

Notices for 28 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](#)

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION - From 21 July, we are going to offer both the Common cup and intinction as a trial over the summer holidays. Knowing some people will be anxious about this move, I did a quick literature search. There is not much documented evidence specifically about Covid, but the research that has been done shows little evidence of risk of transmission of infection from sharing the Common Cup.

This first paper was from June 2020 and cited knowledge prior to that time. To read the full document [click here](#)

The following paper discussed return to the Common Cup in March 2022. They reiterate Covid's route of transmission is airborne, and people are at much higher risk because they are no longer wearing face masks than they are from sharing the chalice. To read the full document [Click here](#)
To minimise the risk our chalice assistants are taught to wash / gel their hands before administering Communion and will resume the practice of 'wiping and rotating' the chalice after each person has consumed. We can all play our part by being considerate towards one another by staying home if we are unwell or have respiratory symptoms or by just receiving the bread that week.

We will watch and see what the next few weeks bring, 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 me, Shan.

NO NIGHT SERVICE ON 25 AUGUST

Due to the bank holiday weekend and lots of people being at Greenbelt Festival, there will be no night service on the 25 August.

CELEBRATIONS – Congratulations to Briony and David Talyer as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary and to Michael and Fleur Bayley on becoming great grandparents following the safe arrival of Rosemary Ruth.

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](#).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – STARTS SEPTEMBER



New for Sept' 24!

Singing / Games / Snacks & Fun!

**4.30-6PM, KS2 (7-11) CHOIR
@ ST MARK'S CHURCH, BROOMHILL
EVERY THURSDAY (TERM-TIME)**

Attendance free, £1 / wk donation towards snacks.
Use QR code to book your place now; or visit
www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk

**children's
CHOIR**



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 Finnemore, **Beth 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.

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:

Behold The Coat of Hopes

The **Coat of Hopes** is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain. Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the south coast of England to COP 26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow autumn 2021.



We invite you to meet with and try on the Coat during its stay in Sheffield

10-15 July - Sheffield Cathedral
17-18 July - Bents Green / Carterknowle Methodist Church
19-20 July - Bamford in the High Peaks
21 July - St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church & Wisewood Methodist
22 July - 3 August - Hathersage and Edale
4 August - Steel Bank Forest Church
5 August - Wesley Hall, Crookes
6 August - event in Sheffield Centre

Venues may change at short notice. Check the website for the latest updates

Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/>

If you would like to walk with the Coat of Hopes, please email yes@coatofhopes.uk

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.