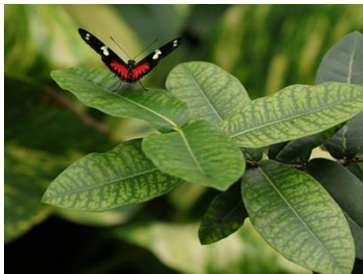


Notices for 6 April

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:



ST MARK'S ENVIRONMENT GROUP 2025 NATURE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 'NATURE IN MY BACK YARD'

Join in the fun and capture pictures of your local environment on the theme of 'Nature In My Back Yard'. There are three age categories: Primary school age children, Secondary school age children and Adults. Maximum of 3 photos per person. Closing date 25st May. Entries to be emailed to: participatestmarks@gmail.com

Look out for the poster for more information

COVER OPERATIONS COORDINATOR – With Zoe heading off on parental leave shortly we are looking for cover of the roll of Operations Co-ordinator. We are looking for someone with excellent administrative skills to join the St Mark's team on an 8-month fixed term basis. Duties include maintaining the church office and systems, communications, managing our room hire, working with volunteers and supporting the staff team. 20 hours per week at £17 per hour. More information on the St Mark's website. Apply by letter with CV to Revd Beth Keith beth@stmarkssheffield.co.uk by Sunday 27th April. Interviews planned for 7th May. [More information here](#)

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP TO BE ON OUR ELECTORAL ROLL - Under the Church Representation Rules, we are required to form a new Electoral Roll in 2025 (as part of the 6 year cycle which the rules specify). Everyone who wishes to be included on the new roll, whether they are on the present Roll or not, must complete an application form by 10 April at the latest if you would like to vote at our 2025 APCM on April 27 after the 10am service. To be on the Electoral Roll, you have to be aged 16 or over, a baptised member of the Church of England or of another Church (in communion with the CofE) and be resident in the parish or have worshipped here regularly for the last 6 months. **You will find paper forms at the back of church**, alternatively please complete this form digitally and return it to the office: office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk. A few people have had difficulty sending on the form. Once you add your information, you will need to save the form and then send an email of the saved form to the office. We don't receive the details if you just complete the form. We have added the form in different formats, as we think it may be an issue if trying to complete the form from a mobile. Any issues, please do contact the office. [Application for enrolment on the electoral roll at St Mark's Broomhill](#)

LOST PROPERTY - on sale today only - donations to church in wall box or on card reader.

WEEKLY E-MAIL & CONTACT - As part of our efforts to improve communication, we would like to invite you to receive our **weekly email**. If you do not already receive it and would like to do so, please complete this form so we can gain your consent in line with GDPR: [click to sign up](#)

LENT LUNCH: A simple lunch will be shared after the 10 am service on **6 April**. All are welcome to stay.

BRING AND SHARE MEAL, 27 APRIL - please sign up in the Narthex to bring some food, or contact Briony.

2 CITY HALL concert tickets available for Thursday 10 April; Circle seats and programme voucher. Please see Briony.


THINKING FAITH: our next thinking faith is this Sunday and will also be on Zoom. All welcome. Zoom code - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912504559>

THINKING FAITH

6 APRIL 7PM

Cross Talk - The Meanings of the Death of Jesus


How do you understand the death of Jesus? A victory?
A sacrifice? How do you interpret the Bible? How does the death of Jesus make a difference to your life?



Each month, we explore a new topic. This month, come and hear, reflect, and ask questions about the death of Jesus with Ian Wallis, interviewed by Robyn Vesey.

Ian Wallis is a former Vicar of St Mark's with 35 years experience of ordained ministry. He has taught at Cambridge and Durham Universities among others. He helps church communities relate contemporary Christian practice to the original impulse of faith embodied in Jesus.

Wherever you are coming from, whatever you have been told, and whatever you believe, we hope you will join us for this open, thoughtful discussion.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our current Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, the Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, who is going to serve as the Suffragan Bishop of Wakefield from June this year. His duties in Sheffield will end on Easter Sunday and he will be consecrated Bishop in York

minister on 11 June. Malcolm has been a great advocate and encourager of the ministry of St Mark's and we wish him well as he moves onto the next phase of his ministry.

SAVE THE DATES:



**ST MARK'S CHURCH
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

Palm Sunday - 13 April 8am BCP Communion 10am Parish Eucharist* 7pm Via Dolorosa reflective service of readings and music	Good Friday - 18 April 9.45am All Age Activities crafts, walk and picnic 12-3pm Meditation at the foot of the cross
Maundy Thursday - 17 April 5.15pm Godly Play Story & Meal Age 4+, please book in advance 8pm Last Supper, with stripping of the altar and The Watch	Easter Day- 20 April 5.45am Taizé Dawn Service on The Green 8am BCP Communion* 10am Festive All-Age Service* followed by Easter Egg Hunt

**Service also on zoom*

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**HOLY WEEK & EASTER
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Palm Sunday - 13 April All-Age 10am Gathering on the Green: Re-Telling the story of Holy Week	Good Friday - 18 April All-Age 9.45am Crafts & Hot Cross buns 10.30am Porter Valley Walk & Picnic (leaving from Church)
Maundy Thursday - 17 April Age 4+ please book in advance 5.15pm Arrivals and foot washing 5.30pm Godly Play Story & Meal	Easter Day- 20 April 10am Festive All-Age Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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HELP OUT AT ST MARK'S:

LUNCH CLUB - If you have some free time on Wednesdays around midday and are interested in helping at **Lunch Club**, please speak to **Jean** or **Briony** to find out more – hot lunch included!

WELCOME TEAMS - would very much appreciate some additional help. If you would like to be involved (one morning every 6 weeks) in this role of welcoming people and serving refreshments, please speak to **Jean** or **Maria** or email jean_baxter5@hotmail.com. Thank you.

COULD YOU WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR MARK'S MESSENGER? – The next edition of Mark's Messenger will be in June and will be edited by Shan. If you have an article, book review or photograph you would like me to consider for inclusion, please send it to me by the end of April. The theme for this edition will be healing, wholeness and peace. Thank you. Shan

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST MARK'S:

27 APRIL - Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in church immediately after the shortened morning service. At the meeting, we review the past, assess where we are now and look ahead at where we are heading over the next year or so. We'll hear something of Beth's vision for St Mark's, receive the Annual report in which we share various aspects of the ministry of St Mark's over the last year, thank those who are standing down from lay and ordained service, elect new people into various roles, our treasurer presents the budget and there is an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns before we look forward to how we can work together to support the mission and ministry of St Mark's as we reach out to the world. Please do save the date so you can attend and be part of this important meeting. If you want to vote or stand for election, you do need to be registered on our electoral roll. *Beth & Shan*

27 APRIL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH - After our APCM we plan to have a bring and share lunch to which all are welcome.

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY:



The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde is the next production by Sheffield University Drama Society with a stellar cast including Anne Padget as Lady Bracknell and Richard Carwardine as Dr. Chasuble. Wilde's satirical comedy focuses on the social and moral hypocrisy of late Victorian society, but it's the show's ageless wit and unforgettable characters that give Wilde's best remembered play its lasting appeal and relevance. -*"The truth is rarely pure and never simple."*

9 -12 April at 7.30pm at Sheff Uni Drama Studio. To book visit ticketssource.co.uk/suds.
For enquiries 0114 255 3417

ST JOHN'S – OUR MISSION PARTNER - Scissors Paper Stone is hosting a series of events at St John's Church in 2025, exploring the lives of those who shaped the Ranmoor community. These events include guided tours, talks, exhibitions, and workshops, offering a fascinating insight into local history. Please support them by attending events or spreading the word. More details can be found [HERE](#)

TO ALL THOSE WITH TEENAGERS: The National Youth Orchestra will be performing at the City Hall on Wednesday 16th April and tickets are free for teens! "The musicians will bring Stravinsky's Petrushka to life, with shifting rhythms and harmonies dancing between each instrument, creating an intoxicating world of sound. A palpable connection between the Orchestra

and the soloist is central to Jennifer Higdon's Percussion Concerto with Jordan Ashman, BBC Young Musician of the Year 2022, as soloist. Tickets £22 | Tickets free for teens”

THE ENVIRONMENT:

COURAGEOUS GRIEF – Transforming Eco-anxiety and Grief into Meaningful **Action** 23-25th May 2025 at Holy Rood House in Thirsk. [More here](#)

SUPPORT DAVID CASTLE - Some of you will know David Castle who was a congregation member for a while and is Net Zero Officer for Sheffield Diocese. He is abseiling from the bell tower at Rotherham Minster on 7 June to raise money for their heat pump plans. Please support him if you can, [click here](#)



CLIMATE AND NATURE BILL (CAN) - We had great hopes for this critically important bill. The CAN Bill's momentum peaked at its Second Reading debate on 24 January 2025, but Government whips adjourned it, kicking it into the long grass. But, on 24 March, Steve Reed, the Environment Secretary, expressed his regret, saying he was "[disappointed that \[the CAN Bill\] didn't proceed](#)" and "[wanted to see it succeed](#)"—while Ed Miliband welcomed Zero Hour's work and pledged to develop "legislative proposals" with Zero Hour. Please write your MP a short letter saying how much you want the bill to proceed and asking your MP to encourage Steve Reed and Ed Miliband to press on and get the government to give it parliamentary time. There will be an opportunity to write a letter in church on 6 April. If you cannot do this google 'Write to them' which will give you all the information you need.

SHEFFIELD ROUND WALK - The Environment Group would like to invite you to join them on the Sheffield Round Walk over the Easter weekend. This is a 15-mile circular walk around south-west Sheffield. We will be walking a different part of the route over each of the four days of Easter, and you would be welcome to join us for all or part of the walk. You may bring a friend if you wish. If interested please call, text or WhatsApp Alan on 07958 079048 or email alan@platform5.com. Details of the route can be found at www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/content/articles/sheffield-round-walk/.

ECO TIPS

Plan in some plant-based dishes

Make saving the planet taste good! Switch some of your meals to veggie or vegan recipes and indulge in some tasty plant-based treats, cakes and desserts. Cutting back on meat and dairy really reduces your impact on climate change, as they produce more carbon and methane and use more water and land than producing the same amount of calories from plants.

Have a look at the recipe book we produced at Harvest last year with recipe ideas from members of the congregation. *St Mark's Sheffield : Recipes for Today's World*

(Source Friends of the Earth)

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