



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 9th February

10.30 am

Racial Justice Sunday

Morning Worship

A Local Arrangement Service led by the Stewards & Wardens

Collect Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns StF 470 Lord for the Years
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (verse 1)
StF 706 Christ be our Light
StF 693 Beauty for brokenness
StF 409 Let us build a house (verses 1-2, 4-5)

Readings Micah 6.1-8
Acts 10.9-22
Luke 10.24-37

Please could any of the people offering to work with asylum seekers meet briefly over coffee at the end of the service. This is so that I can complete the risk assessment. Thank you very much Anne Hollows

Hospitality Sunday - members of the congregation will share lunch with one another in their homes

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 16th February

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Third Sunday before Lent

Rev Naomi Cooke

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, Trevor Mann, Maggie and Pete, Luke, May, Jan Birch, Janet Clarke.

Peter Roberts We were so sorry to hear of the death of Peter Roberts on Thursday 30th January. Peter was a much loved and valued member of Psalter Lane Methodist Church and SAPLC. **Please hold Judith, Mark and Ian, and all those who love Peter, in your prayers.**

Sad News

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Rev Romeo Pedro, superintendent of the Sheffield Circuit, on the death of his father. May he be upheld by our prayers as he travels out to Namibia to be with the rest of the family.

Please continue to pray for the people of Gaza and for the West Bank.

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@standrewspalterlane.org.uk

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service in Church

Thursday 7.30 pm Holy Communion service in Church

SAPLC NOTICES

Direct Giving Appeal

We have launched our direct-giving appeal in support of the employment of a **Lay Worker for Hospitality, Pastoral Care and Children** for 20 hours a week. As part of seeking an equitable distribution of resources across the Methodist Circuit both financially and through personnel, the ECC has agreed the post should include 5 of those hours per week gifted to our sister church, Highfield Trinity, to enable the continued running of their highly valued parent and toddler group – *Play and Stay*.

The start date for the Lay Worker will be this coming summer, on an initial three-year contract which we expect to cost £54,500 in total for the period. The Circuit and the Diocese have already offered grants, believing in and supporting this new phase in the life of our congregation. To secure the post and enable this expression of ministry, we are asking our church family, through designated direct giving, for £20,000 towards the costs. We trust that the remaining balance will be covered by further grants for which we have already submitted applications.

If you haven't received a letter giving full details of how you can contribute, copies are available in the Narthex or by contacting our Treasurer Joe Dey. We are asking that between now and the 23rd February, all of us prayerfully and carefully consider what we might give. All we have to give, is gift itself. As we model God's generosity to us, by faith, so God will work the miracle.

With thanks. Naomi and Joe

Joan Tolley There will be a memorial service for Joan at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm on the **12th February**. Joan was the widow of the Revd Canon Dr George Tolley, who played an important part in the life of old Saint Andrews.

Volunteers needed please!

Southcroft The manager & residents are looking for volunteers to help with two of their activities:

1. Art Group, Wednesdays at 2.30 pm – to encourage and support residents in artistic endeavours; materials supplied.
2. Gardening, Fridays or Saturdays - a small group of residents are keen gardeners, but cannot bend or carry. We have raised beds, borders & tubs that need caring for.

If you are interested in being a volunteer you can talk to Christine Hisom, or contact the manager (tel. 0114 2245 069)

School visits - we will be hosting the Reception classes from Hunter's Bar Infant school on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April and we will almost certainly be having visits from other

schools through the year. We already have some volunteers to help show them round, but we still need a few more - ideally we would have 3 - 4 helpers at each session. You don't need to be an 'expert' on SAPLC as all the necessary information will be provided and it's a great way of reaching out to our community. If you would like to know more, or to volunteer, please contact Clare Loughridge (2584164 or clare@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk)

Volunteer Chaplains Are you motivated to support others, or know someone who is? South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Service is currently recruiting people to serve as Chaplains supporting staff in schools and other businesses. If you're available on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis and willing to undertake chaplaincy training, get in touch with them. See poster in narthex for details, and for more information or an application form, email the People & Officer Co-ordinator using roxy@sycls.co.uk or give them a call on 07903 899751.

Warm Clothes Appeal

Manuch, the Co-chair of the South Yorkshire Migration and Asylum Group has asked if we can help with the problem facing women asylum seekers sent to Sheffield by the Home Office. Many women come to Sheffield with nothing but the clothes that they stand up in. They often arrive with no warm clothes. The congregations at Saint Mark's and Saint John's Ranmoor have helped but there are still not enough clothes.

Please help if you can - Manuch can collect from St Andrew's Psalter Lane.

Thank you.

Judith Loveman

Car Parking

As an Eco Church we would urge you not to bring your car to Church, but to use public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing if possible. If you do come here by car and need to park in the nearby roads, please do so with due consideration to our neighbours. In particular do not block accesses such as by parking on both sides of Cherry Tree Drive, and leave quietly.

Thank You!

Stamp collection

Pat Rogers is collecting stamps for Cancer Research – please put your stamps **with a 1 cm margin** in the box in the narthex.

Christmas and Greeting Cards

Thank you for the Christmas cards passed on for the Tuesday café. We are also needing greetings cards, card, or any unused envelopes you may have. These can be given to Christine Hisom, or put in the box in the narthex.

Thank You!

Green Box

Aspire Community Enterprise (Sheffield) Ltd, Recycling centre in Sheffield

Aspire, in Parson Cross, use/refurbish/recycle unwanted electronic goods such as phones, laptops etc – giving disadvantaged people opportunities to repair and use them. Located in: SOAR Works Enterprise Centre, Unit 11, SOAR Works, Knutton Rd, Parson Cross, Sheffield S5 9NU, Phone: 0114 285 3788.

"Aspire Community Enterprise (Sheffield) Ltd is a vibrant and energetic social enterprise specialising in computer recycling whose primary objective is to provide a stable job and a supported working environment for vulnerable or marginalised people. We also run a community computer shop for sales and repairs. Our recycling centre is open to the general public."

Eco Tip – Food

Dine in instead of eating out Most of the energy used by the average restaurant goes toward things like sanitation, refrigeration and lighting, while only 35 percent goes toward preparing your meal. Cut some fat from your carbon footprint — and save a bit of money — by eating at home instead.

OTHER NOTICES

Church of Sanctuary Award Service

Sunday 9 February at 6pm – Victoria Hall, Sheffield - All are invited to a service to celebrate the awarding of Church of Sanctuary status for Victoria Hall Methodist Church on Sunday 9th February 2025 at 6pm, followed by food provided by the City of Sanctuary. The President of the Methodist Conference will take part in the service, along with Rev Inderjit Bhogal.

It would help with the planning/catering if you can RSVP to Jonathan Haigh, revjhaigh@gmail.com, stating your name and office and how many people will be attending with you.

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration

Saturday 1 March at 11.30am at Sheffield Cathedral

There will be a service of Thanksgiving and Celebration to mark the five years in which Bishop Sophie has served as the Bishop of Doncaster. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to come together to celebrate Bishop Sophie and to share our appreciation for all that she has achieved during her time with us. Following the service refreshments will be provided. You are most warmly invited to attend – families and children all welcome. For administrative purposes, can you please register your attendance here - pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk

A Voice for Life: Workshop for Singing

On **1st March** at Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses, Sheffield an exciting opportunity is on offer to work with Marcus Farnsworth, a noted choral director and singer. The workshop will have an emphasis on choral singing with singer participation throughout the whole afternoon. Refreshments will be available. Suitable for singers from Year 7 to 90+ years. See posters in narthex for more details.

Early Methodism in Sheffield: The Need for Appraisal

This lecture by Dr. Simon Valentine (Bradford University), organised by the Historical Association, Sheffield Branch will be held at 7.30pm on **Thursday 6th March** at the Lecture Theatre, Grayson Building, Birkdale School, Oakholme Road, S10 3DH. Entrance via the Endcliffe Crescent gate. Limited parking available. Doors will open at 7pm and the lecture will start at 7.30pm promptly. The fee for visitors is £5.00. All enquiries to Anna Harvey 07973 771957 or janine.baigent@hotmail.com 07719 742 305 or visit the historical Association Sheffield Branch website.

Christian Aid Changemakers conference

Saturday March 8th - 10.00am until 13.45pm (approx) at St Gabriel's Church, Dobbin Hill.

Full details are on the poster in the narthex, and you can also use the link below to see the programme for the conference and to register for this regional event

Link to register:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference/regional>

The online conference starts at 10.30am but there will be coffee and cake from 10.00am onwards so do come early for a chat! There will also be a break during the conference and a light lunch will be provided afterwards so there will be plenty of time for chatting to other reps.

Please register online as it will help catering – it's recommended that you NOT register as a member of a church group, but just as an individual, as it is less complicated. Caroline Cripps will be going, and anyone else is welcome to attend.

Oxfam Challenge: March Your Way!

March Your Way is a flexible challenge where you set the goals and decide how you'll reach them. Complete 31 miles across the month of March and make a difference with every mile you take! So how does it all work?

Choose Your Method - Walk, wheel, run, swim or hike - how you do it is up to you. Take on a mile per day, complete 31 in one go, or break it up into several chunks.

Set Your Target - Hit the £150 fundraising target and you'll bag yourself a UK-made, eco-friendly medal for your efforts. Simply create your fundraising page, link it to our JustGiving campaign, then spread the word!

Find Your Reason to March - March for climate justice. March for women and girls. March for peace. March for access to water. March for a fairer world.

For full details go to:

<https://click.news.oxfam.org.uk/?qs=59314e513fc3dac2d762571afa164b66bd3bf8ff74ac9f5afd7301fc0963909461b2aed438c1eeab937c5ce67742994a3518ea81d49e33400221a13de9f1ab1f>

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.

There was a message on a Firvale Food Bank supporter's FaceBook page recently passing on this from the Food Bank: **"The items we're using most of at the moment are the basics - Beans, Tomatoes, Tinned fruit, Rice Pudding and Tinned fish (Tuna, Sardines)"**

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/>