



# St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -  
Exploring the Mystery of God

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Third Sunday before Lent**

**10.30 am**

**Holy Communion**

**Rev Naomi Cooke**

**Collect** Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord

**Hymns** StF 499 Great God your love has called us here  
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (verse 1)  
StF 504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
StF 640 We turn to God when we are sorely pressed  
StF545 Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart

**Readings** Jeremiah 17.5-10  
Luke 6.17-26

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

**9.15 am**

**Holy Communion**

**Rev Cheryl Collins**

**10.30 am**

**Morning Worship**

**Rev Canon Jane Brooke**

**Please remember all those who are in need of our prayers**

We pray for those with health concerns: Pam Frost, Q Ackom-Mensah, Helen Mannion (Barbara and John Booter's daughter), Tom Reavey, Hilary Jowett, Mark Stone, Blanca and Fiona, Trevor Mann, Maggie and Pete, Luke, May, Jan Birch, Janet Clarke.

**Peter Roberts** We were so sorry to hear of the death of Peter Roberts on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Peter was a much loved and valued member of Psalter Lane Methodist Church and SAPLC. **Please hold Judith, Mark and Ian, and all those who love Peter, in your prayers.**

**Please continue to pray for the people of Gaza and for the West Bank.**

## NEXT WEEK

**Monday 10.00 am – 12 noon - Knit and Natter Group in Room 1, Shirley House**

Everyone welcome to come and knit, sew, craft or just chat and enjoy a drink and a slice of cake.

**Tuesday 2.00 to 4.00 pm The Tuesday Café in Room 1, Shirley House**

The café is for those living at home with memory loss and their carers, and older people living alone. Hot drinks and cakes, music, games, crafts and more. For further information ring the church office (0114 2678289) or email [office@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk)

**7.30 pm ECC meeting in Shirley House**

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service in Church  
7.30 pm Interfaith Centre Film Night: The Quiet Girl. In SH

## SAPLC NOTICES

### Caretaker holiday cover

We will need volunteers to cover Linnea's duties from 27th February - 11th March. Please have a look at the chart in the narthex and sign up for anything you can help with. Let's try not to have the same few people doing everything this time! We are very grateful to Linnea's father, who will open and close Shirley House for us while Linnea is away.

### SAPL Voice Training – 23<sup>rd</sup> February

I'm planning to run a voice training session for SAPL members after coffee on Sunday 23 February. It should take about 30 minutes. The reason for this is to help Adam Denno with his voice as he develops his role as a local preacher. The invitation is for anyone who is interested in developing their voice to join us as well as experienced speakers who can share their expertise.

Please note I am not a qualified voice trainer and so there will be a lot of benefit if we can pool our experiences and skills. This will be a session without use of a microphone. We'll focus on projection and expressing both the meaning and emotion of the text. So, please consider taking part if:

1. You would like feedback about your speaking voice and to develop your speaking skills, either in church or elsewhere.
2. You are an experienced speaker who can show us how it's done and offer tips to other speakers.
3. You want to help by sitting at the back and indicating whether you can hear and whether what you hear makes sense.

I'll ask you to read a passage from the Bible. You may choose your own but I recommend most of us use some or all of Luke 15: 25 – 32. Feel free to rehearse this passage in advance. Chris Sissons

### Direct Giving Appeal

We have launched our direct-giving appeal in support of the employment of a **Lay Worker for Hospitality, Pastoral Care and Children** for 20 hours a week. As part of seeking an equitable distribution of resources across the Methodist Circuit both financially and through personnel, the ECC has agreed the post should include 5 of those hours per week gifted to our sister church, Highfield Trinity, to enable the continued running of their highly valued parent and toddler group – *Play and Stay*.

The start date for the Lay Worker will be this coming summer, on an initial three-year contract which we expect to cost £54,500 in total for the period. The Circuit and the Diocese have already offered grants, believing in and supporting this new phase in the life of our congregation. To secure the post and enable this expression of ministry, we are asking our church family, through designated direct giving, for £20,000 towards the costs. We trust that the remaining balance will be covered by further grants for which we have already submitted applications.

If you haven't received a letter giving full details of how you can contribute, copies are available in the Narthex or by contacting our Treasurer Joe Dey. We are asking that between now and the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, all of us prayerfully and carefully consider what we might give. All we have to give, is gift itself. As we model God's generosity to us, by faith, so God will work the miracle.

With thanks. Naomi and Joe

### Steel City Choristers

Are coming to SAPL for a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 9th March at 4pm and it would be wonderful if the congregation could come along and support them.

## **Volunteers needed please!**

**Southcroft** The manager & residents are looking for volunteers to help with two of their activities:

1. Art Group, Wednesdays at 2.30 pm – to encourage and support residents in artistic endeavours; materials supplied.
2. Gardening, Fridays or Saturdays - a small group of residents are keen gardeners, but cannot bend or carry. We have raised beds, borders & tubs that need caring for.

If you are interested in being a volunteer you can talk to Christine Hisom, or contact the manager (tel. 0114 2245 069)

**School visits** - we will be hosting the Reception classes from Hunter's Bar Infant school on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April** and we will almost certainly be having visits from other schools through the year. We already have some volunteers to help show them round, but we still need a few more - ideally we would have 3 - 4 helpers at each session. You don't need to be an 'expert' on SAPLC as all the necessary information will be provided and it's a great way of reaching out to our community. If you would like to know more, or to volunteer, please contact Clare Loughridge (2584164 or [clare@standrewspalterlane.org.uk](mailto:clare@standrewspalterlane.org.uk))

**Volunteer Chaplains** Are you motivated to support others, or know someone who is? South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Service is currently recruiting people to serve as Chaplains supporting staff in schools and other businesses. If you're available on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis and willing to undertake chaplaincy training, get in touch with them. See poster in narthex for details, and for more information or an application form, email the People & Officer Co-ordinator using [roxy@sycls.co.uk](mailto:roxy@sycls.co.uk) or give them a call on 07903 899751.

## **SAPLC Calendar 2025-26**

Printed copies of the calendar with dates for 2025-26 are available in the narthex. Get all the dates in your diary and never miss another meeting or event!

## **At Home Church Community Weekend: 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

In June we will hold our first Church Community Weekend here at SAPLC. In brief there will be worship, teaching, creative groups, lots of good food, fun and games, and the opportunity to deepen friendship and grow together in the Spirit. Our guest speaker will be the Revd Dr Gary Hall. Please save the date now. The weekend is for everyone, from the oldest to the youngest among us and activities will be for all.

## **Warm Clothes Appeal**

Manuch, the Co-chair of the South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Group has asked if we can help with the problem facing women asylum seekers sent to Sheffield by the Home Office. Many women come to Sheffield with nothing but the clothes that they stand up in. They often arrive with no warm clothes. The congregations at Saint Mark's and Saint John's Ranmoor have helped but there are still not enough clothes.

Please help if you can - Manuch can collect from St Andrew's Psalter Lane.

Thank you.

Judith Loveman

**'A warm thank you' - we have had an excellent response, but more will be most welcome.**

## **Thank you from All We Can.**

All We Can have written to thank St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church for the donations we have made in 2024. The total is £1,931.05. The letter will be in the narthex with information about All We Can's work.

All We Can continue to provide a vital resource for partners around the world as countries navigate the challenges of climate change, poverty and inequality. More information about the transformative impact that we are helping to make is available at [www.allwecan.org.uk](http://www.allwecan.org.uk)

Thank you again

### Green Box

#### **Aspire Community Enterprise (Sheffield) Ltd, Recycling Centre in Sheffield**

Aspire, in Parson Cross, use/refurbish/recycle unwanted electronic goods such as phones, laptops etc – giving disadvantaged people opportunities to repair and use them. Located in: SOAR Works Enterprise Centre, Unit 11, SOAR Works, Knutton Rd, Parson Cross, Sheffield S5 9NU, Phone: 0114 285 3788.

#### **Eco Tip – Food**

Go meat-free — especially avoiding beef — at least one day each week. Beef is not great for the planet: production of one quarter-pound burger requires 460 gallons of water and emits 0.126 pounds of methane — a greenhouse gas roughly 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Globally, about 15 percent of all human-caused greenhouse gas emissions are due to livestock, nearly two thirds of which come from cattle.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration**

#### **Saturday 1 March at 11.30am at Sheffield Cathedral**

There will be a service of Thanksgiving and Celebration to mark the five years in which Bishop Sophie has served as the Bishop of Doncaster. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to come together to celebrate Bishop Sophie and to share our appreciation for all that she has achieved during her time with us. You are most warmly invited to attend – families and children all welcome. For administrative purposes, can you please register your attendance here - [pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk](mailto:pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk)

### **Early Methodism in Sheffield: The Need for Appraisal**

This lecture by Dr. Simon Valentine (Bradford University), organised by the Historical Association, Sheffield Branch will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at the Lecture Theatre, Grayson Building, Birkdale School, Oakholme Road, S10 3DH. Entrance via the Endcliffe Crescent gate. Limited parking available. Doors will open at 7pm and the lecture will start at 7.30pm promptly. The fee for visitors is £5.00. All enquiries to Anna Harvey 07973 771957 or [janine.baigent@hotmail.com](mailto:janine.baigent@hotmail.com) 07719 742 305 or visit the historical Association Sheffield Branch website.

### **Christian Aid Changemakers conference**

**Saturday March 8th - 10.00am until 13.45pm (approx) at St Gabriel's Church, Dobbin Hill.**

Full details are on the poster in the narthex, and you can also use the link below to see the programme for the conference and to register for this regional event

Link to register:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference/regional>

There will be coffee and cake from 10.00am onwards so do come early for a chat! There will also be a break during the conference and a light lunch will be provided afterwards so there will be plenty of time for chatting to other reps. Please register online as it will help catering – it's recommended that you NOT register as a member of a church group, but just as an individual, as it is less complicated. Caroline Cripps will be going, and anyone else is welcome to attend.

### **Clifford School Building**

The old Clifford School building on Psalter Lane is under consultation by Historic England for listing but heavy plant is already on site. It may well get demolished before it is protected. Sheffield could protect it by issuing a Building Protection Notice, but at the moment is not willing to do so. We are being asked to write to the Council's 'heritage champion' at [janet.ridler@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:janet.ridler@councillor.sheffield.gov.uk) to urge them to protect Clifford. Please do so if you feel inclined.

## **Oxfam Challenge: March Your Way!**

March Your Way is a flexible challenge where you set the goals and decide how you'll reach them. Complete 31 miles across the month of March and make a difference with every mile you take! So how does it all work?

**Choose Your Method** - Walk, wheel, run, swim or hike - how you do it is up to you. Take on a mile per day, complete 31 in one go, or break it up into several chunks.

**Set Your Target** - Hit the £150 fundraising target and you'll bag yourself a UK-made, eco-friendly medal for your efforts. Simply create your fundraising page, link it to our JustGiving campaign, then spread the word!

**Find Your Reason to March** - March for climate justice. March for women and girls. March for peace. March for access to water. March for a fairer world.

For full details go to:

<https://click.news.oxfam.org.uk/?qs=59314e513fc3dac2d762571afa164b66bd3bf8ff74ac9f5afd7301fc0963909461b2aed438c1eeab937c5ce67742994a3518ea81d49e33400221a13de9f1ab1f>

## **Foodbank and Baby Basics**

**The Foodbank at Firvale really appreciate us and tell us what a difference we make.**

Please bring your badly-needed donations to Church on Sunday mornings from 10.30 am, or to the Church Office on Thursday mornings. If you would like to give money, it can be sent online via <https://localgiving.org/charity/firvalefoodbank/>. Or, Joe Dey can pass on a cheque made out to St Cuthbert's (write Fir Vale Food Bank on the back of the envelope) when he and Liz deliver donations.

There was a message on a Firvale Food Bank supporter's FaceBook page recently passing on this from the Food Bank: "**The items we're using most of at the moment are the basics - Beans, Tomatoes, Tinned fruit, Rice Pudding and Tinned fish (Tuna, Sardines)**"

**Baby Basics** Donations can be left in Church on Sunday mornings, or in the Church Office on Thursday mornings. See a full list of what is required at

<https://www.facebook.com/babybasicssheffield/>