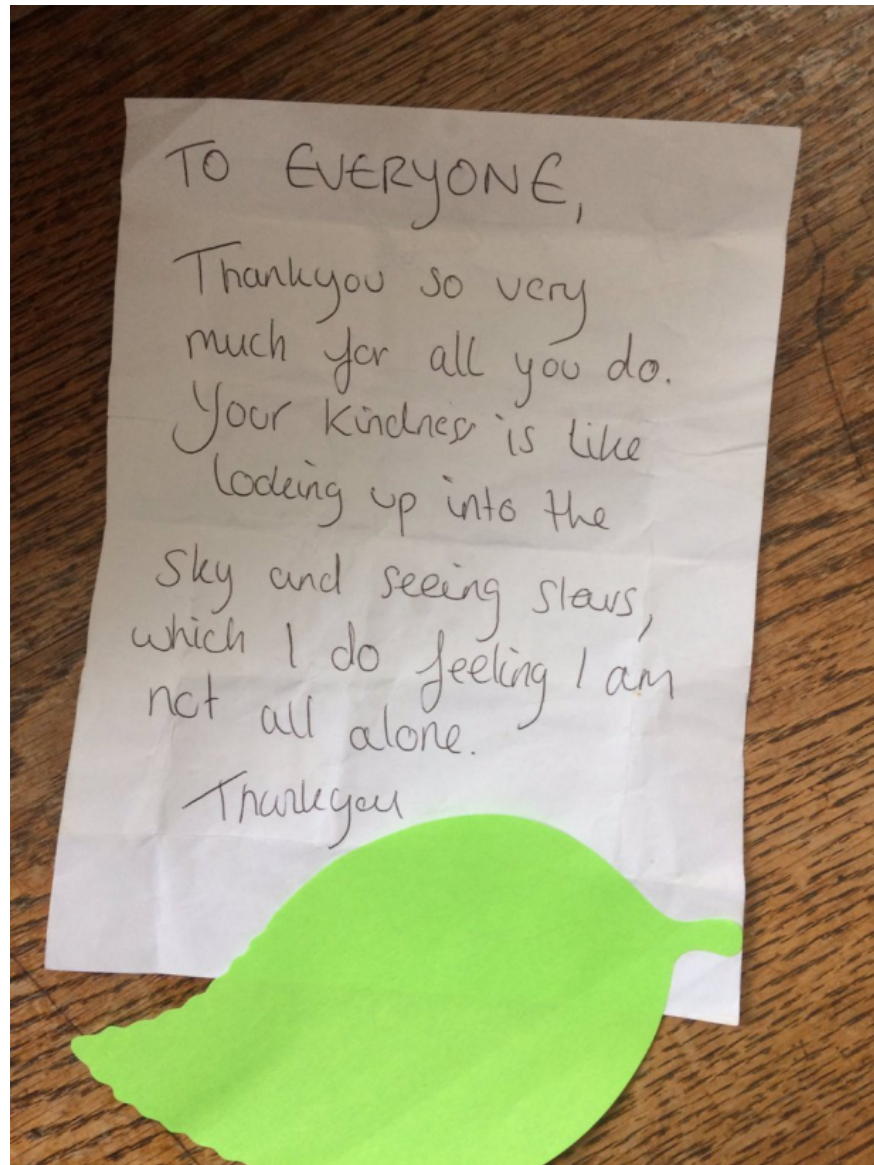




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Welcome

Welcome to all readers of NEXUS. **Please note that most of the articles were prepared well before the news from Christchurch New Zealand.** This month's cover illustration is a note left at the Parsons Cross Foodbank. You can read more about the current situation there on page 9. There are links to further information within the text and it will be easier to access those links from our web page <http://www.standrewspalterlane.org.uk/> Nexus is curated by Anne Hollows 07723407054, anne.hollows@gmail.com The next edition of Nexus will cover June and July 2019. Contributions are welcome and will be needed by Wednesday 15th May.

Letter from Gareth

Dear friends,

Several weeks ago, Imogen spoke in her sermon about the Mission Partnership to which we belong with three Anglican churches, St Augustine's, St Mary's Bramall Lane, and St Peter and St Oswald's. I thought I would follow this up by reflecting on the wider groups of churches we're part of, both Anglican and Methodist. If you're sitting comfortably, here goes.....

All the Mission Partnership churches are part of the Ecclesall Deanery, one of six deaneries in the Archdeaconry of Sheffield – which, together with the Archdeaconry of Doncaster, forms the Sheffield Diocese. The Ecclesall Deanery consists of 16 congregations (15 parishes), and extends south and west from the city as far as Norton, Topley and Dore. Deanery Synod meets twice a year, and the clergy meet as Deanery Chapter every other month.

The nearest Methodist equivalent of the Deanery is the Circuit. As you may know, SAPLC used to belong to the Ecclesall Circuit, which consisted in 2013 of eight churches. That year, following the pattern in a number of parts of the country, all eight circuits in Sheffield joined together to form the new Sheffield Circuit, which now consists of 58 churches. As you will appreciate, this meant an enormous change to the structure and feel of Sheffield Methodism. The Circuit Meeting takes place three times a year, and the Circuit staff meet monthly. There are also regular meetings for preachers and worship leaders.

With me so far?

The largest local units are the Methodist District and the Church of England Diocese. The Sheffield District roughly covers, in addition to Sheffield itself, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Rotherham and their environs, and part of the Peak District. I have a District role as Inter-Faith Adviser, and in this capacity sit on the Sheffield Faith Leaders' Group. The Diocese of Sheffield covers Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster and their surrounding towns and villages. The Diocese and District each have their Synods, though these are slightly different in structure.

You'll realise from this that both denominations have a great density of organisation, with many layers of committees, groups and administration dealing with every aspect of church life. As a local church, what takes

place at District and Diocesan, Deanery and Circuit level is fed to us through various channels, and we also have means of contributing our ideas and opinions to our wider denominational bodies. We are also affected, directly or indirectly, by everything that happens at these broader levels.

As I've mentioned in my report for our Annual Church Meeting, both the Circuit and the Diocese are facing a number of challenges. Like all mainstream churches, both denominations continue to experience a decline in attendance and a raising of their age profile. The Diocese's main challenge at the moment is financial, and it is meeting this partly through a significant reduction in clergy numbers. Meanwhile, the Circuit is having to cope with a national fall in the number of people offering for ordained ministry and a shortage of people in pastoral charge of its 58 churches.

Like every church, SAPLC has its existence within its local community, but we also belong to – and are affected by the joys and concerns of – the broader groupings within our denominations. It is important to remember these.

Peace and love,
Gareth



CONTEMPLATION

THE MOTHER

I am the woman, Mary, his mother.
I did not always understand my son -
he never married to give me grandchildren,
he left home and job
to wander with his friends,
he put other loyalties above his family
and talked of sharing one Father
with all the world.
I did not always understand him.

But this I understand -
this suffering and this death.
As much as it hurts
I know it isn't unexpected:
he knew that living as he did,
loving as only he could do,
healing, teaching, blessing, giving
as only he can do
would stir a bitter hatred
that only he could cure.

And only this way could he cure it.

But I am his mother
and remember the longing and
the aching for his birth -
a grief that waited to be turned to joy.
And now I long to take him in my arms again
and hold him in his anguish -
a mother bringing him to birth again.

I am learning
as he gives his friend into my care,
and me to his,
that all the future
is this nurturing and nursing
of each other to a new birth.

Taken from 'Women and the Cross'
Simon Bailey

Talking Point

Radical hospitality: Compassion

This series of thoughts in Talking Point aims to explore the idea of radical hospitality, a theme on which Michaela Youngson, the current President of the Methodist Conference, has chosen to focus. While compassion is often thought of as sympathy and kind thoughts, a closer exploration suggests that it involves more action and often radical action. Compassion has in recent years become a topic of considerable interest to researchers in the field of emotions, particularly in health care. It is described in the literature as involving not only sympathy and shared feelings but a commitment to action and to relieving suffering and pain, even when there may be no way of removing the pain. In the church, compassion is a topic of interest both in its presence and, sadly, in its absence. Pope Francis echoed the active nature of compassion describing it as not just a sentiment, but a call to action. He outlined the features of the compassionate church:

- To listen to the communities around us and to the wider world
- To identify especially with the lost, the least and the last
- To live out our faith as Christian disciples in acts of kindness and generosity
- To act together to serve the poor, feed the hungry and welcome the stranger
- To mourn for the suffering in the world and take that suffering seriously
- To be tender and gentle with one another, bearing one another's burdens
- To find together a radical new Christian inclusion in the church

- To provide places of hospitality and welcome for all in our church buildings
- To offer to all, in love, the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- To nurture children in school communities marked by compassion
- To steward and care for the earth
- To take action for peace and for justice.

The appalling events in Christchurch have caused many of us to stop and think how we may effectively offer more than kind thoughts and to stand beside our Muslim sisters and brothers in a much more meaningful way. We have also been challenged to re-think our understanding of how people may turn to destructive causes, whether through social media or the influence of dangerous yet seductive ideas. As some media have speculated how an ‘angelic blond boy’ could turn into a murderer, they might well reflect on how young people suffering years of racism, or war, might turn to radicalised lives. Being judgmental in this way is clearly not compatible with compassion. Thinking about Shamima Begum and her three dead children, and the extent of media and public hostility to her situation (including comments on church message boards) led me to wonder about how far we as a country, and sometimes as a church, have moved away from compassion. As a Christian feminist, I cannot help but wonder whether the lack of compassion for Shamima has been greater because she is a woman, the so-called ‘poster girl’ of Daesh/ISIS. Given that a number of British men who actively fought for Daesh have been allowed to return home without public outcry or loss of citizenship it seems that, as we see in so many criminal cases, compassion is less for women than for men.

Compassionate behaviour involves an element of risk, whether personal or collective. Sometimes being compassionate does not turn out as we had hoped and some may fear such consequences, and criticise us for being too soft or misguided. In my long ago career as a Probation Officer (when it was still a beacon of excellence in social work) I constantly held to the mantra associated with St. Augustine, whose Letter 211 (c. 424) contains the phrase *Cum dilectione hominum et odio vitiorum*, which translates roughly to “With love for mankind and hatred of sins.” The phrase has become more famous as “love the sinner but hate the sin” or “hate the sin and not the sinner” (the latter form appearing in Mohandas Gandhi’s 1929 autobiography). But in work

with offenders, that ‘love’ was active engagement rather than sympathy – radical hospitality in action.

Radical hospitality helps us to cross the gap between just sympathising, and being actively compassionate. Radical hospitality means that we can entertain, with warmth and care, people we might not choose to have as our friends or neighbours. It means recognising and responding to people’s pain and sadness, even when we might bear grudges towards them. It is a kind of hospitality that we should regularly practise in the church, at local, regional and national level. It is, for me at least, a critical aspect of any Christian journey as we learn to value, respect and actively welcome difference and need, wherever we may find it.

For those of you who would like to give more consideration to this issue, there is a bible study published by the Diocese of Oxford and available as follows Bishop Steven explores the theme of A Compassionate Church through the story of the raising of Lazarus. [Read the Bible Study](#) or use this link www.oxford.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/170517-Lazarus-1.pdf

Anne Hollows

Universal Realities: Nick Waterfield, pioneer minister in Parson’s Cross writes

It’s been another crazily busy week at our foodbank session – in one afternoon we’ve fed 72 households, that is 112 adults and 55 children since January 2019 we’ve seen almost a week on week increase and levels are now over 70% higher than before the Universal Credit roll out in Sheffield. One household we spoke with today had made three (YES THREE) Universal Credit claims since December:

- First claim after he lost his job in December – He waited the five weeks standard delay for first payment, but didn’t receive any money. He contacted DWP to be told he’d failed to reply to an email (he hadn’t seen it) and **so his claim was cancelled by DWP**. So he submitted a new claim – another five week wait for his first payment.
- Fortunately in this period he found a job. The wages weren’t great, but with the hours he put in and his partner’s part time wages, they earned enough in that month to take them over the threshold for

Universal Credit, **so his claim was cancelled by DWP.**

- Sadly a couple of weeks later he was laid off. He has now had to submit a new claim for Universal Credit and is subject to a five week wait for his first payment.

Stories like these are sadly too familiar, as people are left with little or no money whilst waiting for claims to be processed. Add this to the frequent amount of debt that people are carrying, rents and mortgages owed and the negative impact on people's mental health can hardly be overstated. I wonder sometimes how people who find themselves in these kinds of situations cope. Of course most of the time they do, the bonds of family and community remain stronger than some might imagine, especially perhaps in places like Parson Cross and similar neighbourhoods elsewhere.

Into this situation we throw our volunteers and helpers, without which there would be no service, no food bank. Week on week they too have to cope, not just with the pressure of issues around 70 parcels in four hours (that's roughly one food parcel every three and half minutes) but they find time to listen to the stories (the lives) of those who attend. Stories of relationship breakdowns, of ill health, and addictions; of jobs lost, and dashed hopes, of choices made between fuel or food, of Mums not eating a meal so their child can do.... and all this with compassion, and often a smile.

Today our voluntary team stayed on an extra hour in order to make enough, but it's all we can do, and we're glad that we can even though we are sad that we have to. We don't ask for gratitude and thanks, but every now and again we are blown away by the grace we are shown by people who come to us. Today we were given a donation of £1 from a young woman who has come to food bank a number of times over the last few months, who wrote the letter featured on the cover of Nexus:

“TO EVERYONE, Thank you so very much for all you do. Your kindness is like looking up into the sky and seeing stars, which I do feeling I am not alone.”

You can read more of Nick's thoughts about his work in Parson's Cross at www.pioneerthoughtsblog.wordpress

Interfaith News

News from Shirley House Interfaith Centre

There are various Interfaith organisations and groups in and around Sheffield, relating to different faith groups or different areas of the city. **Sheffield Interfaith (SIF)**, for example, was founded in September 1993, the



centenary of the World Parliament of Religions. Its activities have changed over the years and currently it maintains a website that publicises both SIF events and others in Sheffield (www.sheffieldinterfaith.org.uk). SIF organises an annual interfaith walk and monthly Food & Friendship bring-and-share dinners, mostly held at Shirley House.

The **Council for Christians and Jews** mostly meet at the Synagogue on Brincliffe Crescent, with talks of relevance to either or both religions and membership of both the Orthodox and Reformed congregations, plus people from a range of Christian denominations and occasional Muslims.

The **Ashram at Burngeave has a multifaith chapel and library**, and has meetings, with lunch, on the first Monday of each month.

A relatively new group holding regular interfaith events is the '**Dialogue Society, Sheffield**', led by Muslims recently arrived from Turkey, based in Attercliffe.

At **Shirley House Interfaith Centre** we have a mixture of guest speakers, 'My faith journey...' talks, 'show and share' discussions, arts & crafts, film shows and parties. We meet on different days, partly to avoid clashes with individual faith feasts and ceremonies.

Being lucky enough to have our own premises we intend to offer the room to anyone arranging an interfaith event in this area.

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 19th March. 7.30 pm. Film show (Wesley – a feature film) **Thursday 2nd May – Fashion in Faith-** show and tell about special clothes for faith groups.

Caroline Cripps

From the World Church

Christian Conference Asia, 'Stateless and Trafficked People: Our Co-Pilgrims' June 2019

The Asia Sunday-2019 theme will be focused on 'Stateless and Trafficked People: Our Co-Pilgrims'. Asia Sunday is observed every year on the Sunday before Pentecost, and the Asia Sunday-2019 falls on 2 June.

The member churches and councils of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), as well as churches and ecumenical partners around the world, observe Asia Sunday annually as an occasion to offer special prayers and organise worship services with focus on the Asia Sunday theme.

While highlighting the importance of this year's Asia Sunday theme, 'Stateless and Trafficked People: Our Co-Pilgrims', CCA General Secretary Dr. Mathews George Chunakara stated, "As the consequences and impacts of statelessness and human trafficking are enormous, the Christian response warrants to address these contemporary problems of dehumanisation with urgent priority".

The CCA General Secretary further stated, "The observance of Asia Sunday with a focus on this particular theme will be another attempt of CCA to sensitise and mobilise Asian churches to be aware that the Church, as an instrument of caring for God's creation, must protect those who have been trafficked to exploitation and those who are forced to live in our midst as stateless".

"There are numerous issues linked to statelessness and human trafficking as well as movement of people within and beyond borders including the rampant rise of inequality, ethnocentrism, racism, violence and extreme nationalism. All these dehumanising factors are increasingly evident in Asia and degrading the image of God and the basic dignity deserved by every human being. It is important for the churches in Asia to be concerned about migrants, trafficked and stateless who are our co-pilgrims and sojourners intimately connected or interdependent in our human family", said Dr. Mathews George Chunakara.

Statelessness and human trafficking are grave and widespread human rights problems of the contemporary world; statelessness puts a person at greater risk of becoming a victim of trafficking.

Forty per cent of the identified stateless population of the world live in

Asia and the Pacific. The Rohingyas are the most vulnerable stateless people in Asia.

According to the UN estimates, 2.5 million people are in forced labour, including sexual exploitation, of which 1.4 million are in Asia and the Pacific. A large number of trafficked people also become 'stateless'. As part of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace (PJP), the year 2019 will have the PJP focus on Asia with a common theme 'Building Peace and Human Dignity'. Statelessness and Trafficking in persons are among the priority concerns addressed as part of the PJP Asia Focus.

An international consultation on 'Stateless and Trafficked People' will be jointly organised by the CCA and WCC from 20 to 23 May 2019, and held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Please pray for the pilgrimage of Justice and Peace in Asia and for the international consultation, as well of course as praying for all those who are victims of trafficking and statelessness.

Eco Church

Into Lent and spring, hoeing and sowing, mowing and growing we go. The early months of 2019 have been quiet(ish) for the eco-group, but now with the natural world waking up, so do we.

We have finalised our once-and-for-all plan for the environmentally sympathetic development of the green churchyard area adjacent to Cherry Tree Road, and this is now to be presented to our Church Council at its next meeting (early May). The plan mainly concerns the so-called "orchard" which will, we hope, be planted with more fruit trees plus natural wildflower seeds and bulbs to make a wildflower meadow area, all in keeping with the recommendations of the recent survey conducted by Sheffield City Council. Most of the groundwork for this has been completed, and the final bit of clearance will concern the cutting back of the large goat willow which overhangs the proposed meadow and the shredding of the resulting soft wood. This should all happen in April. The larger sections of trunk will be retained to make a log-pile refuge for local wildlife. All the necessary permits for the tree work have been obtained, and we are extremely thankful to Bill Atherton for his successful bureaucratic negotiations, and to Chris Rogers for his tree surgery expertise.

Our group has booked two slots in the Sheffield Environmental Weeks programme. The first is to lay on a half-day of discussion, information and presentation on environmentally sympathetic holiday travel, and the second will be to host our annual “Eco-Communion” Service. We have only just begun working on these, so please watch this space.

Finally we do so appreciate interest and questions on the work of our group (and we always need more help especially outside), so please don't be afraid to ask. We will be so encouraged if you do.

Chris Lowry, Caroline Cripps, Anthony Ashwell (March 2019)

No Idling!

No, I'm not pressing already-busy people to do more! You may have seen signs or banners saying, “No Idling” outside schools or on busy stretches of road where there are parked cars. The “idling” refers to vehicle engines which are left running while cars are stationary. It won't take you long to notice many idling engines, even in the church car park!!

You may also have heard or read about the concerns over how vehicle emissions affect the developing lungs of young children. And it doesn't take much of a link to realise that vehicle engines are at the level of young children or buggies, and therefore they are disproportionately exposed to the carbon emissions from them.

The UK has a big problem with air quality, and areas in Sheffield and elsewhere regularly breach international guidelines for air quality. We also have commitments to reduce our carbon emissions. Through the [Climate Change Act](#), a world-leading act passed in the UK in 2008, the government committed to reducing emissions by at least 80% of 1990 levels (taken as the baseline) by 2050. (It is, of course, much more complex than this, but I won't go into pages of technical detail!) The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) monitors and advises on progress. According to their website, “[UK emissions were 43% below 1990 levels in 2017](#)”. But there the good news ends, and we need to reduce these emissions by 3% year on year from now if we have any chance of meeting future targets. Idling engines won't provide all of this reduction – but, to save children's lungs, the planet and fuel costs, surely it's worth each of practising “no idling”? *Chris Lowry*

Gardening Notes:

“So much to do, so little time!”

The flowers in the trees and on grass verges in February were wonderful this year. This is a sentence I never expected to write. But the weather was calm and sunny all the month and the weather presenters on the radio apologised that it could not be the same all of March. But without “February fill dyke” we are drying out our water supply and things will be more difficult this summer. It is another reminder that our activity in the garden needs to be according to conditions and not the date on the calendar. But who knows what will happen next? Past performance is even an even poorer indicator of future status than it used to be.

If you didn't get the windows clean in the greenhouse already, get a move on! Light levels are critical for good plants. If you can, start sowing Runner & French Beans but French beans are very fussy about the temperature. If it is below 10C they will rot off. Pot up when the roots are showing through the base of the pots but don't jump too many sizes. The space between the root ball and the side of the new pot should only just fit your fingers. If you have had lots of little black flies from the pots try using compost based on loam rather than peat. The larval stages of the flies use the organic matter in the compost prior to eating the plant roots. Yellow sticky traps will catch the flies, though a more interesting and attractive control is the Sarracenia or Pitcher plant. I have 4 of these in my greenhouse. Any dahlia cuttings you took will be ready to move on by now. Don't rush to get things outside. You will need a halfway house. A cold frame, so that the shock of removal from your warm house doesn't stop their growth. Ultra violet light is blocked by glass and I have lost plants not “hardened off” with carefully increased exposure. Greater transpiration because of air movement stresses them too.

If our gardens are going to cope with the dryer conditions we may need to alter our choice of shrubs. ‘Corokia’ is a plant genus from New Zealand that was recommended by the RHS in their March magazine. Other good advice in there includes planting any herbaceous perennials following the same rules you would for a tree. So: at the same depth as it was growing originally, digging a big enough hole, not over watering

and putting on a mulch. If it was grown in a pot tease out the outermost roots. Remove any going round in circles and as much of the potting compost as possible. But preferably buy bare rooted plants. They will be cheaper and you can see the most important part of the plant, the roots. Echinacia, Rudbeckia and Heleniums will extend the flowering season with blooms accessible to insects.



THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

South Pennine Group

www.southpenninehps.btck.co.uk

Also see us on Facebook.



SPRING PLANT SALE 2019

Saturday 18th May, 11.00 am - 2.30 pm &

Sunday 19th May, 10.00 am - 1.30 pm

Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Wide selection grown by our expert members

Drinks and homemade cakes available

Free admission : Everyone welcome

Plus Art Exhibition by Northern Society

for Botanical Art, 10-5 each day

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PLEASE

BRING YOUR OWN BAGS TO TAKE YOUR PLANTS

HOME.

JUTE BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

Food and Feasting: Wild garlic and hazelnut pesto

This is a delicious seasonal recipe providing a change from the usual pesto. I tend to use parmesan and olive oil but this recipe, from Galloway wild foods, uses goat's cheese as well as offering some other variations. Serve as a dip, mix through pasta, add to pizza, sandwiches etc. The oils that make wild garlic so pungent are highly volatile and the more you heat your pesto, the less flavour it will have.

Ingredients:

- Large bunch of wild garlic – leaves, stems, buds, flowers, seed pods all work fine here, though the earlier in the season you can harvest, the more vibrant the flavour. The more you use, the punchier your pesto will be. Don't be shy to mix in other wild alliums like few-flowered leek, or wild brassicas like hedge garlic, hairy bittercress or sea radish. Washed.
- 200g hazelnuts – I like them with the papery skin left on, which give a deeper flavour to the finished pesto
- 200g hard goat's cheese.
- Optional: sorrel and or crab apple juice for acidity. I suppose you could use a lemon...
- Optional: Ground seaweed - sea lettuce or pepper dulse would be ideal for salinity & spice
- Pinch of salt to taste
- Rapeseed oil

Method:

Blitz the hazelnuts in a food processor.

Grate the cheese and roughly chop the plants, then add with all the rest of the ingredients except the rapeseed oil.

Blitz, adding a trickle of rapeseed oil until you reach a consistency you like.

Church and Community

The Church AGM

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 7th April after the morning service, in church. There will be reports on the work of the church and associated organisations, and we will elect the new Ecumenical Church Council. Please make every effort to attend, and consider standing for election as a Warden or Steward, or member of the Ecumenical Church Council.

We need to find 2 people to join the team of Stewards and Wardens to replace Judith Loveman and Anne Hollows. The posts are open to all Joint and Methodist members. Please think seriously about whether you could fill this position, which is vital to the life of the church. If you wish to stand, or would like to find out what is involved, please speak to Gareth or the current team (Judith Loveman, Muriel Roberts, Anne Hollows, John Booter)

Knit and Knatter

Mondays 10-12 noon Knit and Knatter. In Shirley House. Contact: Alison Gregg, 266 5638.

Parent and Baby Group: New baby in the family? Join our friendly group of parents - Mums and/or Dads with babies up to 12 months. Friday mornings during term time 10.00 – 11.30 at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church. It's a chance to meet other new parents in friendly relaxed surroundings. Refreshments teas, coffees, other beverages and home made cakes. Cost: £1. 50 per family per week Contact Muriel on 2551473 or Jean 2550198

17th Sheffield Monday Brownies

Mondays at St Andrew's Hall from 5.45pm – 7.15pm. If you are at all interested, please contact Chris Venables. 07950 432487 for further information.

Open Sheffield

For those of you who do not yet know, Open Sheffield holds an inclusive communion service on the second Sunday of every month at St Mark's Broomhill.

For too long, LGBTQ+ folks and their families have either been intentionally or intuitively (or just FELT) excluded from church services and communion. This church service is a completely safe and sacred space where all are genuinely welcome. There are drinks and tasty treats from 3.30pm, and the service starts around 4pm, lasting around an hour.

Open Sheffield welcomes LGBTQ+ folks and their families, as well as straight 'allies'. It is always a time of peaceful worship. Beneath the smiles of those who attend are stories of shocking pain and discrimination within the church. In recent months there have been concerns about this in every mainstream church and decisions at the recent special conference in the United Methodist Church have caused huge distress. Closer to home we are aware that gifted presbyters who happen to be gay have received no invitations to serve in Methodist churches, even at a time when so many churches are without presbyters.

It would be great to see more people from SAPL attending Open Sheffield, from time to time. If you decide to go to Open Sheffield at St Mark's, you can be assured of a warm welcome. You can follow the work of Open Sheffield on their Facebook page.

My name is Rachel Corrie

Based on the diaries and emails of American activist Rachel Corrie, 'My Name is Rachel Corrie' is a tribute to a courageous, compassionate spirit telling the story of her short life, and sudden death from the words she left behind. At Theatre Deli Sheffield from 1st to 4th May. Book through Eventbrite

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/my-name-is-rachel-corrie-tickets-53453106681

The Tuesday Café

The Tuesday Café, our café for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers opened in the middle of March. The café takes place in the narthex in church on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon . We intend that it will be open every Tuesday of the year (except Christmas Day!) The café offers hot drinks, biscuits and homemade cakes, music, memory activities, and the opportunity for a chat. The café already has a good group of volunteers from the congregation and we are also grateful to those who have offered to bake for us. If you know anyone who might be interested in coming to the café, do please take flyer with all the information. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Judith Roberts.

Greener Summer Holidays.

Do you want to enjoy your holiday with a clearer conscience? Come along and find out how to have a great holiday without endangering our beautiful planet. Quiz, children's activities.

On Saturday 4 May in church, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Suitable for all members of the family. Refreshments available.

Church Family

Congratulations to

Barbara Charles on the wonderful milestone of her 100th birthday
Caitlin Procter on the award of D Phil from the University of Oxford

Our thoughts and prayers are with

Those with health concerns: Chris Lowry, David Chapman, Alistair Dempster, Pam Frost, George Glover, Fiona Needham (daughter of Gina and David Pierce), Lisa Solk, Margaret Abbey and Mike Procter;
those recently in hospital: John Kenward, Peter Rothwell
Pril Rishbeth

Young SAPLC

Sandcastles: Our monthly service for younger children and their parents/carers is on the second Sunday of the month at 9.15. All church members are welcome to attend these services and share in the worship with this part of the church family.

Junior Church: (Pebbles 3-5, Stones 6-10,) is during the main service at 10.30. Children between 2 and 3 can join in the youngest group (Pebbles) with a parent/carer)

About our services

Sunday Services

Normal pattern: 10.30 am Service: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Holy Communion service; 2nd and 4th Sunday, Morning Worship

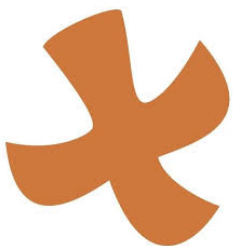
Monthly services: 2nd Sunday – Sandcastles at 9.15 am
4th Sunday – Holy Communion at 9.15 am (using Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer)

2nd Sunday – Holy Communion at Southcroft, 6.30 pm

Please note that the bread used in our communion services is gluten free. Both fermented and unfermented communion wines are used.

Wednesday Services

At the 10.00 Communion service on Wednesdays, we reflect together on a piece of spiritual writing. This may be from one of the Christian traditions, or sometimes from another tradition of faith. The person leading the service will make copies of the piece of writing to give out to everyone. Come and enjoy an oasis of reflective calm in the middle of a busy week, and join us for coffee or tea afterwards.



TAIZE continues in Lent on Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Narthex. April 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

Church Diary

APRIL

Saturday 6 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Sunday 7 th	11.45 am	Annual Church Meeting, followed by a Soup and Puddings Lunch	Church
Tuesday 9 th	7.30 pm	Eco-Group meeting	Narthex
Wednesday 10 th	7.30 pm	Worship Planning meeting	
Thursday 11 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Friday 12 th	7.30 pm	Sheffield Music Club concert – Kaoru Bingham, piano.	Room 1, Shirley House
Monday 15 th	6.00 pm	Seder Meal	Narthex
Tuesday 23 rd	7.00 pm	Property & Finance Meeting	Interfaith Room
Thursday 25 th	10.00 am	Church Office volunteers meeting	Church Office
Tuesday 30 th	7.30 pm	Leadership Team meeting	Narthex

MAY

Thursday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Interfaith event – Fashion in Faith	Interfaith room
Saturday 4 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Saturday 4 th	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Greener Summer Holidays – Sheffield Environment Weeks event	Church
Wednesday 8 th	7.30 pm	ECC meeting	Narthex
Thursday 9 th	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Sunday 12 th – Saturday 18 th		Christian Aid Week	
Tuesday 12 th	7.30 pm	Church Links meeting	Narthex
Wednesday 20 th	7.30 pm	Leadership Team meeting	Narthex

APRIL – MAY SERVICES

April 3rd		
7.00 pm	Taizé Prayer for Lent	
April 7th	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
April 10th		
7.00 pm	Taizé Prayer for Lent	
April 14th	Palm Sunday	
9.15 am	Sandcastles	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Glenn Evans</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
April 17th		
7.00 pm	Taizé Prayer for Lent	
April 21st	Easter Day	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
April 28th	Second Sunday of Easter	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Imogen Clout</i>
May 5th	Third Sunday of Easter	
10.30 am	Holy Communion.	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
May 12th	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
9.15 am	Sandcastles	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Judith Roberts</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
May 19th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
May 26th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Imogen Clout</i>

Last words

**Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?**

Mary Oliver: The Summer Day



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