



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 14 July

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

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

ST. MARK'S NEWS:

BOOKING FOR THREE SPIRES MISSION AREA WEEKEND IS NOW OPEN -

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 September

2024, Across our 3 parishes. This Weekend at Home is the chance to for us to get together in an informal way and build relationships across the 3 parishes. Benefits include meeting together in comfortable surroundings, provision for all ages and abilities, hospitality, and fun! Bookings needed by August 18th. You can see a full copy of the brochure on the notice boards in church or by clicking [here](#)



To book you place [please click here](#)

A RESPONSE FROM BISHOP PETE - Recently, members of St. Mark's wrote an open letter to the Bishop of Sheffield regarding faith perspectives on the Middle East crisis. We have now received a response stating: "Please assure the members of St Mark's that with my fellow Bishops, I will indeed use my influence to speak up about this crisis as best I can." The full letter is on the notice board at the back of the church.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION - It has now been four years since the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown caused such disruption in our worshipping life. 2 years ago, updated Church of England guidance informed us that "Holy Communion should now be offered in both kinds" unless there were clear and objective reasons not to do so. A year ago, our Bishop wrote to everyone in the Diocese suggesting that would be an appropriate time for PCCs of churches who had not yet returned to sharing the Common Cup to discuss when to resume this practice that is integral to our understanding and experience of Holy Communion. After consultation with the congregation, we decided to continue receiving bread and wine by intinction. Recently, an increasing number of people have started asking when we would be reviewing this decision again. We discussed it at PCC on 17 June and the PCC are minded to return to offering the Common Cup, a step that is being suggested because it is known to be low risk. Rather than do another paperwork exercise to ratify this, we have planned a period of transition over the summer months. **From 21 July**, we are going to offer both the Common cup and intinction. We appreciate that we are unlikely to get 100% agreement on the way forward and it is our intention that we will move to one option only once we see whether intinction or the Common Cup is most popular. During the transition, we will continue to use wafers, however, if we move to

receiving the Common Cup, we will also return to having a single gluten free loaf that can be shared with everyone. The most important thing to remember is that you do what you feel comfortable with and remember that in the Anglican church, communicating in either kind, just bread or just wine, is considered full communion so you need not share the cup if you feel uneasy about doing so. If you have questions about any aspect of this, please talk to Beth or Shan.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LU AND LIZZIE - It was wonderful to celebrate with Lu and Lizzie at the ordinations over the past few weeks.

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARK'S:



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. More [here](#).

COULD YOU HELP?

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.

THE THREE SPIRES MISSION AREA NEWS AND EVENTS:

RESULTS OF DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS - Following the recent Diocesan Synod elections, the following will serve as Hallam Deanery Representatives for the triennium 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2027

House of Clergy:

Dan Brown, **Peter Das**, Jonny Dyer, Tom Finmore, **Elizabeth Keith**, Kirsty Massey, **Matthew Rhodes**, Harry Steele

House of Laity:

David Armstrong, Jamys Carter, **David Clark**, Jane Doran, Paul Houghton, Alan Lamb, Diana Lightfoot, Willard Moore, **James Morgan**, Susan Prestwood, Fintan Walker

The names in bold are from within our Mission Area so we have good representation at Diocesan Synod. Thank you to all of you for representing our views and voices.

ABBEYDALE SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT - featuring a wide-ranging selection of traditional and contemporary choral music from around the globe including separate performances by the choir's upper and lower voices - offering something for everyone. St John's Ranmoor S10 3GX on Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm. Tickets: Adult £15 / Concession £12 / Student £6 / Children under 16 Free. The price includes complimentary refreshments. Tickets in advance via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/abbeydale-singers/t-pqxjjrg> or from David Ryder or, alternatively, on the door.

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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

TRAUMA INFORMED MINISTRY DAY, 19 OCTOBER, 9.30-14.00

An interactive workshop by Rev Hilary Ison at St Mark's Church. For more information and to book [Click Here](#)

COME AND SING EVENSONG WITH STEEL CITY CHORISTERS – Sunday 24 November at St Marks, 2-5.30pm [More info here.](#)

WHAT'S ON IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY:



A day of networking, fellowship and the sharing of ideas + building up UK Minority Ethnic/Global Majority Heritage leaders of all ages, ordained + lay, along with allies + supporters

Sheffield Cathedral
19th October 2024: 10am - 4pm



For more information:
call 07952 833858

Register here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/u0AP3EDwH9>

Speakers:

Rev Sarah Siddique Gill
St. James Church, Assistant Archdeacon for Blackburn

Ven Karen Belinda Lund
Archdeacon of Manchester

Rev Guy Hewitt
Director of the Racial Justice Unit

THE ENVIRONMENT:

JULY 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:

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

WESLEY HALL, CROOKES - we are recruiting for a full-time youth worker to work across three Methodist churches in Crookes, Hillsborough and Wisewood. [More here.](#)