



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 27th April

Second Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Morning Worship Local Arrangement

Collect Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Hymns H&P 191 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing
StF 309 The Spirit lives to set us free v.1
HON 67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
HON 361 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives
StF 360 Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us
H&P190 Christ is alive, let Christians sing

Readings Psalm 150
John 20: 19 – 31

This service will include a talk about the Firvale Food Bank by Sue Vinall

There will be a retiring collection for the Methodist Church Easter Offering in aid of the World Mission Fund this morning – please give generously in the envelopes provided, and if you are a tax payer fill in the Gift Aid form to increase your gift by 25%

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 4th May

Third Sunday of Easter

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Prof Frances Young

Rev Prof Young was Professor of Theology at the University of Birmingham. She was made OBE for services to Theology in 1998, and elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2004. She did the opening Lent Talk on Radio 4, which is certainly worth a listen at [Lent Talks - The Creed: That God Is Almighty - BBC Sounds](#) (click to follow link)

Sandra Snook. We were very sorry to hear of the death of our dear friend Sandra.

Please hold Sandra's family, especially Mike, and all those who love her in your prayers.

Trevor Mann Trevor's funeral service will be held in church at **10.00 am on Friday 9th May**. It will be followed by a family committal.

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, John Kenward, Chris Venables

Good News from Gaza - a message from Anne Hollows

Friends, I'm sure you will share my delight that our dear friend child psychiatrist Dr Bahzad Al-Akbar's has been awarded a fully funded 4 year scholarship to study for a PhD at Manchester University (the only humanitarian scholarship). There are some outstanding issues to resolve, and hopefully for your prayers. First he has to be able to leave Gaza - and Caitlin has managed to get his name on a list for Foreign Office urgent action. Second, his passport was being renewed when the war started and is presently stuck in Ramallah. We are confident that can be resolved. Most crucially, Bahzad himself is deeply anxious about leaving his family if the ceasefire is not implemented. As far as that is concerned your prayers are essential. I hope that sometime next autumn you will be able to meet him and hear, first hand, about the realities of life in Gaza

Anni Hollows

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

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

7.30 pm A Talk on Heathen Devotional Practices by Suzanne Martin. See item in Notices section for details **In SH Interfaith Centre**

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service of Holy Communion in Church

Saturday 9.30 onwards Working Party in the church grounds. Please come along and help if you can – even one hour will make a difference. Coffee, biscuits and conversation at 11.00 am – all welcome!

SAPLC NOTICES

A statement on the death of His Holiness Pope Francis

The Methodist Church in Britain receives with deep sadness the news of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, and gives thanks for his life and Christian witness.

Even to the final days of his long life, by his actions and his words, Pope Francis continued to set forth the gospel of God's love in Christ. He spoke plainly of the hope that is to be found in Jesus Christ, showed profound compassion for those who are poor and marginalised, and gave particular emphasis to God's demand for global justice. Through his papacy, Francis has fostered an openness to Christians sharing together in the Church's life and mission, in ways which have broken new ground for the Catholic Church. In all these ways, for many Methodists Pope Francis's witness to the Christian faith holds a special resonance, and his loss is deeply felt.

Methodists join in these days in prayer and sympathy with our Catholic sisters and brothers, who have lost their Holy Father, recognising the pain that this brings. Methodists will also offer prayers in the days ahead for the Catholic Church, as she navigates this period.

As God receives Pope Francis into God's arms of love, we pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Supreme Court Ruling on Definition of Woman - Message from the vicar of St Mark's, Broomhill

The news of the recent court ruling has raised many questions and concerns. We recognise the deep tensions that arise when the rights of protected groups appear to be in conflict. No one wins when

the rights of one group are used against another.

We hope that careful and compassionate work will now be done to ensure the rights of women — including trans women — are upheld in public spaces and in the provision of services.

We are particularly concerned for members of our community and beyond who feel less protected today. We are also deeply troubled by the level of hate and hostility seen across social media in response to this ruling. At St Mark's, we remain committed to being a place of welcome, dignity, and safety for all.

Revd Dr Beth Keith, Vicar of St Mark's Church

We at SAPLC also remain committed to being a place of welcome, dignity, and safety for all.

Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 11th May** after morning service, in church.

Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

Please consider standing for election as a Warden, Steward, or as a member of the Ecumenical Church Council

It is particularly important that we find someone to join the team of Stewards and Wardens to replace Julie Jordan Brown. The post is open to all 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 one of the current team (Julie Jordan Brown, Alastair Morris, Mary Mitchell, Jan Owen) or Anna Calvert.

Please also consider taking up any of the following roles:

ECC member Property Steward Health and Safety Officer (Job description available)

Agendas and Minutes of the last ACM, and Nomination forms for Steward/Warden and ECC are available in the narthex. Reports received so far are in the folder – if you would like copies of any of the reports please speak to Janet Loughridge.

New Electoral Roll

The New Electoral Roll has now been completed. If you would like to check that your name has been included, please speak either to Judith Roberts or to one of the Wardens and Stewards.

Talk on Heathen Devotional Practices Tuesday 29th April, 7.30 pm

By Suzanne Martin. How do we develop a faith practice that grows and evolves as we do? How do we bridge the gap between historical accounts and subjective experience? Suzanne's debut book FrithHeart offers 400 unique, adaptable and inclusive devotionals.

Open to all faiths & everybody. Refreshments included **In SH Interfaith Centre**

Repair Café at SAPLC Saturday 10th May, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

The SAPLC Eco Group will hold a Repair Café on Saturday 10th May in church. Volunteer repair people will be on hand to make small repairs and teach people how they can do these themselves, with the aim of reducing waste by re-using and recycling items that would otherwise be thrown away. **Please come along with your wonky stuff and get it fixed!**

Refreshments and lunches available. There will also be a Fairtrade stall selling a range of fairly traded products from around the world.

No charge for repairs, but any donations, and profits from the refreshments, will be in aid of Christian Aid Week.

Emergency Christian Aid Collection for Myanmar

Our emergency collection in church for Myanmar raised total cash of £536.74, with a cheque for £50 and Gift Aid slips for donations of £380, so will be gift aid tax recovered of £95. Therefore the total amounted to £681.74. Well done everyone, and thank you for your generosity!

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.

At Home Church Community Weekend

This has now been postponed. But keep the evening of **Saturday 14th June** in your diaries for a church social event!

Green Box

Eco Tip April – Technology Get a solar charger for your phone Over the course of a year, a traditional wall charger uses about 7 KWh of energy to charge your phone (assuming you plug it in every day), and a plugged-in charger uses energy even when it's not charging anything. With more than four billion smartphones in the world, that's billions of watts of electricity that could be saved if everyone switched to solar chargers, which simply need to be placed near a sunny spot in your home

OTHER NOTICES

Thinking Faith: Why the Dead Sea Scrolls Matter for Christians

St Mark's Broomhill presents Thinking Faith. On the second Sunday of each month they will tackle a different topic. On **Sunday 11th May** there will be a talk to introduce the Scrolls and trends in modern understanding. Special attention will be given to the Jewishness of the New Testament and to fresh thinking about the authority of scripture, the place of prayer and religious diversity. The talk will be given by Professor George Brooke. Please see more details from the poster in the narthex.

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, CEO Church action on Poverty, Rev Lucy Sablan, who has been working in Arbourthorne and is now Rector of Manor and Nick Wakefield, Pioneer methodist minister and community worker in the Parson Cross community.

Revd Kate Bottley on Words of Grace Podcast

"Because of the place I came from in faith, I have such a heart for people who don't think they belong". We welcome Revd Kate Bottley today for this special Words of Grace podcast episode. Kate talks about:

- * Growing up in Sheffield not going to church
- * the moment she considered ordination, and how it felt when she heard women could be priests in 1994
- * Challenging misconceptions about Christians and the media
- * Connecting with people who are unsure about their faith
- * Sparking conversations about faith through her media work

Don't forget you can submit questions and express an interest in coming on the show by emailing wordsofgrace@sheffield.anglican.org. Listen now on the Diocesan website, or wherever you get your podcasts.

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.

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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** babybasics.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 email
joy.rulton@methodist-church.org.uk**

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