



Notices for 11 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 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

In this season of harvest, we give thanks for the fruit and growth of the past year and begin to look ahead, planning for the year to come. We are deeply grateful for the generosity shown over the last 12 months in financial giving, enthusiasm, expertise, and care. Thanks to your gifts we have had a surplus in 2026, which has helped us to grow our ministry team, but face more challenges next year. Do come along to either of our morning services (8am or 10am) on Sunday, October 11th for Stewardship Sunday.

You can read the [stewardship letter here](#). Paper copies of the letter and pledge form will be at the back of church. David Armstrong, our treasurer, has produced a list of financial questions and answers. These, and the church's full accounts, are available on the [website under giving](#), and at the back of church. If you have questions or want to know more about our finances please talk to, or email, David (david.treasurer3@gmail.com).

Please return your pledge, either digitally or on the paper forms available in church. It would be great if we could have responses by mid-November. Please remember that if at any time your financial circumstances change you can always amend this pledge. All responses will be treated confidentially and will only be seen by the treasurer.



JOIN OR UPDATE OUR CONTACT LIST - St Mark's hold a list of people in our community. We hold details securely in line with GDPR and share them with others on the list only with your permission. You can also sign up to receive a weekly reflection, church news and information on upcoming events.

New here? Use the QR code or [this link to join](#).

Already on our list? Please tell the office if your details have changed.



EASYFUNDRAISING - Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Mark's with easyfundraising? There are over 8,000 retailers ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S, and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marks-broomhill-sheffield/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Mark's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

Alternatively you can use the QR code. There are no catches or hidden charges. Thank you for your support.



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.](#)

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



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

NEWS

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

Recently St John's 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

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*

HYMN PICKING - We're going to be pick the hymns for December, January and February soon. If anyone has any comments about what they'd like to see in the hymns or be involved in the hymn picking, please talk to David Willington.

DVDs ON OFFER - Would anyone like five ballet DVD's? These were self-transferred from our video cassettes many years ago but we no longer need them. Titles including Giselle, Romeo and Juliet, Petrushka, Mayerling, Napoli, Kirov in London, L'Après Midi d'un Faune, Noces. Contact Michael Miller millers@mm1728pm.plus.com.

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

COFFEE CONCERT and COMMUNITY LUNCH 18 OCTOBER- There'll be a coffee concert after next week's service. There'll be violin music, flute music and singing from the children of the Steel City Choristers. It'll be a wonderful musical interlude between the morning's service and lunch. Lunch will be pasta, please consider bringing a pasta topping to share.

RESTORE SERVICE – Wednesday 21 October





Fire, drought, flood, chaos



What can we do about it? This summer our nightmares about climate change started to come true, not just abroad and the scientists tell us that it is going to get worse. "It is sobering when you realise that this is the least extreme climate you will experience in your lifetime" (Professor Hayley Fowler - Professor of Climate Change Impacts at Newcastle University)

But we can do something about it. There is a remarkable film which spells out the acute dangers we face with chilling clarity but also the ways in which they can be tackled with inspiring success. We can fight the fires, the droughts, the floods and the chaos but we have to act now. It is an emergency. Come and see the film.

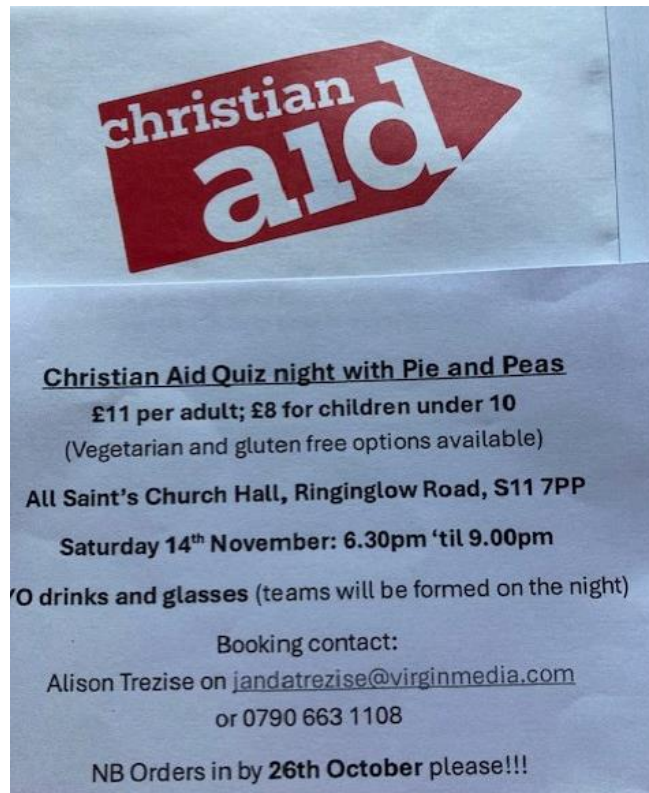
Tuesday 27 October 7.30 St Mark's Upstairs Room. [Please book a free ticket on Eventbrite here](#) or scan the QR code.



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.





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.