St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 15 November 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:

SUNDAY LUNCH – There will be a roast lunch after the 10am service (15 November). The cost is £4/adult, £2/child or £10/family.



Christmas cards from Oxfam and Good taste will be on sale after the 10am service - 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 THIS WEEK. 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)

MEMBERS OF ST MARK'S INVITE YOU TO: 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.

RUSKIN COMES TO TOTLEY

A PLAY IN TWO ACTS BY
DAVID PRICE AND FRANCES GRAY



In 1877 the celebrated art critic and social prophet, John Ruskin, bought a farm in Totley for some Sheffield 'Communists" who wanted to establish a commune. But Ruskin and the 'Communists' had conflicting ideas…

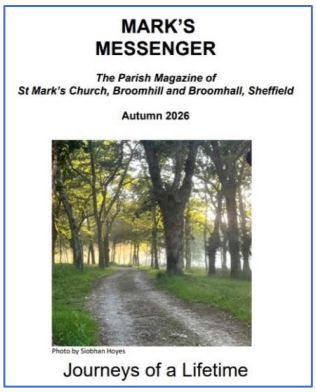
A rehearsed play reading with music. No tickets. Admission free but a collection at the end for expenses incurred by two of the churches involved – St Mark's Broomhill and Dore and Totley URC - and for the charity 'Your Kids Around the World'.

'Consistently engaging and full of charm' - Review by Stuart Eagles, former Secretary of the Guild of St George.

7 pm on Saturday 21 November 2026 at Dore and Totley URC, Totley Brook Road, Sheffield S17 3QS

NEWS

LATEST EDITION OF THE MESSENGER OUT NOW – Please pick up a printed copy of the messenger out now or click here to read it here. Frances Gray will be editing the next edition



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.

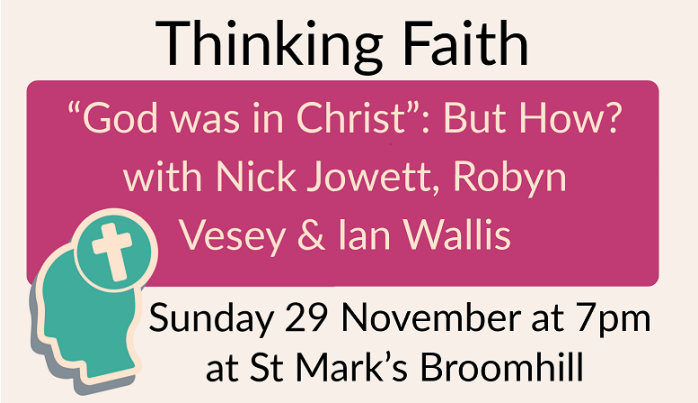
BOYD MORGAN'S ORDINATION AND CURACY

Boyd is going to be ordained on 4 July 2027 at Sheffield Cathedral and will serve his curacy at St Mary's Ecclesfield and St Mark's Grenoside.

COMING UP AT ST MARK'S:



OUR NEXT THINKING FAITH SESSSION: more here



TOY SWAP - Calling all grandparents and families, please bring any unwanted lightly used toys for a swap at St Marks on 29 November. Items (including toys, books, Christmas jumpers, Christmas decorations or unwanted gift wrapping paper) can be brought to church in the morning and then items will be available to choose after church or before/after the Christingle service in the afternoon. We hope that by swapping rather than shopping for gifts we can together reduce our carbon footprint and reduce waste this Christmas.



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

IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

FREE LUNCH FOR FESTIVE SHIFT WORKERS - Greene King pubs are offering shift workers a free festive main meal for themselves and a guest between December 2nd and 5th to thank them for their hard work. Eligible shift workers can apply online here by November 16th to receive two voucher codes to redeem at their local pub.

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 - In autumn 2026, both a biodiversity COP and climate COP will be held. Find out more about what's on the agenda and how you can engage with them through prayer. How to engage with COP in 2026

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.