



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 23rd November

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Christ the King

Iain Cloke

Collect God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Hymns StF 177 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
StF 397 Walk in the Light (v1 and chorus)
StF 20 Be still for the presence of the Lord
StF 719 We pray for peace but not the easy peace
StF 255 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Reading Revelation 1:4b-8
Daniel 7: 9-10,13-14
John 18: 33-37

Live streaming

Please be aware that this service will be filmed and live streamed. The service will appear on YouTube and will remain there indefinitely. If you would rather not appear in the video, please sit in the main body of the church, behind the front five rows.

Barbara Barnsley We were sad to hear of the death of Barbara Barnsley last week. Barbara had been a Southcroft resident for many years, and supported many SAPLC events. She will be sadly missed. **Please hold all who love Barbara in your prayers.**

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, Maggie and Pete, May, Jan Birch, Hanna, Rodney and Marilyn Godber, Luke, Mary Atkinson, Pete Sandford and Family.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 30th November

9.15 am

Holy Communion

Advent Sunday

Rev Canon Cheryl Collins

10.30 am

Advent Carol Service

John Harding

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

7.30 pm ECC Meeting in Room 3, Shirley House

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

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday Worship in Church

Thursday 7.30 pm Sacred Space in Church A continuation on the theme of 'Faithfulness'.

If you are interested in attending, the invitation is to see this Sacred Space as a time you carve out for yourself... A time to be restored by music, poetry, quotes, readings and shared spaces of silence, amidst candlelight. There's nothing you need to bring, nothing you need to do, get or have, just arrive and allow yourself the permission to rest and receive.

Friday 7.00 pm Choir Rehearsal in Room 1, Shirley House - Full details in item in SAPLC Notices

SAPLC NOTICES

Sheffield Carols Evening at SAPLC Tuesday 9 December 6.30-8.30 pm.

Volunteers and donations needed

Please speak to Rachel Morris rachelamymorris@gmail.com if you can help with serving refreshments, setting up and clearing away or if you can provide food/drink - sausage rolls, mince pies, cake, spiced cordial etc.

Please speak to Clare Loughridge (clareloughridge49@gmail.com) if you can help to run a book/gift stall or if you can donate books/toys/other small gifts. Clare will have a stall selling resin craft and hand-made teddies, and Christine Hisom a Christmas card stall.

And don't forget to put the date in your diary for a lovely evening of singing local folk carols, fun and fellowship - and a little Christmas shopping!

SAPLC Christmas Card delivery

There are still some cards with details of our Christmas services and events on a table in the narthex. Please take as many as you can to deliver **before the 30th November** so that our neighbours in the area know about all the good things happening here at SAPLC!

Posada at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church – Christmas 2025

'Posada' (Spanish for 'inn') is a **Christmas activity running through Advent**. Mary and Joseph travel around different households and stay there for one night.

People sign up in advance, offering to host Mary and Joseph for a night. It's open to everyone, and lots of people find it's a great way to be involved in the Christmas story and a chance to host Mary and Joseph – to make room for Jesus at Christmas time!

On Christmas eve, the figures are returned to church, during Christingle, as everyone gets ready to welcome the Christ child once again.

The sign-up sheet to host Mary and Joseph will be in the Narthex – please sign up to this wonderful activity. More details during the service, or please ask one of the Stewards or Warden for more info.

Used Stamps Needed!

There will be a box on the table in the narthex for used postage stamps. Please cut/tear stamps with a border of approximately 1cm all the way round and, if possible separate foreign stamps. (Channel

Islands and Isle of Man count as foreign). The stamps will be sent to the Bone Cancer Research Trust who receive £20 for every kilogram of stamps, which will help to fund life-saving research.

Southcroft News

On Wednesday **26th November** there will be a Christmas sale in Southcroft lounge from 11.00 am to 12 noon with crafts, gifts, festive cards and festive clothes. Refreshments available. Please support staff and residents in raising money for the Amenities Fund.

It is hoped there will be a stall at the Advent Carol service selling Southcroft hand made cards for the Amenities Fund. The card stall at the Sheffield Carols evening will be in aid of the Archer Project.

If you have any unused envelopes or card Christine Hisom would be pleased to receive them.

SAPLC Choir Rehearsals Autumn 2025

Emily Bowden will be leading the choir in preparation for the forthcoming Advent Carol Service (10.30am on 30th November) and the Carol Service (6.00pm on 21st December). Rehearsals will be **weekly on Friday evenings** starting at 7.00pm, and finishing by 8.15pm at the latest. Rehearsals will be in church except for 28th November, 12th and 19th December, when we will meet in room 1, Shirley House. New members are always welcome!

Safeguarding information session for volunteers

On **Tuesday 9th December** 12.30 to 2pm Alison Hill (District Safeguarding) will be leading a session on Safeguarding at Totley Rise for our coffee volunteers, welcomers, pastoral visitors, etc. Not official Foundation training but more about general principles and responding to concerns. If anyone at St Andrew's Psalter Lane wants to attend you would be very welcome, let Anni know. Safeguarding has a new email address safeguarding@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk

Project Christmas Angel – November update

There's still plenty of time to make some more though.....and also a date for your diary.....we're going to have a craft afternoon in church on **Sunday 7th December** so that we can prepare the labels and finish off our creations before taking them out in the early evening (as soon as it gets dark enough) and putting them on trees and benches and walls and fences, so that people can take a gift from SAPLC home to hang on their tree, or just to be a part of their Christmas time this year. Please come along and help if you can.

If you would like to contribute and help by knitting or crocheting or sewing or felting some Angels for us we would love this— there are knitting and crochet patterns in the Narthex or simply use your own, anything would work as long as we can hang it up / leave it for people to take home. Feel free to add to the ones already on display and I'll leave a basket for you to put some in also. We would also like to make some paper angels to give away to everyone coming to our carol service and Christingle. We estimate that we'll need 300+ in total, so if you can help with this that would be wonderful. Here is a pattern that is very easy to use -

<https://www.melanielissackinteriors.com/blog/2024/11/16/how-to-make-these-easy-paper-angel-christmas-decorations?rq=paper%20angel> We've been using plain coloured paper and they still look fabulous. You will need some beads and bows and ribbon and glue, so if you've only got some paper, you can still help by folding that up for us as per the pattern, and we can use the folded paper, add the other bits to it and finish them off to make more Angels. Many thanks Jan

janowen@doctors.org.uk & Cheryl cheryl62collins@btinternet.com

Child sized chairs give away

We have a small number (approx. 12) of wooden child sized chairs that are currently being stored in the cellar at SAPLC, and **available for a small donation** to anyone who wants any. You could take 1 or 2 or more. Their condition is variable, but they all work and, would look great with a bit of care and attentiongreat upcycling project!

Please ask Darren Coggins or Jan Owen, or one of the Stewards for more information if you are interested in giving any of them a new home.

OTHER NOTICES

Friends of Roundabout – Christmas Hike 2025

Join us on **Saturday 29th November 2025** for our sixth annual Christmas walk, bringing together Roundabout supporters to raise funds for young people experiencing homelessness. This year's 10-mile route starts and finishes at The Traveller's Rest, Brough, taking in stunning Peak District views across Shatton Moor, Bamford Moor, Ladybower, and Win Hill. Halfway treats await at High Lees Farm, thanks to the amazing Kate and John May, and we'll finish with well-earned food and drinks back at The Traveller's Rest. Last year, our incredible walkers raised over £11,000, and with Roundabout now supporting 400+ young people, the need is greater than ever. Entry: Free – we ask participants to raise or donate a minimum of £50 per person or £100 per family Sign up: <https://www.roundabouthomeless.org/event/roundabout-christmas-hike/>

Millhouses Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival from 30th November

Free hot fruit punch and mince pies are on offer on the following dates for the Christmas Tree Festival, admission is free and any donations will be shared between church funds and St Luke's Hospice.

30 th November – Launch Event – 4pm-5pm	6 th December – 2.30pm-5pm
7 th December- 2.30pm-5pm 13 th December – 9.30 am-12noon	14 th December -2.30pm-5pm
20 th December 2.30pm-5pm 21 st December – 2.30pm-5pm	Christmas Eve – 2.30pm-5pm

Christmas Experience 3rd and 6th December at All Saints Ecclesall

All Saints Ecclesall is hosting an immersive Christmas Experience, offering a walk-through tour of the first Christmas. The church building will be transformed as visitors meet the characters of the Nativity, hear their stories, and share in the wonder of the greatest story ever told.

Tickets are free, but must be booked in advance. To book a timed ticket go to <https://allsaintsecclesall.churchsuite.com/events/gwrvjpdq>

Christmas Craft Fair at Cemetery Road Baptist: Saturday, 6th December, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join us for a festive time of handmade gifts, art, prints, woodwork and jewellery - all showcasing a variety of local talent, including our very own "Kingdom Krafts" group! PLUS get crafty and have a go at making your own Christmas decorations and enjoy some homemade cakes and a hot drink, all while raising money for a great cause! (Funds raised will go towards our fundraising effort for the BMS Refugees Welcome Appeal).

Christian Aid carol singing Saturday 6th December

Christian Aid carol singing will take place outside the former Debenhams shop on Saturday 6th December from 2.00 - 3.00. The organiser, Sara Millard, would like to know if people are able to come. Please email her: cello67@hotmail.com if you are able to join in.

Thinking Faith: Have We Given Up on Truth? Sunday 7th December at St Mark's, Sheffield, 7.00 pm

In an age of "post-truth", misinformation, and AI-generated deepfakes, who or what can we trust? What does this mean for our democracy, our public conversations, and our personal and religious lives? Have we, as a society, given up on truth? Join Professor Hallvard Lillehammer, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sheffield, as he explores these questions and the implications for ethics, politics, and faith. See poster in narthex for full details.

Sheffield District Methodist Women in Britain

On **11th December** 2025 there will be Christmas Carols and Lunch at Mosborough Methodist church beginning at 11.00am. Rev Michael Brown will play. Tickets are £12.00 each available from Carol Wignell by email carol.wignell@btinternet.com or by phone 01246 433216.

Twinned Deanery Gathering with Bishop Pete & Bishop Leah

Thursday 11th December, 7.00 pm at All Saints Ecclesall. An opportunity to meet Bishop Leah, hear a little about her faith in the Lord Jesus and learn about her hopes of her ministry as Bishop. This event is open to all church members.

Shelter Presents: Christmas Carol Concert with Steel City Choristers Highfield Trinity Methodist Church

This concert will take place on **16th December** from 6:45pm to 7:45pm.

By purchasing a ticket, you're helping Shelter continue their vital work—locally and nationally—supporting people experiencing homelessness or facing housing hardship. This event also includes a donation to the Steel City Choristers, whose music is at the heart of the evening. Tickets are £12 with children under 16 free — but please still book a child ticket. A suggested donation is £5 per child (or whatever you can afford) For any further questions please contact: lizzie_lawson@shelter.org.uk

Green Box

Love, Anger & Betrayal Book Tour

8 December, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Dorothy Fleming Theatre, Charles Street Building, 133 Charles St, Sheffield S1 2ND

Jonathon Porritt, veteran climate campaigner, advisor and writer, has consistently highlighted the environmental crisis and its threat to social and ecological justice – over 50 years of constantly looking for solutions.

His newly published, eleventh book, 'Love, Anger & Betrayal', visits the latest generation of climate activists and documents the experiences of 26 insightful young people – his co-authors – who joined Just Stop Oil's Nonviolent Civil Resistance. The book reveals their passion for a just and sustainable transition away from our global economic and cultural dependence on fossil fuels. But who, with the political power, is listening?

For more than fifty years Jonathon Porritt has been campaigning for the environment and social justice, while simultaneously advising governments, businesses and NGOs. The author of many highly respected books, he still believes that it is 'not too late' to avoid climate breakdown. But the thrust of this book, Love, Anger & Betrayal, is that very soon it will be.

Eco tip – Avoid single-use items: Especially things wrapped in (or made of) plastic: coffee pods, to-go utensils, disposable razors, etc. The items and their packaging end up in landfills and in the ocean, threatening marine life. Reduce the amount of trash you produce by buying items in bulk (bring your own containers!) or find reusable alternatives, which can be more cost-effective in the long term.

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)

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 their new website address baby-basics.org.uk/Sheffield or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/babybasicssheffield/>

If you are worried, isolated or just need to chat to someone from the church, please call Revd Joy Rulton: mobile 07816 315 499 or joy.rulton@methodist-church.org.uk

Emergency calls only on Saturday, please, as it's Joy's day off