

## Notices for 05 January

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

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

### NEWS AT ST MARK'S:

**WEATHER WARNING** – There is the possibility of heavy snow and freezing rain this weekend so please be careful and only travel if it is safe for you to do so. You are welcome to join us on Zoom instead.

**SQUIRREL DAMAGE** - You may have noticed some issues in church last week with AV and Zoom. These arose due to an internet outage which an engineer discovered was caused by a squirrel chewing through the wire! Thankfully, the problem has now been fixed. A huge thank you to all our tech volunteers for their continued dedication to St Mark's. Your calm and capable handling of the situation was greatly appreciated.



**LUNCH ON 5 JANUARY** – All are welcome to join us for lunch after the 10 am service on 5 January. It's a bring and share Pizza party to celebrate Epiphany. Do come along and bring pizza, salad etc to share with others or help with setting up the tables or clearing away afterwards.

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM UPDATE** - Thank you to everyone who has reviewed their giving and returned their pledge form. We have now heard from about 50% of the congregation and are encouraged by how many people have been able to increase their giving despite current financial pressures. Small amounts given regularly (e.g. by standing order/direct debit) makes a big difference to our church community. In January, the PCC are meeting to discuss what St Mark's priorities are and how we resource those priorities. This will include reviewing the future of the role of Associate Vicar. It would therefore be helpful anyone who has not yet returned a pledge form could let us know whether you plan to become a regular giver **or**, if you are already a regular giver, if you plan to increase, decrease or keep your giving the same. The Church of England guidance on giving is to consider giving away 10% of income after tax, with 5% going to the Church and 5% to other charities. [Please click here](#) to return your pledge form, or there are paper copies in Church. All responses will be treated confidentially and will only be seen by the treasurer. With thanks to and from the Stewardship Group, who continue to inspire and encourage us.

### HELP OUT AT ST MARK'S:

**NAMASTE** - There is an ongoing collection at St Mark's of good quality warm clothes and coats, as well as toiletries, shower gel and period products for refugees. Please bring items to the building to be passed on. Do keep this in mind if you received relevant gifts surplus to requirements for Christmas!!!



Thank you so much for your generosity. Dilys, St Mark's International Donations Committee chair

## PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St Mark's Broomhill presents

# THINKING FAITH

On the second Sunday of each month we tackle a different topic, with a panel discussion, and lots of time for questions and responses from guest speakers.



## 12 JANUARY 7PM

LISTEN, LEARN, EXPLORE.....  
SEVEN HILLS SHUL - SHEFFIELD'S  
PROGRESSIVE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

This event will be devoted to exploring aspects of the life of Seven Hills Shul.

There will be short talks by members of the synagogue congregation on the following themes:

- The history and character of the synagogue;
- A personal journey; and
- Reflections on the Middle East crisis by the chair of the Shul management Committee



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# SERVICE OF WELCOME

You are invited to a service of welcome at which

**The Revd Dr Beth Keith**

will be installed and inducted by

The Bishop of Sheffield

as Vicar of St Mark Broomhill and Broomhall,  
and licensed as Priest in Charge of St Mary Walkley  
and Oversight Minister in the Three Spires Mission Area.

## 15 JANUARY 2025

### 7.30 PM

St Mark's Church  
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## THE ENVIRONMENT:

**LAST CHANCE TO SUPPORT THE CAN BILL** - The Climate and Nature bill is really important. [Click here to discover more](#). Please write to your own MP asking them to support the bill on **Friday, 24 January**.

### ECO TIPS

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