



## Notices for 03 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](#).

### THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S

**Sunday 3 November – 10 am** All Age Service.

Have you managed to have a conversion with others about stewardship and why you come to St Mark's? There will be a good opportunity for this on Sunday, especially if you come to the lunch after the service.

Community  
**LUNCH**  
3 November after the 10am service

*Baked potatoes and fillings, followed by puddings featured in the new St Mark's recipe book. The book will be available by donation, in paper form or electronically.*

Suggested cost £3, all profits to The Children's Society

**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. This service is open to anyone so do invite your friends and neighbours.

*Beth and Shan.*

*We are looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments from 6 pm please.*

**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](mailto:togethersheffield@gmail.com)  
Website: [togethercofe.org.uk](http://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.

## **ST MARK'S NEWS:**

**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 another's gifts and skills.

**ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION** – The PCC met on Monday 21 October and reviewed the verbal and written feedback and the observations we have made we during our 3-month trial of offering both the common cup and intinction. Most people were delighted we are now offering the chalice and have returned to receiving a wafer and drinking directly from the

shared common cup. A few have expressed the preference that we continue to offer the option of intinction because of concerns about transmission of contagious diseases or that we are not being inclusive if we don't cater for peoples' different needs or preferences. After a thorough discussion, the PCC have decided that once we have sourced an appropriate gluten free bread, if possible one that also meets the needs of communicants with other allergies, we will stop offering intinction and move to the single option of bread and common cup. Receiving bread or wine only is considered full Communion and there is no pressure for anyone to drink from the Common Cup. Those who do not want to drink from the Common Cup 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. Shan and Beth

**CONGRATULATIONS** – By now most of you will have heard the following news which was announced at the services on Sunday 13 October and very well received.

*The Bishop of Sheffield is delighted to announce that, following a thorough appointment process, the Revd Dr Beth Keith has been appointed Vicar of the Benefice of St Mark Broomhill and Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of St Mary Walkley and Oversight Minister of the Three Spires Mission Area. Beth and the family are, of course, very well known to us all. We're not yet sure when the licensing service will be, but at that point, Beth will begin her responsibilities across both churches.*

We would like to convey our thanks to all who were involved in the appointment process and look forward to starting a new chapter in the life of St Mark's. Please hold Beth and her family in your prayers as she prepares to move house and take up this new post with us and St Mary's.

### **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.



**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 [here](#) if you are able to.

### **PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS** – which will be held on Tuesday 5 November – that the leader chosen will lead the nation with integrity and justice.

**COUNTDOWN TO COP 29** - The 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29), to take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024, is a pivotal opportunity to accelerate action to tackle the climate crisis. With global temperatures hitting record highs, and extreme weather events affecting people around the globe, COP29 will bring together leaders from governments, business and civil society to advance concrete solutions to the defining issue of our time. A key focus of COP29 will be on finance, as trillions of dollars are required for countries to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect lives and livelihoods from the worsening impacts of climate change. The conference will also be a key moment for countries to present their updated national climate action plans under the Paris agreement, which are due by early 2025. If done right, these plans will limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and double as investment plans advancing the Sustainable Development Goals Click to find out more about [COP 29](#).

A prayer as we prepare for the conference to start:

*Lord, allow our ears to listen to the cry of the earth as we prepare the way of the Lord listening to the voices of our sisters and brothers, those whose lives and wellbeing are already being threatened by the harsh realities of climate change. Allow our feet to take the path less trodden, to walk the extra mile, to take your message of love and care for all creation out to the world. Inspire us to work together, as your people, to change priorities in the way we live, so that we build a fairer and safer world for all your creation. Amen*

## PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

### YOUNG ADULTS AT ST MARKS

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

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



**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/>

## WHAT'S ON IN THE MISSION AREA:

### ST MARY'S WALKLEY:

- **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.](#)



# BEER & hymns

The Ranmoor  
Inn, 20<sup>th</sup>  
November,  
8pm



*The choir and  
clergy of St  
John's, Ranmoor  
invite you to join  
them for some  
favourite hymns  
and a pint at The  
Ranmoor Inn.*

For more information contact rowan.ireland@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk

## 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>



# ST HILD

**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](https://ticketssource.co.uk/suds). For enquiries 0114 255 3417**



**REQUIEM**  
MOZART

Ave Maris Stella - Cecilia McDowall  
Adagio & Fugue in C minor K. 546 - Mozart  
Adagio - Guillaume Lekeu

**Hallam Choral  
Hallam Sinfonia**  
and soloists

Musical Director: Kate Thompson

Tickets £15 adults  
£5 students  
(Under 18s free)  
Cash or card  
on the door or  
scan QR code

**St. Mark's  
Church**  
Broomhill, S10 2SE  
Saturday 23 November  
7.30pm







## 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– [click here](#). Let's work together to make sustainable choices for our community!



### HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR HOMES WARMER AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY? - Monday 4th November, 6-7:30pm,

Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield. Free refreshments, light buffet and cake!

According to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, domestic energy contributes 39% of Sheffield's total energy use- a huge contributor to climate change. In this workshop SY Ecofit introduces the concept of 'whole house retrofit', and practical ways to make your home warmer, cosier, and more eco-friendly this winter. We'll also have an interactive idea generation session, exploring ways to enable more people to make their homes more energy efficient and overcome some of the common barriers. We'll be prototyping selected ideas over the next few months so your input can contribute to real change!

Book your [free ticket on eventbrite](#) or by email to Helen on [helen.todd@ecofit.uk](mailto:helen.todd@ecofit.uk).

If you can't make the date but are interested in being involved in exploring ways to engage more people on home energy efficiency and retrofit, do also drop Helen an email on [helen.todd@ecofit.uk](mailto:helen.todd@ecofit.uk).

## THE MARCH FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE JUSTICE

takes place in London on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.](#)



## NOVEMBER 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.*



## SHEFFIELD PLASTIC FREE MARKET

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 10:30AM - 4:00PM

The Steamworks, 109-111 Randall St, Sheffield, S2 4SJ

Plan for a Plastic Free Christmas and Plastic Free alternatives in your lifestyle

STALLS | FOOD AND DRINK | LIVE MUSIC

