



# St Mark's Sheffield

## Notices for 12 May

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

Patterns of worship [here](#), Children's [here](#), church calendar [here](#) and giving [here](#).

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

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS HERE!** Thanks to all who have agreed to deliver envelopes to roads in the parish. If you haven't already got your bundle, please pick it up from the back of church on Sunday.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

Why do we bother? **275 projects across Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, and the Caribbean. Including: Water for Gaza; new farming techniques in Malawi; Promoting women's Rights in Afghanistan; supporting communities affected by climate change in Haiti and ...**

*"We need to enthuse the congregation about the work of Christian Aid and help us all to realise the **extraordinary** work that they do on our behalf throughout the world. They have been at it so long that I think the danger is we take what they do for granted."* **Michael Bayley**

Please offer just a few hours of time to help us raise more than ever Christian Aid this year; deliver only envelopes, serve tea in our pop-up 17<sup>th</sup> May in Broomhill, promote our online envelope on your social media

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/st-marks-broomhill-and-broomhall> and our own QR code for donations

It works and so does Christian Aid!!!



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**12 MAY YOUNG ADULTS COFFEE AFTER COFFEE: 11.45 - 12.30** - An Introduction to liberation theology

### OPEN LETTER TO THE BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD ABOUT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS:

On 28 April, we held a very well attended meeting about Faith Perspectives on the Middle East Crisis. One of the speakers, Revd Dr Casey Strine, suggested writing about this to Bishop Pete, now that he is a member of the House of Lords. Since then, David Price and Mark James have drawn up a letter for you to sign in church on **Sunday 12 May** if you wish.

**HAVE YOU LEFT ANYTHING?** There will be a display of lost property and items from the Flower Room, in the corridor on 12 May. Please have a look and take anything of yours. On 19 May the items will be for sale, with donations to church; anything left will go to a charity shop.

**NEWS UPDATE – INDEFINITE LEAVE TO REMAIN GRANTED:**

Lizzi updates us the following news from her friend from Afghanistan.

*“Finally I have some good news. My application for the indefinite leave to remain has been accepted. I would like to thank everyone sincerely from the bottom of my heart for donating and making this possible. I couldn’t do it without your help and support. I can’t thank you enough. May God bless you all and I wish you all the best.”*

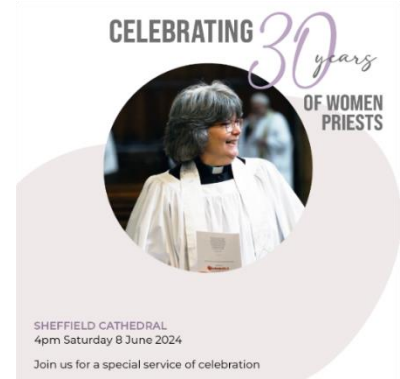
This will make his life in the UK much easier as he will now be able to prove his right to work to employers and will be helpful when his families case goes to court with the aim of reuniting him with his siblings here in the UK.

**17 May 7 – 9 pm HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS EVENING AT SHEFFIELD**

**CATHEDRAL** - You are invited to a meeting which will start with half an hour of refreshments and live music. The meeting aims to inform people about the problems of homelessness facing those who are now being given refugee status and to explore ways of finding them accommodation. The Home Office has been giving large numbers of asylum seekers leave to remain and turning them out of their asylum accommodation. Agencies like Nomad which have the job of housing homeless people have run out of suitable accommodation to which they could go. What alternatives can we find? [Register your interest and find our more here.](#) David Price

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 4pm CELEBRATION OF 30 YEARS OF WOMEN PRIESTS** - a service with bubbly and buns to follow.

Three short videos of ordained women in the Diocese will be woven into the service, and the preacher will be the Rt Revd. Alison White, former Bishop of Hull. Invitations have been sent nationally to all women who were ordained in Sheffield Cathedral so the day promises to be a day of reunions as well as celebrations. If you haven’t got around to booking yet, you can do so at [sheffdio.org/30Years](http://sheffdio.org/30Years).



**ST. JOHN'S RANMOOR** are celebrating their 150-year anniversary in 2029 with a project called Paper, Scissor, Stone! [More information about this event and the celebrations can be found here](#)

**CAR PARK:** Please could everyone who makes use of the visitors' spaces on weekdays be assiduous in closing and locking the barrier each time they enter or leave. We are getting more unauthorised cars taking a chance... Thanks, *Briony*

**PAPER SHREDDER** – the office is looking for a paper shredder as ours has broken. Do you have a spare one? Please contact the office.

**CITY OF SANCTUARY LOOKING FOR NEW TRUSTEE** - City of Sanctuary Sheffield is an independent charity, working to build a safe and welcoming city for people seeking sanctuary. We are currently looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to join our Board of Trustees. Trustees play a key role in guiding and supporting the organization. If you are interested in helping to make Sheffield a safe and welcoming place and want to use your skills and experience to make a

difference for others, we would love to hear from you. Find out more here:  
<https://sheffield.cityofsanctuary.org/volunteering/trustee-roles>

**SAVE THE DATE 20 – 22 September Mission Area Weekend** - Following the success of the last Parish weekend at home, we are planning another weekend which will involve all 3 churches in our 3 Spires Mission Area. Do save the date. Further information will follow.

Save the date...

**3 Spires**

**Mission Area Weekend**

**20-22 Sep '24**

**'Every Day God'**  
facilitated by Jan Berry

**You are invited to join us for our first weekend together with the theme of prayer.**  
**With something for every age, we'll worship, learn and play together!**

**TRAUMA INFORMED MINISTRY DAY, 19 OCTOBER, 9.30-14.00**

An interactive workshop by Rev Hilary Ison at St Mark's Church Broomhill S10 2SE. Come and equip yourself to deal with the stresses and strains of daily life better.

An interactive workshop exploring how understanding ourselves and our body's reaction to trauma better can enable us to build resilience for the future. Hilary will help us learn how to check in on ourselves and respond in a more considered and creative way, enabling us to look

after ourselves and accompany others better in pastoral ministry through difficult times. We will look at how we can respond in a helpful, healthy way, both individually and collectively as congregations and communities, and the biblical and faith resources available to help. We will finish with an optional healing service. Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Hilary is a great speaker who is experienced in all kinds of church leadership and teaching and a trustee for St Lukes for Clergy Wellbeing. For more information and to book [Click Here](#)

### MAY 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:

**SAY NO TO THE MOW-** Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals.