



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 08 September

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

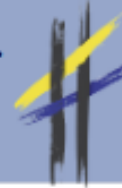
Patterns of worship [here](#), Children's [here](#), church calendar [here](#) and giving [here](#).

ST. MARK'S NEWS:

CHANGES TO NIGHT SERVICE - From September our pattern at Night Service is changing.

Please do save the date for our first **Thinking Faith panel discussion this September 8.**

ST MARK'S BROOMHILL NIGHT SERVICE 7PM



1ST SUNDAY

CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION

A simple and contemplative service, with the focus on remembering Jesus in sharing bread and wine.

2ND SUNDAY THINKING FAITH

Each month we tackle a different topic, with a panel discussion, and lots of time for questions and responses from guest speakers.



3RD SUNDAY TAIZÉ PRAYER

A service of singing, prayer, and silence, using the pattern and style of worship practised at the Taizé Community.

4TH SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal service with an open and inclusive style, modern liturgy, and contemporary worship.



5TH SUNDAY HEALING & WHOLENESS

An informal service of readings, music, and time for reflection. There is the opportunity to receive anointing and prayer, and stillness and space to reflect.

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St Mark's Broomhill presents

THINKING FAITH



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8 SEPTEMBER 7PM

PLANET CRISIS:
A STRATEGIC RESPONSE
A PERSONAL RESPONSE

With guests speakers:

Jo Chamberlain is the Church of England's National Environment Policy Officer, working to engage with the world and the church on the crucial environmental issues facing us. She was previously the Diocesan Environment Officer for Sheffield and part of the Church Engagement team at Christian Aid.

Dr Will Rolls is the strategic lead on Climate Change for Chesterfield Borough Council, and is about to start working for Derby Diocese managing the diocesan Net Zero Programme. His background is in natural resource management and his doctoral research was into the sustainability of solid forest-sourced biofuels.

Revd Michael Bayley is part of St Mark's Environment Group, and instrumental in St Mark's achieving the Gold Eco Award.



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LITTER PICK – we're looking for 3 or 4 volunteers willing to do a litter pick around church on **Monday 9th Sept at 2pm**. We hoping to clear up the church grounds in time for the Heritage Open Days. Tim, our caretaker, can provide you with gloves, bags, and grabbers. It should take an hour max. Please let him know if you intend to help on caretaker@stmarkssheffield.co.uk . Thanks.

OUR AD IS LIVE - Vicar of St Mark's Broomhill, Priest in Charge of St Mary's Walkley and joint Oversight Minister in the Three Spires Mission Area. Please help get the word out and share the following information before the closing date of **16 September**: [click here](#).

HARVEST PRODUCE STALL - There will be a stall to sell produce of all kinds, after the Harvest service on Sunday 6 October. So please plan ahead, and make jams, chutneys and anything else you can think of, that can be sold in aid of charity. Home baking (bread, cakes & biscuits) would also be very welcome. Offers & queries to Pauline Miller (pauline@mm1728pm.plus.com)

<p>4.30-6PM, KS2 (7-11) CHOIR @ ST MARK'S CHURCH, BROOMHILL EVERY THURSDAY (TERM-TIME)</p> <p>Attendance free, £1 / wk donation towards snacks. Use QR code to book your place now; or visit www.stmarkssheffield.co.uk</p>	<p>New for Sept' 24!</p>  <p>Singing / Games / Snacks & Fun!</p>
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Now starting on Thursday September 19 – for more info talk to Hannah

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARK'S:

Heritage Open Days 2024
Tuesday 10 September & Saturday 14
September: 13:00-17:00



We will be open on the above dates. Please do invite friends and family to come along and enjoy our beautiful building. Explore the architecture of George Pace with its stunning east and west windows at St Mark's Broomhill, which was selected by the National Churches Trust as one of the UK's Top 10 Best Modern Churches and is the only church in the Sheffield Diocese to be featured in a book on English churches. This year will focus both on the past and on the present role of St Mark's as an eco-church with a chance to see what the church has achieved both inside and out. Activities will be available for children and fair-trade refreshments will be on offer.

For more information about Heritage Open Days please [click here.](#)

You could also visit our Mission Area partners St John's or St Mary's on 7 September or attend one of many events being put on by Broomhill Community library. Do support them too.

THREE SPIRES MISSION AREA WEEKEND - 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! If you would like to attend but missed the booking deadline, please contact Shan@stmarkssheffield.co.uk. You can see a full copy of the brochure on the notice boards in church or by clicking [here](#).

PHASE WORLDWIDE CONCERT FOR NEPAL – Saturday 28th September 7.30pm at St Mark's Church. No ticket required. Retiring collection.



ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION - I expect that by now, most of you will have experienced the trial of offering both the Common Cup and intinction. We have noted people's preference as we administered Communion and had some feedback verbally and in writing. We will be taking all this information to our next PCC meeting on Monday 16 September where it will be discussed and a decision made about how we move forward. Until that decision is made, we plan to continue to offer both the Common Cup and intinction. *Beth & Shan*

- Real stories of Christian faith
- *Relaxed conversation*
- *Every question welcome*

Club Members & non-members
Welcome -
Especially if you would **not** call yourself a Christian

NOW WITH PREMIER LEAGUE AND FIFA REF. MATT MESSIAS ON THE PANEL

Grill The Bishop!

7pm Monday
30th September
Wadsley Bridge WMC
Halifax Road, S6 1LB
The bar will be open.

30 September 7pm “Grill the Bishop” at Wadsley Bridge Working Man’s Club, S6 1LB. You are invited and encouraged to attend a joint twinned Deanery Event when Bishop Pete will be spending the day in Hallam and Ecclesfield Deaneries.

Kitchen Sink Singers

A new non-auditioning mixed voice choir who sing a little bit of everything... including the kitchen sink!

ABBA, Sam Smith, The Sound of Music, Lady Gaga, The Human League, Traditional Folk and more!

We rehearse every Thursday during school term time
19.00pm - 21.00pm at St Mark's, Broomhill, S10 2SE

More information can be found on our Facebook page:

Or email us at kitchensinksingers@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/groups/24419849726

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.](#)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

'SINGLE FRIENDLY CHURCH NETWORK' - which encourages all churches, of different denominations and theologies, to welcome and value single people across the UK is going to be in Sheffield! **What:** Single Friendly Church Network information session

Where: 1554 Coffee, Entrance of Sheffield Cathedral, [Church Street, Sheffield S1 1HA](#) (look out for purple signage on table). **Date:** Thursday 19th September 2024. **When:** Anytime between 10.00 - 12.00 or 14.00 - 16.00 - please state your preference when registering. **Details:** A chance to drop in and meet Liz, Church Engagement Officer, and ask any questions about our work, our free resources and how to become more single friendly in your church. Drop by for 10 mins or as long as you like and at any time during the 2 hours. **Register**

here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/singlefriendlychurch/1366264>

Questions?: Email info@singlefriendlychurch.com or go to www.singlefriendlychurch.com

SHEFFIELD CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY'S 15TH PILGRIMAGE IS VISITING ST MARK'S CURCH

-This year's Urban Poverty Pilgrimage is a linear walk taking place on **Saturday 19 October**. The route goes through St Mark's Parish and Mission Area. We shall explore community issues and church social action with a number of churches. **We assemble between 9 and 930 at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Broomhall, Upper Hanover Street**, where we shall hold our opening service and learn about projects in Broomhall. Then we shall walk, via Ben's Centre, to St Mark's Church, for a discussion with some people from the church over tea and coffee. Then we shall walk to St Mary's, Walkley, for a similar discussion, while we eat our packed lunches. Our last visit is to Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Hillsborough, with discussion and final prayers ending around 230 pm/3pm. From there, it is an easy tram or bus ride back to Broomhall or to the City Centre. The total walk is around 2.8 miles. It is urban but picturesque with some uphill and some quite steep downhill stretches. All are welcome on the pilgrimage. If you are interested, please book the date in your diary and contact Briony Broome to register to attend briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk Further information is available from Joe Forde and David Price in our congregation or from Briony Broome.

THE ENVIRONMENT:

The South Yorkshire Climate Alliance will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 18th September between 7pm and 8:30pm.

Book Your Place Now

New Government - New Opportunities

The change of Government brings with it new opportunities for lobbying and campaigning for more progressive climate and nature policies. Three of the new cabinet members are South Yorkshire MPs (with Ed Miliband at Energy Security and Net Zero, Louise Haigh at Transport and John Healey at Defence), and there is much talk of Metro Mayors such as Oliver Coppard having 'trailblazer' devolution deals with increased powers and flexible funding to support the retrofitting of properties and improving energy efficiency.

Our AGM in September will be reviewing what we've been doing as an Alliance over the past year, but will also provide an opportunity for all Alliance members and supporters to discuss how we should respond together to this change of Government and all that could flow from it at Regional and Local Authority levels.

Please come along on 18 September and share your views.

Reserve your place here

CLIMATE NATURE BILL - There's a golden opportunity to follow the science by fast tracking the Climate and Nature Bill—one that can't be ignored by the new Government during their first 100 days in office. We need your help! Can you lobby your MP and ask them to prioritise the CAN Bill in the private members' bill ballot?

For more information contact Michael Bayley (mjbayley36@gmail.com).

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!



Now that we have a new government, we want every MP 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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greenchristian.org.uk



What action can we take to get the Climate and Nature Bill passed into law?

At the beginning of each session of Parliament there is a Private Members Bill Ballot which all backbench MPs can enter. All the MP has to do at this stage is to enter his or her name in a book. The ballot will be drawn on 5 September. Only 20 MPs will be successful and they will be ranked. The higher the ranking the better the chances of success. At this point the MPs do not have to say what their proposed bill is. They have to do this by October 15.

Open At this stage of Parliament the best prospect of getting the Climate and Nature Bill passed is by getting it adopted as a private members bill. Provided one of the successful MPs is prepared to adopt the bill the chances of it being passed are good because it has wide cross-party support and very wide public support. On August 15 all MPs are being sent a letter from over 500 scientists and this letter is being published.

What you can do now!

Write to your MP. If you are doing so before September 5 ask them to enter the ballot and if they are successful to nominate the Climate and Nature Bill as the bill they want to support. If you are writing after September 5 write to your MP as soon as possible to ask them to lobby successful MPs in the Private Members Bill Ballot asking them to adopt the bill. Note that this must be done before October 15 but it needs to be done as soon as possible.

Please ask family, friends and neighbours to do the same. If we act swiftly now there is a good chance we can get this critical legislation in place but it needs action now. There is more information on the Zero Hour website. If you could arrange to see your MP that will be even better. If you would like advice about that contact Michael Bayley (mjbayley36@gmail.com) or Margaret Ainger (margaret.anger3@gmail.com).

SEPTEMBER 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: Step outside this Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October). Connect with nature and dedicate this time to God as the Creator and sustainer of all life. Choose an idea or two from our resource and encourage your church family to take part too! [Free to download here.](#)