



St Mark's Sheffield

Notices for 13 October

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:

WHAT IS IT WORTH – Money, us and St Mark's.

This is the time of year when we have to look at our money. We have to ask how much do we need to enable St Mark's to function effectively and to do what we are being called to do in God's world.

We thought it was important to give ourselves the time to think this through together. So, we will be focusing on different aspects of this between October 13th and November 24th. Please read through the [information on the website](#) or at the back of church, if you are on our emailing list you should have received an email about this. We have provided detailed information about our finances, and we are asking people to fill in an anonymous [questionnaire](#), so we can gauge what people value about St Mark's and our priorities as we plan for the future.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION – Unfortunately our PCC meeting on Monday 16 September had a very full agenda so we did not get to discuss the outcome of our trial of Holy Communion. In light of this, we will continue to offer the Common Cup and intinction until PCC next meets to discuss the way forward on 21 October *Beth & Shan*

MISSION AREA WEEKEND – Thank you to everyone who helped make the recent Mission Area Weekend such a success. The planning group have now reviewed the weekend and we are aiming to do something similar again in 2026. If you have suggestions for speakers or workshops you would like, do let Shan know now as many speakers get booked up over a year ahead. Thanks, Shan

HARVEST PRODUCE & LUNCH - Thank you to Helen and Tom for coordinating the harvest lunch and to everyone who contributed food or homemade produce to eat or sell on the stall or helped in any other way. Lunch made £164.66 and the stall made £181- so a total of £345.66 has been banked for the Archer Project. There may have been some additional donations online.



PHASEWORDWIDE is just one of the charities supported by St Mark's through money given to St Mark's by you and allocated to charities by the International Committee. The recent concert organised by Phase and supported by many of you raised £2,243.80 for their work in Nepal. Thank you to everyone who contributed or attended the event.

FOUND IN CHURCH – A set of keys was found in church after the morning service on 6 October. If you think they could be yours, please talk to Dilys who has them.

REQUEST FOR HELP:

WAITING FOR AN ALLOTMENT OR LOVE GARDENING? Could you help maintain an allotment in Broomhall? A member of our congregation needs some help with their allotment at present. Please contact Shan and I will put you in touch.

WHAT'S ON AT ST MARK'S:

THINKING FAITH – Faith Shift 13 October 7pm

Going through a shift in faith can be disorientating and painful. Re-examining or deconstructing a treasured belief system can leave you feeling isolated. With the help of three guests, Joy Adams, Jim Bawden and Beth Keith, we explore faith deconstruction, with wisdom from the journey and plenty of time for questions and responses.

Jim describes himself as an ex-charismatic-evangelical, ex-church leader turned psychotherapist, who is still captivated by the person and teachings of Jesus, whilst healing from experiences within the Christian religion. Professionally, he works with a number of people at various points of faith-shift/questioning/deconstruction and is fascinated by the cross-over between psychotherapy and spirituality. Joy used to describe herself as a radical evangelical with charismatic tendencies 20 years ago. Since then, those formative spiritualities have been transformed by a deepening contemplative spirituality centred on the person of Jesus and influenced by Ignatian spirituality. She is a spiritual accompanier and finds it a huge privilege to accompany those who are discovering there is more to the Divine Mystery than they had ever thought. Beth is St Mark's Liberal Theologian, her theology has moved some distance from the faith of her childhood. Her faith shift was influenced by a mix of academic study, her work as a sexual health practitioner supporting young people at risk of exploitation, and in supporting victims of spiritual abuse.

THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE - Our annual service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for all who have been bereaved will be held on **Sunday 3 November**. Refreshments will be served from 6pm, before the service starts at 7pm. Offers of help would be much appreciated. This service is open to anyone so do invite your friends and neighbours. A sheet to add names of loved ones you would like us to remember will be at the back of church from Sunday. Beth and Shan.

COFFEE AFTER COFFEE – Young Adults at St Mark's is back this Sunday with their first coffee after coffee in the upper room. On Sunday 6 we will also be welcoming everyone including at students at the Harvest meal.



YOUNG ADULTS AT ST MARKS

Join us for 'coffee after coffee' 11.45am-12.30pm

Sunday 29th September: **Welcome to St Marks Young Adults! (with board games)**

Sunday 6th October: **Harvest meal**

Sunday 13th October: **Ecumenicalism and the world church**

Sunday 27th October: **LGBT+ Inclusion in church**

Sunday 3rd November: **Shared lunch**

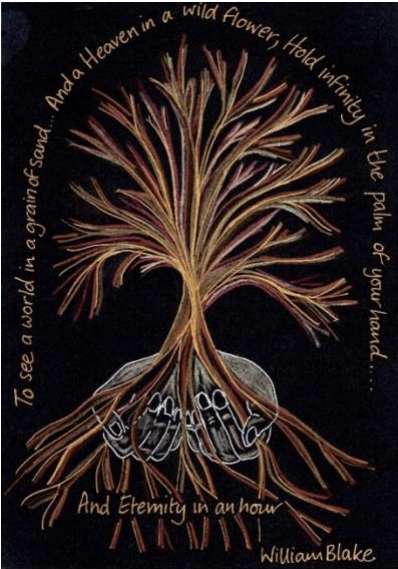
Sunday 10th November: **Christianity and environmental activism (with the st Mark's Environment group)**

*Anyone is welcome age 18-30 (ish)- students, non-students & graduates



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.





TRAUMA INFORMED MINISTRY: INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP BY REV HILARY ISON

Saturday 19th October, 9:30 – 2:00, 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 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 is a trustee for St Lukes for Clergy Wellbeing. For more information and to book [Click Here](#)

ST MARK'S CHURCH
SWIMATHON!
3.45PM SUN 20 OCT
@KING EDWARD'S SP

How many lengths can we swim together?
Let's find out!

Swim places are limited so let please
Hannah know you're coming.
If you don't fancy swimming
do join us after!

FOLLOWED BY A
POOL PARTY
IN THE LOUNGE!

We will be raising money for The Children's Society. If you would like to sponsor our swim, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/page/stmarks-swimathon>

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

WHERE ARE WE WITH LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH? Find out at the first meeting of the Sheffield Diocese network of 'Together for the Church of England' on Monday 4 November at 7:30 – 9:00 pm. This free event at St Mark's Church, Broomhill will include a summary of where we are with Living in Love and Faith. We'll discuss the next steps for equality and inclusion with General Synod members Nic Tall (National Co-ordinator of Together for the CofE), Malcolm Chamberlain (Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham and a Trustee of Together for the CofE) and Cathy Rhodes (Together contact for Sheffield Diocese). There will be space for questions and to hear more about Together for the CofE in Sheffield Diocese, as well as practical ways to get involved. The Eventbrite link is [here](#). The event is free but please book in to let us know you are coming. If you would like to join on zoom the code will be sent out when you book.



**Where are we with
Living in Love & Faith?**

Join us for the first
Sheffield Diocese meeting of

together 

For the Church of England

as we explore the next steps
for equality and inclusion.

Where: St Mark's Church, Broomhill
When: Monday 4 November 19:30 to 21:00
Speakers:
Malcolm Chamberlain
Nic Tall
Cathy Rhodes

More info and tickets available [here](#).

Contact us: togethersheffield@gmail.com
Website: togethercofe.org.uk

The event is free but please book to let us know you are coming. If you would like to join on Zoom the code will be sent out when you book.

Thinking Faith at St Mark's – save the date



'THE CRY FOR HOPE' OF THE PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS

A study session at St Mark's Church
Broomfield Road, Sheffield, S10 2SE
7 pm to 8.30 pm on Sunday 10 November

In July 2020 Kairos Palestine, 'the most extensive Palestinian Christian ecumenical non-violent movement' in partnerships with Global Kairos for Justice, 'a worldwide coalition of concerned Christians from different churches', issued a 'call for decisive action' to Christians throughout the world. Here are some passages from the Cry for Hope:

- 'We have arrived at a critical point in the struggle to end the oppression of the Palestinian people...The State of 'Israel's adoption of the Nation State Law in 2018 legalized institutional discrimination in Israel and the Palestinian territories'.
- 'We call upon all Christians and on churches at congregational, denominational, national, and global ecumenical levels to engage in a process of study, reflection and confession concerning the historic and systemic deprivation of the rights of the Palestinian people.
- Both organisations support 'ending the Israeli colonization of Palestine and advocating for the right of self-determination of Palestinian people and peace with justice for all people in the holy land'

In February, General Synod will be asked whether the Church of England should sign up to this document. At our meeting, Jenny Bywater will tell us of her experiences as an Ecumenical Accompanier in the West Bank, Mark James will speak about the Cry for Hope and David Price will offer a critique of the document. There will then be discussion.

All are welcome. Please join us.



Kairos Palestine and Global Kairos for Justice
<https://cryforhope.org/index.php/about-global-kairos>
Cry for Hope: A Call for Decisive Action
<https://cryforhope.org/>

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 MISSION AREA:


**"A Journey of Resilience and Hope:
Turning Adversity into
Success and Prosperity."**

Talk given by **Blerta Ilazi**

Saturday 12th October
6pm
St John's Church, Ranmoor

Entrance is by donation
All proceeds to ReSTORE.
Refreshments available

 *Blerta came to Sheffield as a refugee and has dedicated her nursing career to helping South Yorkshire's most vulnerable communities through her clinical work as a nurse practitioner, in her teaching health inequalities at Sheffield University and the NHS, and more recently, establishing the ReSTORE programme for refugee nurses. Refugee Support, Training, Orientation, Recruitment and Education for refugee nurses living in South Yorkshire.*

 **Blerta Ilazi**
nursing programme

AND AT ST MARY'S WALKLEY PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- **Saturday 2 November 10 - 12** Coffee morning with Remembrance theme
- **Saturday 7 December 10 - 12** Coffee morning with Wreath making workshop
- **Saturday 14 December 10 - 4** (Church and Hall) Walkley Christmas Market organised by Walkley Festival group. St Mary's are providing drinks, cakes and possible other activities

[More on their website here.](#)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR BABY LOSS - Sunday, October 13, 2024, 3:00 PM 4:00 PM, Whirlow Spirituality Centre
A short, reflective, service of remembrance led by palliative care Chaplain Jo Hird, followed by refreshments. Free. All welcome.



SHEFFIELD CANCER CHOIR - rehearse on Wednesday's at 7.15pm at St. Mark's Church. We sing a mixture of styles including pop & rock, popular classics and showtunes. No audition is required, we welcome anyone affected by cancer in any way. You can come along and sing with us for two weeks before you decide to join. As many of our members are clinically vulnerable we take extra precautions to protect them, **please contact us if you are interested in joining us so we can go through our illness regulations with you before you attend.**

You can find more information on our website:

<https://sheffieldcancerchoir.org.uk/>

THE ENVIRONMENT:

OCTOBER 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:

Contribute to wildlife conservation. Clean bird feeders to prevent diseases spreading to winter migrants. Install a nest box well before breeding season to provide a cosy retreat for small birds during cold winter nights. As you observe the local birds reflect on this verse, 'I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.' Psalm 50:11

Eco tips from congregation members are also welcome - please send them to the church office.