

Notices for 10 November

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:

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S WRITE FOR RIGHTS GREETING CARDS

CAMPAIGN 2024 - Join hundreds of thousands of Amnesty supporters around the world by taking part in our annual Write for Rights Greetings Card campaign. You will demonstrate your support for 10 people and organisations enduring human rights abuses. YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL! To take part: Download the booklet with full details of the cases. For those with no Internet access copies of the printed booklets will be available on those Sundays when Christmas cards are being sold at the back of church on **Sundays 17, 24, November and 1 and 8 December.** When you have sent your cards, pass the booklet on. *Robin Story*

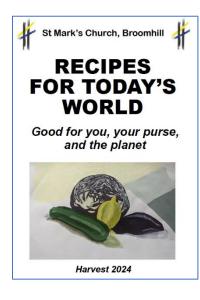
TAIZE SERVICE AND BRING AND SHARE TEA – On Sunday 17th November there is a Taizé Night Service at 7pm. Join us at 5pm for a bring and share tea as we chat and make plans for next year.

NEW YOUNG MUSICIANS - We interviewed 4 young people on 17 October who will be joining St Mark's musicians. They range from 10-13 years old. Noah, Agnes and Hugo have been singing with Steel City Choristers. Hugo and Zimmo are going to be playing the organ. We look forward to working alongside them as we share and develop one anothers gifts and skills.

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION – From the start of Advent, I December, we will no longer be offering intinction at the I0am service and will move to the single option of gluten, dairy and egg free bread and the common cup. Receiving bread or wine only is considered full Communion and there is no pressure for anyone to drink from the Common Cup. Every adult will be offered the chalice and given the chance to hold it for a moment and then return it to the chalice bearer without consuming any wine. We have heard from other churches that this has been well received and offers a meaningful connection to the cup for those who would rather not drink from it. At the 8am BCP service, we will continue to use wafers and will offer intinction and the Common Cup. Shan and Beth

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

Please read through the <u>information on the website</u> or at the back of church. We have provided detailed information about our finances, and we are asking people to fill in an anonymous <u>questionnaire</u>, so we can gauge what people value about St Mark's and our priorities as we plan ahead. About 40 people have completed the questionnaire so far. Please contribute your opinions if you have not yet done so.



THE RECIPE BOOK - Following the successful launch of our new St Mark's Recipe Book, it is now also available on our website, for you to download if you prefer. Whether you have a printed copy or download it, please remember to donate (cash to Pauline, or via the card reader) to help us recoup the production cost. *Correction:* If you have already purchased your copy, please make the following correction to one of the recipes: on p 22, in the recipe from Margaret Ainger for her delicious Guernsey Apple Pudding. Gremlins have got in and substituted 50g of flour for the correct quantity. It should say 150g!

MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL - I'm

sure all of you have all seen or heard the news at some time in the last week and are aware of the devastation that the conflict in the Middle East has caused to civilians. In Gaza, ninety percent of the population are displaced and in Lebanon, more than a million people have had to



leave their homes in search of safety. The DEC has launched an emergency appeal to provide the basics of food, emergency shelter and medical assistance. The government have said they will match pound-for- pound up to £10 million donated by the public to this appeal. Please do donate $\frac{10}{10}$ here if you are able to.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Beth's licencing service has now been confirmed for 15 January at 7.30pm.

Please save the date. More details to follow



COME AND SING EVENSONG WITH STEEL CITY CHORISTERS – Sunday 24 November at St Marks. Rehearsal 2 – 4 pm. Service 4 pm. Followed by tea and cakes. Please sign up. More info here.





Thinking Faith at St Mark's

'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 All are welcome. Please join us.



More here: Cry for Hope: A Call for Decisive Action https://cryforhope.org/

CHRISTIAN AID CAROL SINGING - We are singing again at the bottom of The Moor on Saturday 7th December, and I hope that I can encourage lots of people join us. Especially young voices and instrumentalists !!! We have revised the time of the last group, which now will be from 2 to 3 pm. There will be hot drinks at the cafe at St Matthew's Carver Street during the day. Please let me know if you can join us. *Dilys*

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT THINKING FAITH DISCUSSION -

THINKING FAITH

8 DECEMBER 7PM SAVE THE DATE

Virgin birth? Incarnation? What do the gospels tell us?

The evening will explore why the gospels vary and what they reveal about the birth of Jesus, the incarnation and the virgin birth.



On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we explore a new topic with panel discussion and Q&A from guest speakers. This month, The Revd Dr. Ela Nutu Hall, lan Wallis and Steve Moyise

WHAT'S ON IN THE MISSION AREA:



BBC Radio 4's flagship political discussion programme is coming to

St John's Church, Ranmoor on Friday 15th November 2024.



The programme was first broadcast in October 1948 and visits a different part of the UK every week with a panel of four speakers who answer questions from the audience, providing people with the opportunity to challenge politicians, policy makers, writers, and thinkers. The panel is different each week and is broadcast LIVE on Radio 4 straight after the 8.00pm news bulletin.

It's your chance to put your question to the panel.

For More Information please contact:

Doors open at 6.30pm and close at 7.15pm.

The programme will be broadcast live from 8-9pm.

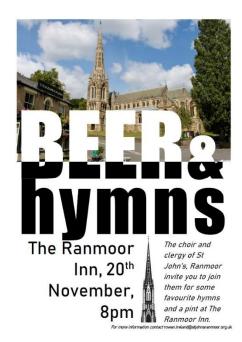
Please note there will be security checks
on admittance. Recording and photography during the
broadcast is not permitted. There will be question cards available for you to complete
on arrival. Refreshments will be on sale.

Entry is by ticket only via Ticket Source link and QR here:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-church



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ST MARY'S WALKLEY:

- 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:



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/

ST HILD IS OFFERING FOUR SHORT COURSES - at the start of January. New Testament Greek is fully online, while Hebrew, Intro to New Testament and Rural Mission and Ministry feature a hybrid format that combines in-person and online learning. If you hold a degree and are looking for a quick refresher or continuing education opportunity, these courses could be

perfect for you. Additionally, if you're considering a shorter course to explore your interest in theology, this is an excellent choice. For more details for individual courses and to

register, go to https://www.sthild.org/news/january-2025-st-hild-short-courses

ANNOUNCING "ALBION" by Mike Bartlett, the next production by Sheffield University Drama Society. The cast includes Anne Padget, Linda Kirk, Richard Carwardine and Will Bridge (Lizzie Ilsley's son). "This is a beautiful and elegiac play about the pitfalls of nostalgia and how the messy chaos of reality will always thwart the best attempts at creating order. In the ruins of a garden in rural England, in a house, which was once a home, one woman, Audrey (played by Anne), searches for seeds of hope." 13-16 November



2024 at 7.30pm at Sheff Uni Drama Studio. To book visit ticketssource.co.uk/suds. For enquiries 0114 255 3417





THE ENVIRONMENT:

RECYCLING IN SHEFFIELD - New Resource Available!

Our Environment Group has created a *Recycling Opportunities Around Sheffield* guide, highlighting local options for recycling various materials. The PDF is now on our website on our environment pages— <u>click here</u>. Let's work together to make sustainable choices for our community!





THE MARCH FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE JUSTICE

takes place in London on Saturday 16th November to coincide with the COP29 summit, starting from outside the British Museum on Great Russell Street at 12 noon. If you wish to attend, please speak to Alan Yearsley or email alan_yearsley@hotmail.com. Details of the event can be found at https://climatejustice.uk/cop29/

GOOD NEWS ON THE CLIMATE AND NATURE

BILL - Now is an exciting moment for the Climate and Nature Bill, the only plan for a new UK law that addresses the full extent of the climate and nature crisis in line with the most up-to-date science. Thanks to Dr Roz Savage MP, the Bill is now going through Parliament but it needs our help. We need at least 102 MPs to attend the second reading and support the bill on Friday 24 January to take it

to the Committee stage. Should you like to help, please write to your MP **NOW** asking them to attend this rather than book something else in their diaries. The Zero Hour website makes it really easy to write a personalised email. Watch Ros Savage's 1.5 min video about it.

NOVEMEBER 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:

Green your home. Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials. Additionally, place foil or radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be experiencing the cold this winter

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