**Sunday 21st July 2024 8th Sunday after Trinity**

**9.15 am Holy Communion Rev Cheryl Collins**

*NB This is the last 9.15 am Holy Communion until September*

**10.30 am Eco Service with the Coat of Hopes**

**Jenny Carpenter**

**Collect** Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven

and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,

when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymns** StF 102 For the beauty of the earth

 The Coat’s song (copyright Barbara Keal)

StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free, verse 1

StF 718 We lay our broken world (read together)

 The Church’s Calling (copyright Jenny Carpenter)

StF 729 Touch the earth lightly

**Readings** Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 18.1-14

Romans 8.18-20

After the service The **Coat of Hopes** will be walked to Wisewood for the Circuit Leaving Service, leaving SAPL at about 12.45pm. Jan Owen and Darren, and Julie Jordan Brown,have volunteered to walk with it; Sally Hunter (Diocesan Environment Group), and Yvonne Stonehewer (Friends Meeting in central Sheffield) have promised to worship with us and walk with the Coat; and Katrin Hackett (Methodist District admin) will endeavour to come to SAPLC after Carterknowle's service and join  in walking the coat. **More walkers would be very welcome!**

**3.00 pm** **Circuit Leaving Service at Wisewood Methodist Church.** We will be saying farewell to Revd Lisa Quarmby and Revd Mike Jones.

# **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday 28th July 2024 9th Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30 am Holy Communion 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 Booler’s daughter), Tom Reavey, Hilary Jowett, Mark Stone, Blanca and Fiona, Trevor Mann

**Please continue to pray for those in Gaza. Our prayers are really appreciated.**

**NEXT WEEK**

**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 ECC meeting in narthex**

**NOTICES**

***Please note that the deadline for items to be included in the Notices is Thursday lunchtime***

**Congratulations to Sophie Godber!**

We are so pleased to see that Sophie’s Big Picture Garden won a Silver-gilt medal at the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park this week. The garden acknowledges the construction methods and ideals of Peak District residents past, who lived and worked sustainably as a matter of course.
Planting is both vibrant and productive, with a profusion of home-grown produce including carrots, leeks, chard, courgette and strawberries, intermingling among richly coloured blooms in a palette of deep blues and cool violets, punchy reds and fiery orange. Sophie’s garden also featured on Gardener’s World on Friday 19th July. The colours in the garden are fabulous! And how proud Sophie’s parents must feel!

Also a prizewinner at Tatton Park, This Garden Isn’t Finished Without You sponsored by The Methodist Church won a Gold medal. This garden creates a communal space where everyone is welcome to flourish. The floorplan of the garden reflects a typical Methodist Church with bright, colourful and diverse planting which is inspired by the diversity of people.

**Calling all singers for Sheffield Choir for Peace**

We're inviting you to join in a plan to regenerate Sheffield Choir for Peace - **hooray!**We are imagining being a group who can gather speedily together to sing for occasional one-off peace happenings.

To start with we plan to sing 2 songs at an event on Hiroshima Day, **6th August at 1 o'clock outside the Town Hall.** This will be a joint event with SCRAP (Sheffield Creative Action for Peace) and the Coat of Hopes. As well as songs, the Lord Mayor will be speaking briefly and there will be a minute’s silence for victims of Hiroshima. We will then gather in or around the Peace Gardens for a craft session and an opportunity to meet the Coat of Hopes and make a shared patch for it and for a Cloak of Peace which SCRAP is making.
We're having 2 rehearsals at St Andrews URC, 86 Upper Hanover St, S3 7RQ to learn the 2 songs:
1) **On Wednesday 24th July from 7 - 8.30 in the church (main entrance, big blue doors)**
2)**On Sunday 4th August from 5 - 6.30 in the hall (side entrance, through new gate to the right of the main gate)**
You are welcome to come to one or both rehearsals if you want to sing, or to the event. We will have a collection at the rehearsal to cover the cost of hiring the hall.
If you'd like to join in but can't make either of the dates there will be sound files, so you can learn the song yourself. We will send out a link to these when they are ready!
If you can't make this event but would like to come and learn the songs for the joy of it or for possible future outings - please do come.

Please share this info with anyone and everyone who you think might be interested in joining in.

If you would like to be kept up to date with sound files, and future events, please email sheffieldchoirforpeace@gmail.com with your email and we will add it to a mailing list.

**SAPLC Director of Music Vacancy**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to apply for the vacancy of Director of Music at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church.  This part time role is for up to 13 hours a month on a flexible basis including Sundays. The rate of pay will be £21 per hour. We are looking for someone who can:

* Play the piano and the organ (or is willing to learn to play the organ) and/or other instruments
* Has an active desire to be collaborative, creative, contemporary and open to all styles and genres of music.
* Respond well to the changing and eclectic needs our worship requires.
* Is self-motivated and flexible
* Is a great team player but able to work effectively unsupervised when required
* Is able to prioritise workload and manage time effectively

**Closing date** for Applications and CVs to be received by 20th September 2024

**Further details** in *About Us – Vacancies* section of SAPLC website.

**Inclusive Church Audit**

Following the recent Away Days, the ECC has requested that an Inclusive Church Audit be performed. This will involve reflecting on our current practice and exploring whether there is anything more we could do to be a welcoming and inclusive community for everyone. This will include consideration of both our physical and digital presence.

Anna would very much welcome volunteers from anyone in the congregation who would like to be involved in this process. The commitment would be two meetings- probably one in July and one in August. If anyone is interested in contributing to this, or has any comments please contact Anna Calvert.  **(****annacalvert1@googlemail.com****).** Anna Calvert

**St Andrew’s Psalter Lane Church greeting cards**

Local artist Panni Loh painted the interior of the church, and has made the painting into a card. There are copies of the card in the narthex, for sale at £2 each, money to be divided between SAPLC and herself. Please buy a card and leave the money in the “honesty box”

There are still a few cards left in the box – **please consider buying one or 2 so that we can send Panni her money and bank our share!**

**Green Box**

**City of Rivers Exhibition – on until 3rd November 2024 – Weston Park Museum**

Sheffield is a city born from its rivers, sculpting the landscape and powering the industries that made it prosper.

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**To order, go to https://www.traidcraft.org/tissues**

**Eco Tip – July**

If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

**For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK’s Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian**

# **End the ‘scandal’ of the need for food banks**

A Diocese of Sheffield motion, passed at General Synod last week (Monday 8 July), noted the ‘major contribution’ to social welfare being made by churches and others in the provision of food banks, but said some organisations providing emergency food aid were being driven to ‘breaking point’ by demand. The wording of the Sheffield Diocesan Synod motion on food banks and inadequacies in social security is as follows:

*That this Synod, mindful that the fourth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion is to “transform unjust structures of society”:*

1. *note the major contribution to social welfare being made by the churches and others in the provision of food banks*
2. *note with concern that levels of dependence on food banks have been increasing and that inflation is making the situation even worse*
3. *note further that 2/3 of those who use food banks have disabilities or long-term health conditions who find it nearly impossible to navigate the benefits system and be supported adequately, and so applaud the incredible ministry and example of these churches and others who tirelessly run food banks, whilst lamenting and acknowledging the incredible personal and financial cost to this, which is driving some organisations to breaking point.*
4. *believe that this dependence reflects serious inadequacies in the social security system*
5. *note that the Trussell Trust has said: ‘we stand on the edge of a precipice with a clear decision to make: either we accept food banks as a ‘new normal’ or we work to create a more dignified, compassionate and humane society where everyone has enough money for essentials’*
6. *welcome the Chancellor’s intervention to help the least well-off households with their energy bills but note this will not remove the problem of increased dependency on foodbanks*
7. *call on the House of Bishops to urgently engage with HM Government, in particular the Secretary of State, to press it to review the adequacy of current social security provision and consider the feasibility of introducing an Essentials Guarantee.*
8. *Believing that all children are a gift from God and bear the image of Christ, urge the House of Bishops and in particular the Lords Spiritual, to use every opportunity available to them to engage with the new Government and strongly encourage them to do everything possible to bring about an immediate end to the two child benefit limit, which disadvantages families and forces large numbers of children into the use of food banks or to otherwise go hungry.*

The General Synod voted 274 in favour; against 1 and 0 abstentions.

**EVENTS**

# **[Hidden History of People of Colour Uncovered](https://www.sheffieldcathedral.org/news/2024/7/4/uncovering-south-yorkshires-hidden-racial-history)**

Sheffield Cathedral is participating in a ground-breaking arts exhibition which sheds light on the hidden histories of South Yorkshire’s minority communities. Commissioned and curated by ‘Dig Where You Stand’, the cathedral is one of five Sheffield venues to be displaying artworks from **Saturday 20 July to Sunday 18 August** 2024.

Just as histories are written across a city, this multi venue exhibition will display artworks across a range of public spaces. Make your way around Sheffield city centre and be moved by a stirring mixture of painting, poetry, puppetry, soundscapes, film, textiles, and live performance.

For more information about the exhibition including profiles about the artists and exhibition venues visit the [Dig Where You Stand website](https://www.dwys.co.uk/) at https://www.dwys.co.uk/

**Church of Sanctuary Meeting**

There will be a meeting to discuss Church of Sanctuary, and explore ideas about our response to this, on **Monday 5th August** at 7.30pm in the church. Please come if you can to discuss this important topic.

**Sheffield Methodist District Gathering - Hidden Treasures**

Registration is now open for the next District Gathering (including Synod) taking place on Saturday **14 September** 9.30 am – 3.30 pm at The Crossing Church, Worksop. Everyone is iinvited to come along and find out more about what treasures can be found within our communities.

More information can be found on the booking page here: [Hidden Treasures](https://buytickets.at/sheffieldmethodistdistrict/1303709)

**Registration will close on Friday  6 September at noon - please contact the District Office (admin@sheffieldmethodist.org) after this date.**

**Bread and Breath: a spirituality of Holy Communion**

A Quiet Day led by Inderjit Bhogal on **23 September** 2024, 10am till 3pm at Upper Wincobank Undenominational Chapel, Wincobank Avenue, Sheffield, S5 6BB

BOOKING ESSENTIAL please email Deacon Annabel on: annabel.1@live.co.uk

See poster in narthex for further details

**Foodbank and Baby Basics**

 **Foodbank** Donations can be left in Church on Sunday mornings from 10.30 am, or in the Church Office on Thursday mornings. If you would like to give money, it can be sent online via https://localgiving.org/charity/firvalefoodbank/. If you cannot do this, 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** **2024 - 15 years of Baby Basics Sheffield!**

Donations can be left in Church on Sunday mornings, or in the Church Office on Thursday mornings.

See the full list of what is needed at https://www.facebook.com/babybasicssheffield/

**If you are worried, isolated or just need to chat**

**to someone from the church,**

**Naomi Cooke is usually available: Tel. 0114 250 8251**