

Notices for 17 March 2024

Information about upcoming events, news and how to get involved below.

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND ST. MARK'S & THE MISSION AREA:



TECHNICAL ISSUES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS - I'm sure most people will have noticed some issues, which seem to have got worse over the last few weeks, with the changing of the slides at the I0am service on Sunday mornings. It takes three volunteers each week to ensure that everybody both in the building and on Zoom can see and hear what is going on. Usually two of these people sit at the back of the church, one operating the sound desk - this controls the sound and camera and is connected to the projector, the second controlling the powerpoint slides. The third is usually Shan in Somerset who controls the waiting room letting people into the meeting. All three are only connected by the Zoom meeting. The problem is that when the slide is changed on the powerpoint it must get to the soundesk laptop as that projects the image. This connection has been unpredictably slow. After investigation I think we have found the source of the problem - congestion on the local Wi-Fi network. A solution has also been identified that I hope will soon solve the problem. There is only a small team of people who do these jobs. If you are interested in joining the team please let me or Maria Oliver know. David

LENT LUNCH this Sunday 17 March - soup, bread, and fruit, with pizza for children. All are welcome to stay. Cost - £3 for adults, and pro rata for children. Proceeds to local food banks. Any offers of help on the day, or with making soup, to Briony, please.

COFFEE CONCERT – On **Sunday 24 March** there will be a Coffee Concert after the service. Zulfiqar Willington will play a short cello recital (around 20 minutes), which is part of his preparation for his grade 8 exam.

STEWARDSHIP 2024 - Thank you to those of you who have now responded to this notice. We really want a response from everybody so that we know what our likely income will be for 2024 especially as the PCC agreed a deficit budget for this year. If you have not yet responded please do so by:

- I. completing this online form
- 2. completing the response page in the letter (this can be found on the website here or printed copies are available at the back of church)
- 3. emailing the treasurer at david.treasurer3@gmail.com

If you have any questions about giving or the finances of the church, please contact me, the treasurer. Thanks. *David Armstrong*

MICHAEL ADIE – We heard last week that Michael Adie, who was the first vicar of the new St Mark's, died last Monday aged 94. Michael was only 30 when he became St Mark's Vicar in August 1960. The church had been badly damaged in 1940 and had been unusable since then. There had been previous efforts to get the church rebuilt but Michael got it done and was also responsible for building a new congregation which was focused on the 9:30am Parish Communion which he introduced while preserving the existing I I am morning prayer. He left in 1969 and went to the parish of Louth in Lincolnshire. He subsequently became Archdeacon of Lincoln and in 1983 became Bishop of Guildford. He retired in 1994.

In his farewell message to St Mark's in December 1969, Michael Adie said

"There is both in our worship and our activities a family atmosphere — and I don't mean just noisy children stampeding around (though that happens at times) but there is an openness of mind, a readiness to discuss problems from first principles, a framework of community which enables us to disagree vigorously and yet remain in the same family. Most of all, I suppose it is the assumption that we are all together trying to work out what God means us to do in the world today, that we all have to contribute and to learn, that I have most enjoyed and from which I have most benefitted."

We give thanks for his ways of thinking and leadership including the significant role he played in introducing the measure in General Synod that led to the ordination of women priests, all of which clearly live on in the ethos of St Mark's today. Please hold Michael's children Elizabeth, Andrew, Rosamund and Helen in your prayers. *Shan*

Michael's funeral, at Guildford Cathedral will take place at 11.30 on Monday 25 March. It will be possible to join the service via zoom and we will send out the zoom link in next week's Friday email.



NATURE RECOVERY WORKING PARTY - Sat 23rd March 10 - 12.30 Join the Environment Group on the Green for a fun session of leaf compost bagging up — ready to be used on your gardens this spring. See the wild flowers and tree buds emerging. All ages welcome. Bring a rake and gardening gloves if you have them. And a couple of bags to take your compost home if wanted. Hot drinks provided. Enquiries to martin.godley@tiscali.co.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL ANNUAL REVISION – this is the list of people who have the right to vote in St Mark's Annual Church meetings, stand for our church council (or one of the local or national bodies e.g., deanery synod, diocesan synod, or General Synod). If you are not already on the electoral roll there is a form which needs to be completed and returned to Peter Ryder by **Thursday I I April**, it can be accessed electronically <u>HERE</u> or there are paper copies at the back of church. To qualify you need to be baptised, aged 16 or over and either live in the parish or attend worship here regularly. Worshipping via Zoom also counts. Please do sign up if you have not already because it is one of the ways the wider church sees how active a parish church is. For more information ask any of the PCC. *Thank you*

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – please save the date for your diary. This will be held at **I Iam on Sunday 28 April** in the building and on Zoom following a shortened morning service.

LENT GROUPS - If you missed the seminar on How to Eat Bread with Miranda Threlfall-Holmes it is <u>available here</u>. We hope you are now enjoying your lent groups and if you would like to view the Lent booklet, <u>click here</u>.

JONATHAN EARLE - I'm trying to put together a working party to complete the last few jobs at my brothers house in Hull (mostly painting and decorating, putting furniture together and fence building). I can either do this over a Saturday if I get a lot of people, or if people have a day free, any day apart from Thursdays. I also need to borrow tools for the jobs - a sledgehammer and electrical. I'm also looking for car driver, and I can cover the travel costs. If anyone is able to help please contact Jonathan on either earlejonathan@rocketmail.com or 07751 788669.

DOREEN GODDEN – We are pleased to let you know Doreen is back home and would love people to visit here for short periods. Arrangements can be made by contacting David on WhatsApp or Doreen on her mobile. Thank you. Shan.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - If you are considering baptism or confirmation and would like to discuss this further, please to talk to Beth Keith either after the service or contact on email beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk.

ST. JOHN'S RANMOOR - Please join our mission partner, as they embark on celebrating their I50-year anniversary in 2029 with a project called Paper, Scissor, Stone! Over the next 5 years, they have a diverse array of events and celebrations planned. Starting on April I3 at 4.30pm when the local historian, Loveday Herridge, will be talking about their founder, the brewer and art collector, John Newton Mappin, with real ales and Victorian music. £3. More information about this event and the celebrations can be found here

LOOKING FOR HOUSING – a young professional linked to the church is looking for a flat or room in a house share. If you know of anything, please get in touch with Beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk

CLEARING ST. MARK'S VICARAGE, GARAGE AND SWISS COTTAGE

Could you help Sue to empty the vicarage, garage, and Swiss Cottage after Easter? She needs willing volunteers who can help carry things and people who can take items in their cars to new homes, a skip, or the tip. She plans to be available:

THURSDAY 4 APRIL	All Day
FRIDAY 5 APRIL	Afternoon
SATURDAY 6 APRIL	All Day
SUNDAY 7 APRIL	Afternoon

Sue is still using her previous e-mail and mobile number so send her a message, text or WhatsApp to let her know what help you can offer. Thank you. Shan



MARCH ECO TIP

This year, we will be supporting the Eco Tip calendar provided by Rocha, who gave us our Gold Eco Church Award last year, follow along for a new tip every month:

CELEBRATE SPRING- Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty and thank God for the hope that spring can bring.