will be holding an Urban Pilgrimage as part of Challenge Poverty Week. The walk will visit a day centre for rough sleepers and other church-based projects responding to poverty in the city, with opportunities for prayer, reflection and learning about how churches can better support this work. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Joe Forde

**HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE LOCAL AREA** - Sheffield Hallam University are planning to sell some of the buildings on their Collegiate Campus, including two Victorian villas at the top of the campus, and they're keen to get input from local people so they can set suitable conditions for developers who might want to acquire the properties. The Collegiate Campus is within the Broomhall Conservation Area, and the buildings are mostly Victorian villas, some of which are listed. The university acknowledge that the area has great historic character that city residents value highly and will want to see preserved and treated with respect. You can email them at [engagement@shu-collegiate.co.uk](mailto:engagement@shu-collegiate.co.uk)

## FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

### ECO TIPS:

#### **Creationtide Green Mailing**

The Environment Group encourages you to [read this short mailing](#) from the Sheffield Eco Diocese team, outlining ways to celebrate Creation and care for the planet with Christians locally, nationally and across the world. Do also consider signing up to receive the Green Mailing twice a term.

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