



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 25th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion Rev Cheryl Collins

Collect Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father

Hymns StF 364 O, for a thousand tongues to sing
StF 397 Walk in the light (v1 and chorus)
StF481 The Lord's my shepherd
Come away from rush and hurry
StF 531 What a friend we have in Jesus

Readings Acts 16.9-15
John 5.1-9

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 1th June

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Morning Worship Iain Cloke

John Kenward We were very sorry to hear of the death of John Kenward. John was a much loved and valued member of Psalter Lane Methodist Church and then SAPLC. John will be sorely missed.

Please hold John's family, especially Mary, Debbie and Nigel, and all those who love him 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 Booter's daughter), Tom Reavey, Hilary Jowett, Mark Stone, Blanca and Fiona, Maggie and Pete, May, Jan Birch, Hanna

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

NEXT WEEK

Monday NO Knit and Natter Group in Room 1, 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

	2.30 pm	Methodist Women in Britain Quiz in Narthex Details in Notices section
Wednesday	10.30 am	Wednesday service in Church
	7 – 9.00 pm	Welcome Workshop in Shirley House
Thursday	7.30 pm	Sacred Space service in Church

SAPLC NOTICES

Church Social Weekend 14th-15th June

In place of our postponed Church Family Weekend we will have 2 social events.

Everyone is most welcome to attend either or both.

Saturday 14th June - Social evening with games, quiz and supper

Fun activities for all, whatever your age and abilities. Join in with as much or as little as you like.

5:30pm-8:30pm in Room 1, Shirley House.

Please sign up at the link below or the form in church for supper so we know how much to order and what dietary requirements. We will adopt a “pay what you can” policy so that everyone is able to join.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeN35T0Vva1UO9uhL9y8JzWRZEGBM0D3ShI2pmJkLLDHi1m9w/viewform>

If you would like to volunteer to bring cakes/biscuits or help with practical things on the day, please let Rachel Morris know - rachelamymorris@gmail.com 07759062709

Sunday 15th June - Social walks at Longshaw

Emma Handy will be leading walks on the Longshaw Estate. Meet in the car park by the visitors' centre.

2pm Short walk - just under 2 miles, then time together in the cafe.

3:30pm Longer walk - just over 4 miles.

Help please! Volunteers needed to help with school visits

We have 2 classes coming to be shown round the church on Tuesday 3rd June, at 9.15 -10.15 am and 10.15 - 11.15 am, and one class on Friday 6th June 9.15 -10.15 pm.

Please speak to Clare Loughridge (258 4164 or clare@standrewspalterlane.org.uk) if you would like to help with this important part of our outreach to the community.

Monthly house group – new members welcome!

If you would like to join the monthly house group that meets at the Morris' house at 7:45pm on alternating first Sunday and Monday of each month, please message Emma on 07454562180. The next session is on Sunday 1st June.

Methodist Women in Britain Quiz, Tuesday 27th May in the Narthex

From 2.30pm until 4pm with several rounds of quizzing, plus scones, cakes, and tea and coffee.

This event is open to all genders, partners are particularly welcome

Members of SAPL congregation are especially invited, and encouraged to let Jenny Carpenter (jennyc106@btinternet.com) know of offers of cakes, and/or help in serving the tea.

Welcome Workshop Wednesday 28th May

Please save the date for a Welcome Workshop to take place on **Wednesday 28th May** from 7-9pm in Shirley House. All welcome but particularly those involved in a welcoming role in the church- in the many forms which that takes. Lifts can be provided for those who need them.

Thy Kingdom Come

Join the global wave of prayer **29th May - 8th June** Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray, from Ascension to Pentecost, for

more people to come to know Jesus. For the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come, this year's Novena is based on the Lord's Prayer and is written by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. The Prayer Journal is also based on the Lord's Prayer and includes contributions from a variety of voices across denominations and traditions. You can pick up your copies of these in the narthex today; there are also copies of resources to help you to undertake a digital detox. These resources are also available online - see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0> for more information.

Geology Walk: 29th May – 2pm

Join John and Peter for a geology walk around the city centre. Sheffield has a variety of rocks in its pavements, curbs, street furniture, buildings and monuments. We will explain the origins of these materials and discuss their suitability for their preset function. Meet at the Women of Steel statue outside the City Hall in Barkers Pool at 2.00pm on Thursday 29th May. John Cripps

Is your pension contributing to Israel's attack on Gaza?

You are paying into the South Yorkshire Pension (SYPA) if you are a member of the pension scheme, or through paying your council tax. The pension scheme invests in arms manufacturers that are helping the destruction of Gaza and the murder of innocent civilians, including thousands of children. The South Yorkshire Divest for Palestine Campaign is running a petition to urge SYPA to divest from this harm and instead, to invest in sustainable local enterprises such as green energy, social housing and home insulation. You can get more information at <https://linktree.ee/SYDPC> [Anne Hollows](#)

Green Box

Next steps to a Climate and Nature Bill

Scientists, economists, business leaders, church leaders, along with millions of ordinary people, realise this: our best chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change and a total wipe out of nature is to deal with these crises together. As importantly, it must be done in ways that are fair to the poorest and most vulnerable in all countries – and to avoid a backlash against planet-saving measures.

That is where the **Climate and Nature (CAN) bill** comes in (previously called the Climate and Ecology Bill). There are now more than 180 organisations, as well as faith leaders, scientists and politicians, supporting the bill. After the government failed to back the bill at its second reading in January, but made some relevant promises, the campaign is stepping up.

The next step is for citizens of all constituents in the UK to write to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, calling on him and the government to face the stark reality on climate and biodiversity loss, and get behind the practical and fair actions to address the twin crises. **You can swiftly sign (and amend if you wish) an email to the PM** at <https://www.zerohour.uk/> Zero Hour – Join the campaign for the Climate and Nature Bill. As the UK heads for what looks like another unusually hot and dry summer, now is the time to remind our government of the urgency of joined up action for climate and nature.

Eco Tip - Put your phone purchase on hold

The manufacture of one new smartphone — including mining rare earth elements and shipping the completed unit to stores — eats up as much energy as a decade's worth of typical phone use. Make a smarter call: Keep your current phone for three to four years. It's simply greener than buying a new one. And when it's time to hang up, check the manufacturer's recycling program.

OTHER NOTICES

Fantastic Beasts and where to Spy them

On **Monday 26 May 2025 - 10:00am and Sunday 1 June 2025 - 4:00pm** at Sheffield Cathedral

We need your help to uncover the enchanted word that will return these magical beasts to their hidden realm. Trail maps available from the Gift Shop – £2 per child; Trail opens daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm; A magical prize awaits all who complete the quest

Have you ever dreamed of Meeting a Unicorn?

Join us at Sheffield Cathedral for a magical workshop filled with enchanting crafts and a special unicorn meet and greet. Sheffield Cathedral **Tuesday 27 May**, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Workshop sessions: 10.00am–11.30am or 1.00pm–2.30pm, £6 per child (pre-booked tickets only) Suitable for children aged 4–10 years

Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield

A meeting is to be held at the Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane on **Thursday 29th May** at 7.30pm-9.30pm on the subject of "Are churches losing faith in low-income communities? Speakers will include Niall Cooper, , Rev Lucy Sablan, Manor and Nick Wakefield.

Back To The Bangers!

On **Sunday 1 June 2025** - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm at Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street, S1 1HA Still feel like a child at heart? Join us for *Back to the Bangers* and unleash your inner Year 6 superstar. New to Sheffield Cathedral, this feel-good event brings back the joy of school assemblies with all your favourite classics – from *Shine Jesus Shine* to *This Little Light of Mine* – in the awe-inspiring surroundings of the Cathedral. Sing your heart out with on-screen lyrics and live piano accompaniment. Enjoy a fully stocked licensed bar, complimentary glow stick bracelets, and a night full of laughter and nostalgia. No tickets needed - we'll be collecting donations on the night in support of the Archer Project, helping people facing homelessness in Sheffield.

"What in the world is going on?"

"Understanding different faith perspectives on Israel/Palestine"

Saturday 7th June: 9:30am – 12.30pm at Killamarsh Methodist Church, Sheffield

Dr Chris Hewer returns for the second session of our Study Mornings on the theme 'What in the world is going on?'. This time he is taking us into deeper understandings of the competing narratives that are involved in the conflicts in Israel / Palestine.

All are welcome. Entry is free. Donations to support the costs of this and future events are welcome.

The Spirit and the Church: Community-Forming Power

Saturday 7th June 10-12.30

Totley Rise Methodist Church (Sheffield) invite you to join them for a morning of exploring the work of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts, led by Dr Ben Pugh, lecturer at Cliff College. There will be two sessions, How is community formed? And How is community grown? For further information please contact Rev Phill Borkett, revphillb@outlook.com

Thriving Families - 16 June 2025

Join us on **Monday 16 June** (10am – 2.15pm) for a free online event exploring ministry with children under 5 years. How do we shape what we do in churches so that our youngest children thrive and their faith flourishes? The day is a fantastic opportunity to focus on key aspects of their life and faith. With presentations from a range of skilled practitioners and professionals, it's a great way to grow your knowledge and skills to enhance all you do with this age group and their related adults.

Find out more and book at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thriving-families-tickets-1348093105769?aff=oddtcreator>

The Lord's Prayer Tour

Sheffield Cathedral June 25, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join the Archbishop of York for an Evening of Prayer, Reflection, and Inspiration.

Have you explored how The Lord's Prayer shapes not only the way we pray, but the way we live?

Whether you are familiar with the prayer or curious about its meaning, come and join the Archbishop of York as part of a series of events across the North of England.

The event will feature music, film and a powerful teaching session led by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A, offering a chance to reflect and ask questions. This event is open to all—whether you are part of a church community or simply curious about faith and prayer.

Christian Aid Night Hike

The 2025 Sheffield Night Hike will be on **Saturday 5 July 2025**. Starting from Hathersage Methodist Church, Hope Valley, S32 1BB, with check-in from 7:30 pm and walk start at about 8:00 pm. The route is about 9 miles from early evening to midnight. This is a brilliantly well organised and supported sponsored walk through a beautiful part of the countryside, ideal for youth, older uniform groups, or families with older children. If you would like to walk in 2025, see details and Eventbrite registration below:

<https://sheffieldnighthike.org.uk/>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-sheffield-night-hike-for-christian-aid-registration-1298173906099>

Old Jewellery and Watches to a Good Cause

You may be interested to know that old jewellery and watches, in any condition, even if broken, can be donated to the Alzheimer's Society. There's a Freepost address which is: Freepost RTKL-TKLJ-STER, Alzheimer's Society, Unit 14 Amber Business Village, Amber Close, Tamworth, B77 4RP.

Foodbank and Baby Basics

The Foodbank at Firvale really appreciate us and tell us what a difference we make. **Joe and Liz had a letter from David, who volunteers at the Foodbank – there are copies of the letter in the narthex.**

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 their **new website address** [baby-basics.org.uk/Sheffield](https://www.babybasics.org.uk/Sheffield) or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/babybasicssheffield/>

**If you are worried, isolated or just need to chat
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**Emergency calls only on Saturday,
please, as it's Joy's day off****