



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 09 June

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:

CHANGES TO OPENING TIMES AND OFFICE HOURS OVER THE SUMMER

From 17 June to the end of August the Church will be opening from 1pm-5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and will also be open on Tuesdays from 1pm-4pm.

Zoe will be working in the Church Office from 1-4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. She will also be contactable via email or phone on Wednesday afternoons.

GREEN ON THE GREEN, THIS 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

CELEBRATING **30** years
OF WOMEN
PRIESTS



SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL
4pm Saturday 8 June 2024
Join us for a special service of celebration

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.

EVENSONG WITH THE HAYFIELD SINGERS 16 JUNE 4PM

The Hayfield Singers are a keen non auditioned amateur choir who give two concerts annually in St. Matthew's Church, Hayfield, Derbyshire. They perform a wide range of classical and contemporary repertoire, with professional soloists and orchestra. They are visiting St Mark's Church on 16 June to lead a traditional choral service of evensong.

GEOFF MARSTON – We are saddened to learn of Geoff's recent death and offer our condolences to Shelagh, Alex, Ben and Tim. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers. Geoff's funeral will be held at St Mark's on Tuesday 25 June at 12.30pm. Parking will be very limited so please use public transport or get someone to drop you off at church if possible.

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 MARK'S GREEN MOWING - Additional volunteers wanted please - to join the mowing roster. 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

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)

GOD AFTER DECONSTRUCTION - 13 AUGUST 7.30 PM

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. 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.



Dr Oord is a philosophical theologian and minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He advocates for full acceptance of queer people and has recently been charged with teaching doctrines contrary to the Church of the Nazarene and conduct unbecoming of a minister for his efforts to move the denomination to be fully affirming.

He is the author of a variety of popular books including 'The Uncontrolling Love of God' and 'God After Deconstruction'. He directs a doctoral program at Northwind Theological Seminary and the Center for Open and Relational Theology.

He will be giving seminars in Sheffield, Hull and York in mid August and then speaking at Greenbelt Festival.



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 - Bishop Pete and Cathy would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to attend. There is no entrance fee and there will be lots of opportunities to purchase crafts, cakes, refreshments, plants etc, together with live music, entertainment for the children and much more! They are planning a 'silent auction' for some stellar prizes. The event will raise funds in support of two local charities: The Archer Project for the homeless, based at Sheffield Cathedral; and ASSIST, an asylum seeker and refugee charity in Sheffield.

ECO CHURCH STALL - in particular, could anyone do a stint on the Eco Church stall at the garden party, 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** - 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 pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk

CALL YOU HELP WITH BAKING? – St John's are hoping you can help them again this year with baking for the garden party. 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

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.

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](#)

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.](#)

BROOMGROVE NURSING HOME LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES

The Activities Team at Broomgrove Nursing Home has asked if there is anyone - or a group - who might be willing to go to the home on a one-off basis, to give a travel talk, a picture presentation, some music or reading/drama, in fact, anything which would occupy residents for a session of one hour approx. *MarksThree* has visited recently and performed to a receptive audience. If this is something you might be able to do, have a word with Rosalind Rogerson, or contact the Activities Team directly at activities@broomgrove-trust.co.uk.

ORDINATIONS

This summer Lu Skerratt-Love and Lizzie Illsley are being ordained deacon.

Lu is getting ordained at Liverpool Cathedral on 22 June at 3pm. People are welcome to attend the ordination service and they'll be a party afterwards at St Bride's church (just a few hundred meters from the cathedral). Please could you let Lu know if you'd like to attend.

Lizzie will be at St Mark's on 23 June. She'll be preaching and we'll have the chance to say goodbye and pray for her.

Lizzie is being ordained at Sheffield Cathedral on 30 June at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, just turn up.

Lizzie will be serving her curacy in the benefices of Rotherham, All Saints (Minster) and Masbrough, St Paul.



Please pray for all those to be ordained this Pentecost, among them

Lu E S Skerratt-Love

To be made deacon by

The Right Rev'd Dr John Perumbalath,
Bishop of Liverpool

In Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on
Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 15:00

Please also pray for Kat, for their family and friends, for The Rev'd Laura Ferguson, and for the communities of St Luke's in The City, in which Lu is to serve as Assistant Curate.

JUNE 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:

Join #30DaysWild. One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. The Wildlife Trusts' 30 Days Wild challenge is a great opportunity to engage with nature as an individual, household, or with your church community throughout June. Find some wild ideas [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!

CALLING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CLIMATE AND NATURE



Will you and
your church
answer the
call to care for
creation?

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
MATTHEW 6:10

Support the campaign for the Climate and Nature Bill

The CAN Bill will address the full extent of the climate and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science. In May 2024 it had cross party backing of over 150 MPs. Help get it into the next Parliament!



ASK YOUR CANDIDATES TO BACK THE CAN BILL

Ahead of the General Election we want every prospective parliamentary candidate to support the Climate and Nature Bill. It will make us:

- ✓ Better off - by ensuring our homes are properly insulated, and our energy is cleaner, less expensive and more secure
- ✓ Healthier - by reducing air pollution, and by encouraging healthier, more sustainable food consumption, while supporting our farmers
- ✓ Happier - by protecting our green spaces and the wildlife that depends on them, ensuring everyone has access to nature
- ✓ More resilient - by reducing the threats from extreme weather, such as flooding, erosion, and crop failure

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

GEN 2:15

LET'S CALL FOR THE
LEGISLATION WE NEED TO
TAKE CARE OF CREATION.



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