



Notices for 04 October 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

CHORAL EVENSONG SUNDAY 4th AT 4PM – Steel City

Chorister who call St Mark's home will be hosting at Evensong at 4pm, all are welcome.



HARVEST FESTIVAL – DONATIONS FOR THE ARCHER

PROJECT – This year, 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 Although they appreciate every single donation, please do not give them out of date food as they cannot use it for health and safety reasons.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 can not accept glass jars. They can accept clean, used socks in good condition but boxers / knickers must be new and in the original packaging for hygiene reasons. Anything donated that does not meet these criteria will either be given to the foodbank or recycled.

HOMEMADE JAMS AND PRESERVES – On sale 4 October. Bring change with you.

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.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COFFEE AFTER

COFFEE – The students and young adults group warmly invite the congregation to join them for a showing of the National Emergency Briefing, lunch is included.

For catering purposes, please let Helena know if you would like to attend.



11th Oct

Coffee after Coffee
11.45-12.30pm(ish)
at church



National Emergency Briefing
Film and discussion
with John Grant
(lunch provided)

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





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

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NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST JOHN'S - Appeal Update – 75% raised to Save Their Spire

This week St John's have announced a major new milestone in the fundraising for their 'Save Our Spire' appeal. They have been granted £250,000 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, bringing the total raised for their Save Our Spire appeal to just over £750,000. They need to raise another £250,000 to meet their fundraising goal and 'can now get tenders for the work to begin.

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.

IAIN STRATH – We are sad to let you know that Iain died on 28 September after a long illness. Iain was a member of St Mark's from 1998 – 2002 and was very involved with nativities and pantomimes.

Anne will let me know details of the funeral which will be in Cambridgeshire in due course or is happy for me to pass her e-mail onto those who wishes to make contact. *Shan*

LION'S – is now meeting in the Lion's den on the 1st and 3rd 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.

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. 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. [More about it in this news article here.](#)



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

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*

Thinking Faith

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



Sunday 11 October 7pm

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



SAVE THE DATE – for Big Queer Carols 2026, 13 Dec at 6pm. All are welcome and we will be celebrating our 5th Anniversary with cake after.

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

BABA YETU - choral concert with the Sheffield Chorale at St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, S11 8YL, Saturday 10th October at 7.30 pm. A varied programme of sacred and secular music inspired by or featured in film, television and video games. Tickets: Adults £13 in advance or £15 on the door; Students £8 and Under 16s free both in advance or on the door. To purchase in advance go to <http://www.sheffieldchorale.org/tickets>, a small ticket fee may apply.



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

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

ECO TIPS:

Greening your home this Autumn

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out. (keyholes, letter boxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps – there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind radiators to reflect heat back into your room

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