



Notices for 26 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:

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.

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

GREEN ON THE GREEN, SUNDAY, 9 JUNE- as part of this event there will be a plant stall selling plants of all kinds. If you have anything at home surplus to your needs which you can contribute, anything will be very welcome. If you want to bring it before the day, you could leave plants near the Vicarage greenhouse. Money raised will be donated to ASSIST. There will also be home-made cordial available free of charge. Offers of help on the day will also be welcome – please contact Briony.

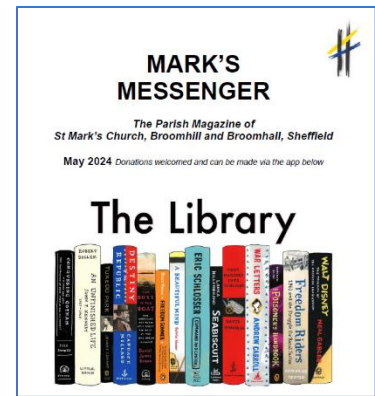


St Mark's Picnic on the Green 12 - 1.30pm, Sunday 9 June 2024

Bring your own picnic and meet our church family on the Green. See how we are tending it as an urban haven for wildlife as well as for people. Activities for children. Wild flower survey.

Celebrating Great Big Green Week
& Churches Count on Nature

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.



Bishop Pete and Cathy invite you to a

Garden Party

to support two local charities:
the Archer Project and ASSIST

Saturday 22nd June 2024
2-5pm

Bishopscroft, Snaithing Lane, S10 3LG

There is no entrance fee, but there will be lots of opportunities to purchase crafts, cakes, refreshments, plants etc. There will also be face painting, children's activities, live music and much more!



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THE BISHOPS GARDEN PARTY - Pete and Cathy are delighted to be hosting the Garden Party at Bishopscroft this year on 22 June, raising funds for two local charities: The Archer Project and ASSIST. Please secure the date in your diaries. There will be a variety of stalls for people to sell their products and demonstrate their skills, entertainment for children and families, music and refreshments. Do feel free to circulate the date more widely within your networks. Everyone is welcome!

ECO CHURCH STALL - in particular, could anyone do a stint on the Eco Church stall, just being prepared to chat about our experiences of being an eco church and give out some leaflets? An hour would be great and you are then free to enjoy the rest of the party! All part of our commitment to use our Gold award to support others.

PLANT STALL - And plants are needed for the plant stall, which raised a good amount for the charities last year.

If you can help, please contact the Bishop's Office on 0114 230 2170 or Email: pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk

CALL YOU HELP WITH BAKING? – A request from our mission partner St John's Ranmoor - "The Bishops Garden Party is on Saturday 22nd June 2024 2-5pm. Historically we have supported the garden party with hosting the refreshments stalls. When we did it 2 years ago we had huge help with baking donations from your incredible wardens, and congregation. We are hoping you can help us again this year with baking. All items need to have ingredients listed and any baking can be dropped off at the St Johns office on Friday 21st June 10-12noon or taken straight to Bishopscroft on Saturday anytime from 11am. For more information please contact Claire at St John's directly administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk "

ST MARK'S GREEN MOWING - Additional volunteers wanted please - to join the mowing roster, starting in June... Take it in turns to cut the grass with our petrol machines, 3 or 4 times a year. It's great exercise that doesn't involve a gym subscription fee (!). Please contact Martin on 07505 992922 or martin.godley@tiscali.co.uk

NEW TREASURER REQUIRED - The Parish of Attercliffe and Darnall seeks a new Treasurer as theirs retires after 11 years. The PCC needs someone to handle bookkeeping. Tasks like cash handling and invoicing are covered. If you can spare a little time each week and would like to know more, please contact David Armstrong.

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

Tickets are £10, but free tickets are available for anyone for whom cost would be a barrier to attending this webinar.

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.

PINKNIC 13 July Peace Gardens, 11am-7pm – Volunteers needed!

Open Sheffield are running a stall at the Pinknic and looking for volunteers to help out at Sheffield's inclusive, family-friendly LGBTQ+ event. We are looking for people who could volunteer on the stall, either with set up, packing away, or to be on the stall for a couple of hours with others. If you can help, or would like to find out more please let Beth know (beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk)

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](#)

GOD AFTER DECONSTRUCTION 13 AUGUST 7.30PM

In conjunction with the Progressive Christianity Network, St Mark's Sheffield presents an evening with American theologian Thomas Jay Oord dealing with the challenging topic of faith deconstruction. The session will offer a hopeful and hope-filled vision of Christianity that doesn't rely on the traditional toxic traits of a violent and domineering deity.

Dr Oord is a philosophical theologian and the author of a variety of popular books including 'The Uncontrolling Love of God' and 'God After

Deconstruction'. He advocates an 'open and relational' approach to Christianity which says that the God who is love experiences what we experience, feels our pain and sadness, and is not able to control our actions. Expect answers for your questions, and questions for your answers as together we explore Christianity beyond deconstruction.



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.

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.](#)

A promotional graphic for a weekend event. It features a collage of three church buildings with spires. Overlaid on the image is a large, stylized text box with a yellow-to-orange gradient background. The text inside the box reads: "Save the date...", "3 Spires", "Mission Area Weekend", and "20-22 Sep '24". Below the collage, there is more text: "'Every Day God' facilitated by Jan Berry". At the bottom, a blue box contains the invitation: "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!".

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3 Spires

Mission Area Weekend

20-22 Sep '24

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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](#)

Churches in Crookes

Worried about the climate crisis?

Want to make your voice heard on important issues of justice?

We're offering free training to help you talk to local politicians and get positive action on big issues.

The session will be run by the charity Hope for the Future:
www.hftf.org

Together we can make an impact!

Friday 7 June 7:30-9:30pm
St Tim's, Slinn Street

Organised by stc, St Tim's, St Vincent's & Wesley Hall

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.