



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 23rd March

Third Sunday of Lent

10.30 am Morning Worship Local Arrangement

This service will be followed by Soup & Puddings in Shirley House

All Welcome!

Collect Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Hymns StF 357 Jesus, the name high over all
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (vs 1 only)
StF 481 The Lord's my Shepherd
Stf 248 I heard the voice of Jesus say
StF 65 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Readings Psalm 63: 1-8
Isaiah 55: 1-9
Luke 13: 1-9

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Cheryl Collins

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 Booler's daughter), Tom Reavey, Hilary Jowett, Mark Stone, Blanca and Fiona, Trevor Mann, Maggie and Pete, Luke, May, Jan Birch, Janet Clarke, John Kenward.

**Please pray for lasting peace, healing and the restoration of communities
in Gaza and Israel.**

An Update on Rev Naomi Cooke

You will all be aware that for the past few months Naomi has been on light duties in order to support Lisa. However, as of 14th March 2025, this has changed to special leave with relief from all duties. This will be for at least three months, when it will be reviewed. The immediate consequences of this are that the All Age Worship Service on Sunday 23rd March 2025 will be by Local Arrangement, and the At Home Church Weekend in June is to be postponed.

However, please keep the evening of Friday, 13th June 2025 free for a social evening. Details about other services, including Good Friday and Easter Sunday, will follow in due course once further information is available. In the meantime, pastoral care for SAPLC will be provided by Rev'd Debora Marschner.

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.

2.00 pm Afternoon housegroup meeting in Shirley House

7.30 pm Worship Planning Meeting, Room 3 SH

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@standrewspalterlane.org.uk

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service in Church

7.30 pm Evening housegroup meeting at 303 Cemetery Road

Thursday 7.00 pm Taizé Prayer for Lent, in church

SAPLC NOTICES

New Electoral Roll

Every six years, the Church of England requires us to prepare a new Electoral Roll, that is, a list of all those who consider themselves to be members of the Church of England and who either live in the parish or have attended worship regularly over the last six months.

All Anglican members and Joint members will need to re-register, even though they are included on the current Roll. Methodist-only members do not need to fill in a form.

If you wish to remain on the Electoral Roll, please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible and in any event no later than **Sunday 20th April 2025** to the Electoral Roll Officer, Judith Roberts. There will be a box on the table in the narthex as you enter the church for this purpose. Alternatively you may return your form by post to Judith Roberts, c/o Church Office, Shirley House, 31, Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL, or send a scanned completed form to Judith by email.

The **Annual Church Meeting** which was to take place on 27th March has been rearranged for **11th May**. Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

SAPLC Easter Choir

An Easter choir is proposed to sing during the Palm Sunday service, as well as the Easter Sunday service. Rehearsals will be in SAPLC and on the dates as follows: **4. Sunday, 30th March at 9.15 am or after the service *tbc***; 5. Friday, 4th April at 6.30pm; 6. Friday, 11th April at 6.30pm; 7. Thursday, 17th April at 6.00pm, Junior Church room. Please let Liz, Mary or Kit know in person if you wish to participate, even if you are unable to attend all the rehearsals, or email mary.e.mitchell14@gmail.com.

Job Vacancy at SAPLC

Are you someone who is passionate about making relationships with families, nurturing children's faith and strengthening connections with the local community? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We seek an enthusiastic and compassionate person, who can create a warm and welcoming environment, lead our children's work, and play a vital role in our ministry.

Closing date: Noon on 22nd April 2025; Interviews: 1st May 2025

For an informal conversation please contact Anna Calvert, Chair of the Ecumenical Church Council: annacalvert1@gmail.com

A message to Food Bank Supporters

Dear food bank supporters

On behalf of everyone at Firvale we'd like to thank you for your continued generous support to the food bank

We don't know who you all are but we're grateful for your support

Your kindness makes a difference to the lives of less fortunate people

Thank you all so much

Regards

Joe & Liz

Action of the Week – Lift the Ban

A coalition of more than 300 organisations, including charities, trade unions, businesses, and refugees, are urging the Home Secretary to lift the ban on work for people seeking asylum. Many people who have risked everything to seek safety in the UK are eager to work. People want to be part of the solution, to use their skills, and to thrive. By letting them work, the Home Secretary can restore people's dignity, unleash valuable skills into the UK's workforces and benefit the economy. Sign the open letter to her: [https://act.refugee-](https://act.refugee-action.org.uk/page/166207/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=LTB_OL_TY)

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Taizé Prayer in Lent

A peaceful half hour of prayer, gentle repetitive chants and silence on Thursdays at 7:00pm in church on 27th March; 3rd and 10th April. There will not be Taizé Prayer on 17th April as there will be a Maundy Thursday service at St Augustine's Brocco Bank.

Housegroups in Lent

Both housegroups are studying the Diocese of Sheffield Lent Course, which looks at Luke's account of Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem (chapters 9 to 19) and explores six encounters that Jesus has with people on the way. Each encounter teaches us something new about what it means to be Jesus' disciple and how we might follow Him faithfully.

The Monday afternoon housegroup meets in Shirley House beginning at 2 o'clock. They would welcome any new members.

The evening housegroup will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm at 303 Cemetery Road, and then weekly except 9th April. The last meeting will be on 16th April. We would love to welcome more members! If you would like to join us please contact Janet Loughridge (Tel 258 4164

Email janet.loughridge.45@gmail.com)

Family Easter Activities Saturday 19th April

On Saturday 19th April the junior church team are organising Easter activities for families in the church garden, 10.30 am to 1 noon. Likely to include planting the Easter garden by the front path, an outdoor trail reflecting on the events of Holy Week, and refreshments. We'd really appreciate any volunteers who are able to help out, eg with planting or serving cups of tea / squash. Please speak to Rachel Morris, Lydia Hutchings or Anna Calvert or email Rachelamymorris@gmail.com. Many thanks!

A Call to Peace

John Cooper who is Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation gave a talk this week to Churches Together on "[A Call to Peace](#)". You can watch John's talk here:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wm47zRia6zM>

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At Home Church Community Weekend

This has now been postponed. But keep the evening of **13th June** in your diaries for a church event!

Green Box

Seven proven ways to help the planet in 2025

Slowing down climate change is an immense task, but small individual actions can add up to help reduce emissions. In 2024, the critical 1.5C threshold was breached for a full year for the first time, highlighting the urgent need to rapidly cut global emissions. Much of the work needed to curb climate change goes beyond the remit of individuals – from scaling up renewable energy to stopping the production of oil, gas and coal. **But research shows that individual actions can add up too.** Go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/future/article/20241231-seven-proven-ways-to-help-the-planet> to read about some of the most impactful actions you can take to live a more sustainable life this year, from eating more plant-based food to reducing your number of flights to buying more second-hand clothes.

Eco Tip – Give up buying plastic water bottles - producing just one plastic bottle of water - including transporting and refrigerating it – requires **2,000 times as much energy** as producing the same amount of tap water. It also creates massive amounts of plastic waste. Save money and keep plastic out of landfills and oceans by carrying a reusable bottle instead

OTHER NOTICES

The Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain

The Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, the Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, has been officially announced as the next Bishop of Wakefield.

Malcolm, who has been an Archdeacon in the Diocese of Sheffield since 2013, will undertake a series of engagements around Wakefield ahead of a consecration in June.

In 2014, Malcolm was appointed to his current role as Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham, in the Diocese of Sheffield. He is a member of the College of Archbishops' Evangelists and has served on the Church of England's General Synod since 2015 and Mission and Public Affairs Council since 2016.

[You can read a reflection from Malcolm here.](#)

The Promise of Heaven: A concert given by Steel City Clerks

29th March 2025, 7-8:30pm at Whirlow Spirituality Centre.

An evening of sacred music by composers from the 16th to 21st Century expressing lament and delight interspersed with readings from poets and writers that complement these themes. Steel City Clerks are the adult choir that sing alongside Steel City Choristers. The concert will include an interval with refreshments.

Tickets are £12 (including a glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles). All profit from the concert will go to Steel City Choristers, a charity offering musical education and the opportunity to sing in the cathedral tradition to children and young people in and around Sheffield.

A Northern Requiem, Saturday 5 April at Victoria Hall, Sheffield

The Rose Choir collaborates with Harlequin Brass and Escafeld Chorale for a fundraising concert at Sheffield's Victoria Hall, featuring the second performance of 'A Northern Requiem'. This new piece for choir, brass ensemble, and soloists commemorates the 1984/85 Miners' Strike, a pivotal event for the local community. 'A Northern Requiem' blends text from the Roman Catholic Requiem Mass with poetry that reflects on the Miners' Strike and the coal mining industry's decline. The program will also present brass works and showcase our soloists' talents.

This concert aims to support the Rose Hill Arts Centre initiative, which strives to establish a community-led arts venue that promotes artistic expression and community involvement.

Buy your tickets here : <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/sheffield/victoria-hall-sheffield/a-northern-requiem/e-rrpmyj>

Thinking Faith Sunday – 7.00 pm on 6th April at St Mark's Broomhill

Cross Talk – the Meaning of the Death of Jesus. Come and hear, reflect, and ask questions about the death of Jesus with Ian Wallis, interviewed by Robyn Vesey. See poster in narthex for full details.

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.

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/>