



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 19 May

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:



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 12th - 18th 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 17th 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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TAIZE PICNIC AND SERVICE - 19 MAY

On Sunday evening there is a Taizé service at 7pm composed of singing, prayer and silence. We are meeting on the green beforehand at **5pm** for a bring and share picnic.

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. Thanks for everyone who signed the letter, it has now been sent to Bishop Pete.

17 May 7 – 9 pm HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS EVENING AT SHEFFIELD

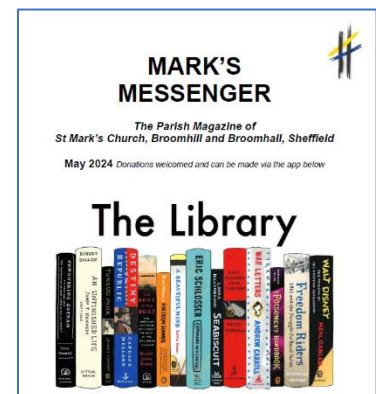
CATHEDRAL - You are invited to a meeting which will start with half an hour of refreshments and live music. The meeting aims to inform people about the problems of homelessness facing

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 out more here.](#) David Price

CONCERT WITH THE GUILD OF STRINGS - Friday 31 May at 7pm at **St Mark's, Broomhill**. Free Entry, just turn up. Sheffield Cathedral organist James Mitchell joins the Guild of Strings to perform Mozart's Church Sonata No. 17 and Handel's Organ Concerto "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale" alongside Bach's Double Violin concerto and Brandenburg Concerto No. 5

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

MARK'S MESSENGER – The latest edition of Mark's Messenger is now available to pick up from the back of church. If you can, please do donate towards the printing costs. The next edition will be coming out at the start of September. Shan is editing it, and the overall theme is "released". Please send potential contributions to Shan by the end of July.



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.

A POLITICAL FAITH - online panel seminar 3 June 6pm

Modern Church, together with the Church Times are running a series of political theology this year. The first in this series is called Political Faith and is happening online on 3 June. You can sign up and buy tickets here (<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/a-political-faith>)

At its best, Christianity is a worldly religion – seeking to build a kingdom/kingdom of God on earth and challenging the 'principalities and powers' that seek to oppress and imprison us. Across history, Christians have clashed and colluded with those in political power – for good and for ill. This panel will explore where we have come to and ask, where should we go next? What can we learn from the history of political theology? Can churches be (re)formed in conversation with party politics, and how can we bring an effective and ethical influence to bear on those who hold political power?

Min Shermara Fletcher-Hoyte, National Principal Officer for Pentecostal, Charismatic and Multi-Cultural relations at Churches Together in England.

Dr Jenny Leith, author of 'Political Formation: Being Formed by the Spirit in Church and World', SCM Press, 2023.

Professor Graeme Smith, founder editor of the *International Journal, 'Political Theology'*, Taylor and Francis.

Chaired by Professor Elaine Graham of *Modern Church*

Saturday 8th 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.



JULIAN PRAYER – From June, in addition to sending out the weekly Julian Prayer e-mail, this contemplative prayer meeting (which includes 30 minutes of silence), will be held on Zoom on the second Monday of the Month (10 June) and in the Chapel on the fourth Monday in the month - (24 June)
If you would like to receive the weekly Julian Prayer e-mail with the short reading or reflection to aid silent or contemplative prayer, please e-mail Shan.

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*

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.](#)

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.

St Mark's Church, Broomhill, S10 2SE
Fri 31 May, 7pm



The Guild of Strings and South Yorkshire Organ Festival

Music for organ and strings

With James Mitchell (organ) and John Lyon and Rosie McConaghie (violins)

Handel organ concerto HWV 295 (The Cuckoo and the Nightingale)

Mozart sonata 15 for organ and strings K336

JS Bach double violin concerto BWV 1043

JS Brandenburg concerto no 5, BWV 1050

Free entry, retiring collection for Amnesty International
