St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 08 November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

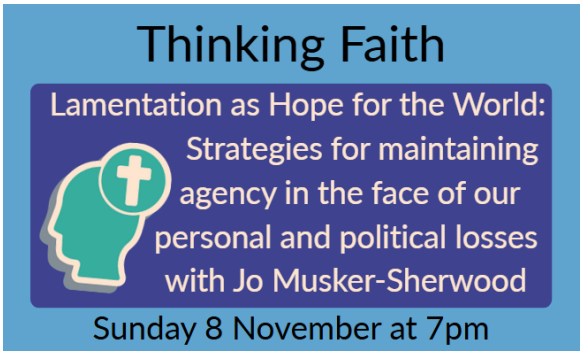
Information about upcoming events, news and how to get involved below.
Patterns of worship here, Children's here, church calendar here and giving here.

THIS WEEK:

LEAF CLEARING ON THE GREEN - Sat 7th Nov 10-12am. Meet on the Green.
Join the Environment Group for all or part of this session to clear autumn leaves. Why? To allow wild flowers to grow better next spring, build compost for the allotment group to grow fruit and veg and make the grass less slippery for our children's groups to run around on. Please bring gloves plus rakes, bags and secateurs if you have them. All ages welcome - do what you can. Hot drinks and biscuits to keep you going! Any questions to Margaret 07768407821.

OPEN COMMUNION - An inclusive service for LGBTQIA people. Meets once a month. This Sunday 8 November at 4pm, *refreshments from 3.30pm*

THINKING FAITH - with more on the website here.



SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY LUNCH NEXT WEEK –



There will be a roast lunch next week after the 10am service (15 November). Please sign up if you would like to come at the back of church. The cost is £4/adult, £2/child or £10/family. If you have any apples left please also bring them so we can make a crumble.

Christmas cards will also be on sale for Christian aid after the 10am, cash only please.

STEWARDSHIP – Of our gifts and skills
Stewardship encompasses the generous and responsible management of gifts and resources entrusted to each one of us in the form of our talents and skills as well as our finances.
How might you share your gifts to serve others through acts of service which reflect God's love within the life of the church, your local community or the wider world?

Do visit our website under giving, and explore the section "contribute your time and talents' as you consider how you are called to share your time and skills more widely.

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. 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.

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. 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.



COMMUNION BREAD
We are having trouble buying the gluten free bread we have been using for communion, so we are having to try a different brand. For the next few weeks, we are trying BFree Gluten Free Tiger Rolls. We hope this one will work but are trialling it for a few weeks to see.

Ingredients: Water, Tapioca Starch, Potato Starch, Paste (12%) [Water, Tiger Paste Mix (Rice Flour, Starch, Sugar, Flour Treatment Agent), Rice Flour, Yeast, Sugar, Baking Powder (Raising Agent (Disodium Dihydrogen Diphosphate, Sodium Bicarbonate), Potato Starch)], Rapeseed Oil, Bamboo Fibre, Yeast, Corn Starch, Rice Flour, Sugar, Humectant (Glycerine), Thickeners (Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose, Xanthan Gum), Psyllium Husk, Salt, Rice Protein, Pea Protein, Fermented Syrups, Preservative (Sorbic Acid)

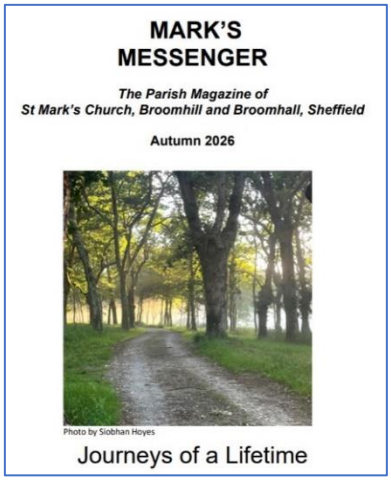
NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who made or purchased jam, marmalade and chutney around Harvest Festival. We raised £285 for Christian Aid.

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.

BOYD MORGAN'S ORDINATION AND CURACY
Boyd is going to be ordained on 4 July at Sheffield Cathedral and will serve his curacy at St Mary's Ecclesfield and St Mark's Grenoside.

NEW MESSENGER OUT NOW – Please pick up a printed copy of the messenger out now or click here to read it here.



COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:

RUSKIN COMES TO TOTLEY: There will be a second rehearsed reading of the new play by Frances Gray and David Price about Ruskin's activities in Sheffield at 7 pm on Saturday 21st November at Dore and Totley United Reformed Church, Totley Brook Road, Totley. It has been renamed to attract a Totley audience. Click here for more.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S WRITE FOR RIGHTS GREETING CARDS CAMPAIGN - Join hundreds of thousands of Amnesty supporters around the world by taking part in our annual Write for Rights Greetings Card campaign which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Ordinary people, wherever they are, can help change someone else's life. Together, they have helped secure the release of people unlawfully detained, reunite families, challenge abusive laws and remind countless individuals that they have not been forgotten. To take part visit Write for Rights 2026 Letter Writing Details
For those with no Internet access copies of the printed booklets will be available from 8 November and out at church during advent. When you have sent your cards, do pass the booklet on to someone else.
Robin Story

HELP OUT:

FLOWERS - Thanks to Vanessa Senger, Helen Fisher, Maureen Bowness and Jennifer Hurrell for donating flowers & Helen Fisher, Tricia Morgan, Vanessa Senger and Jennifer Hurrell for arranging them in November

FROM OUR ENVIRONMENT GROUP:

PRAYING FOR COP31: 9-20 November - World Leaders will gather in Antalya, Türkiye for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP31). The agenda will include topics such as electrification, zero waste, energy efficiency, climate resilience and clean energy transition.
Every year action on Climate Change becomes more urgent and with loss and damage of our actions becoming ever more evident, especially among the some of the poorest nations and communities in the world who have done least to cause this crisis.
Please pray for all our countries to work together in a spirit of trust, mutual care and respect and to work around barriers to addressing these challenges.

ECO TIPS:

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!

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