

Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday 10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Cheryl Collins

Collect God of love,

passionate and strong, tender and careful:

watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns StF 186 Tell out my soul

StF 526 Lord of all hopefulness

StF 615 Let love be real Stf 476 One more step

Readings Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2. 33-35

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 6th April Fifth Sunday of Lent 10.30 am Morning Worship Luiz Montanheiro

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, John Kenward.

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.

2.00 pm Afternoon housegroup meeting in 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 service in Church

7.30 pm Evening housegroup meeting at 303 Cemetery Road

Thursday Saturday

7.00 pm Taizé Prayer for Lent, in church

9.30 onwards Working Party in Church grounds. Please come along and help keep our lovely garden and grounds looking their best – even one short hour can make a difference – and join the team for drinks and biscuits and chat at about 11.00 am.

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 **11**th **May**. Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

Good Friday Meditation 18th April – Appeal for help

The Good Friday Meditation on 18th April from 12 noon to 3.00 pm will be led by Rev Cheryl Collins. We will need the following volunteers:

Readers, one for each half hour - 6 Warden or Steward for each hour - 3

One Welcomer for each hour - 3

Screens - One person for each hour – 3

Please send you offer/s of help to Anna Harvey at annaharveysaplc@gmail.com

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: 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

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-

action.org.uk/page/166207/petition/1?ea.tracking.id=LTB OL TY

Anne Hollows

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 <u>not</u> be Taizé Prayer on 17th April as there will be a Maundy Thursday service at St Augustine's Brocco Bank.

Barbara Charles – Funeral Notice

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Barbara Charles after celebrating her 106th birthday. Barbara was a much loved member of St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church, which she joined after the closure of Endcliffe Horizon. Barbara's funeral and Service of Thanksgiving will be on the 7th April at 12.30 pm at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium. Please hold Barbara's family and all those who love her in your prayers.

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 12noon. 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!

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

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 – Sip smarter with a reusable coffee cup - Billions of disposable coffee cups are trashed each year, and, thanks to their polyethylene linings, most are unrecyclable. The next time you head to the coffee shop, bring a reusable cup. Do you order via an app? We hear you, saving time is great — but consider the cost to the planet.

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.

Bishop Pete Wilcox's Lent Lecture, April 1, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Bishop Pete Wilcox will be delivering a lecture based on 'Painters as Preachers' on Tuesday 1 April, Sheffield Cathedral.

The lecture will start at 7pm and will be followed by a Q&A session. This will lead into Complin led by the host clergy.

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-rrpmy

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.

Action for Children - Paying the Price campaign launched

Children across the UK are paying the price of poverty but we are campaigning to change that. The government has promised to lift children out of poverty with a new plan that it's publishing soon. Change is possible – but it will require real investment and a commitment from the government to do what's right.

Please join our campaign. We've only got a short time to get our message across to government, before it publishes its plan. By taking action today, you can help ensure more children's lives aren't defined by poverty.

Please sign our open letter here and share it with others.

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