



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 10th August

10.30am

Holy Communion

8th Sunday after Trinity

Rev Joy Rulton

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 692 Your hand O God has guided
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (verse 1 and chorus)
StF 156 From the breaking of the dawn
StF 545 Be thou my vision
StF 595 Lord, we have come at your own invitation
StF 440 Amazing Grace

Reading Genesis 15.1-5
Luke 12.32-40

**7.00 pm Thinking Faith: Celebrating Forty Years of
Faith in the City, at St Mark's, Broomhill**

Join Rev Dr Alan Billings and Church Army Evangelist Terry Drummond for a special Thinking Faith evening, as they discuss the impact the Faith in the City report had in the mid-1980s, and in the forty years since, on shaping church policy and practice in Urban Priority Areas and beyond, and the work that still needs to be done. Free admission, and all welcome. See Poster in narthex for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 17th August

10.30am

Holy Communion

9th Sunday after Trinity

Rev Rodney Hill

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, Rodney and Marilyn Godber, Luke, Mary Atkinson.

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 house group 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@standrewspalterlane.org.uk

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday Worship in Church

12 noon - 1.30 pm Church open for private prayers for peace

7.30 pm Evening housegroup meeting 61 Bluecoats Rise

SAPLC NOTICES

To everyone who offers lifts to and from church

We have recently been made aware that we need to institute a clear policy for everyone who gives lifts to and from church, or church events, on a regular basis. This does not include exceptional situations. First can I say how very grateful we are for all your efforts in bringing people to church, week after week.

There is a form to complete, copies of which will be available in church on Sundays throughout the month. On completion, please could you hand the form to Anne Hollows, who will also ask to see a copy of your driving licence.

I'm sorry if this sounds very draconian - in some ways it is, but it is part of keeping everyone safe and it is our responsibility to you all, whether lift givers or passengers. Anne Hollows

Prayers for peace in SAPLC in August

The church will be open on each Wednesday in August between 12noon and 1.30pm for people to come in to pray for peace. It is hoped that this will give encouragement to those very many people who are distressed and disheartened at the lack of trust and readiness to resort to violence that human beings worldwide increasingly seem to be exhibiting. As Christians, whatever else we may or may not do, we are called to pray. And Jesus said that the peacemakers would be called the children of God.

Please come along, and invite your neighbours!

Baby Basics in the news!

The official opening of the new Baby Basics Sheffield premises took place last week. Here is the link to a BBC article about it: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c890gv5j0dvo>

Interfaith Picnic/café get-together Sunday August 17th

Following the demise of the Shirley House Interfaith barbecue in the last couple of years, an informal get-together in Endcliffe Park has been arranged as a low-effort alternative. Feel free to bring a picnic (plus chairs etc), or buy drinks and snacks at the café. We will meet around 2.30 pm, for lunch, brunch, afternoon tea – you can check the menu online (<https://www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/content/food-drink-and-nightlife/endcliffe-park-cafe/>), many vegetarian options available, including ice-creams. Well-behaved dogs welcome, but be sensitive to those who do not want to meet them.

Week of Global Prayer 1st - 7th September

This is being co-ordinated by the ecumenical 24/7 prayer movement and the Diocese of Sheffield is encouraging people to join in. You can find out more on the Diocese of Sheffield website (Sheffield.anglican.org); look under events at the bottom of the home screen. You can sign up to be

part of their virtual prayer room or simply commit to praying for an hour a day. I will be praying 5-6pm on Monday 1st and after that every day at 7pm.

On Wednesday 3rd September there will be online opportunities to pray with Christians from other parts of the world as the Diocese joins with its link dioceses in Argentina and Kenya, more details on the diocesan website.

Cheryl Collins

Mapping our Community

Those of you who were at either of our after-service church meetings will remember we expressed a desire to reach out to the surrounding community more. In order to help us think and plan more knowledgeably I offered to do an 'audit' mapping both who lives in our area from available statistics and what is happening in our area from research, interviews and going to have a look. I first did this kind of project back in 1993 when I became curate of the old St Andrew's and it has been a regular part of my ministry. I would welcome anyone who is interested in working on this with me and also any knowledge or ideas any of you have. You can reach me on 07740 557944 or at cheryl62collins@btinternet.com. The aim is to produce something which collects together all this information and our ideas as well as any opportunities to join in with work other organizations are already doing.

Cheryl Collins

Calling all singers at St Andrew's Psalter Lane!

We are planning to have a choir to sing at the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 5th October. They are to lead all the hymns and to sing an anthem. Rehearsals will commence in early September, and it is proposed they are 6.30–7.30pm on Friday evenings. They will usually be held in the church. The dates will be as follows: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th September, and 3rd October.

We also plan for a choir to sing at the Advent Carol Service on Sunday, 30th November, and the Carol Service on 21st December. More details about rehearsals for these services will follow in due course, but are likely to start mid-October, and may take place on Friday evenings, though some may be during the day on Saturdays.

Please let Mary Mitchell (Steward) mary.e.mitchell14@gmail.com or Liz Bentley (Director of Music) elizabethbentley@live.co.uk know if you are interested in joining the choir. The ability to read music is not essential. It would be helpful if you could attend most rehearsals, even if you can't make every single one.

Heritage Open Days

The church will be open from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm on **September 12th, 13th, 15th, 18th and 19th** as part of the annual Heritage Open Days event. Visitors are offered the chance to take a short tour of the church, chat with our stewards about our history or simply enjoy the quiet space and wonderful light of our building. Refreshments will also be available.

We need volunteers to be stewards for these dates and times - don't worry if you don't feel you know much about the church, there will be plenty of information available! Please speak to Clare Loughridge (tel 258 4164 or email clare@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk) if you would like to help or to find out more, or put your name down on the rota in church.

Threads through the Cross

This summer, Sheffield Cathedral will be transformed into a vibrant tapestry of colour, silk, and sacred storytelling, as it welcomes the stunning exhibition 'Threads Through the Cross' by renowned textile artist Jacqui Parkinson. From **7 August to 22 September**, the exhibition invites visitors on a powerful journey through the final days of Jesus's life – and what came after – told through 18 bold and beautiful stitched panels.

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of £5 for adults and £10 for families. Every donation helps keep the Cathedral open and thriving – a place of hospitality, heritage, worship, and creativity at the heart of Sheffield.

For full details, visit sheffieldcathedral.org/whats-on or explore Jacqui's work at jacqui-textile.com.

Prayerful Journey

Join **Canon Jane Brooke** as she leads a 'Prayerful journey' through 'Threads through the cross', an exhibition by Jacqui Parkinson at Sheffield Cathedral at 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm on **Wednesday August 20th**. Bookings taken through Sheffield Cathedral website.

Safeguarding Training

Foundation training has been arranged for Tuesday 9th September at 6.30 pm in Room 3, Shirley House.

This is a requirement for key roles with direct contact with members and friends in the church and for anyone who completed Foundation training before 2023.

Letters will be sent early next week to everyone who may be concerned. Please reply as soon as possible as the training is open to anyone in the Circuit and places are limited.

Everyone is warmly welcomed to the training and this particularly includes welcomers. Any welcomers wishing to do the training either on 9th September or at a later date should email Anne Hollows as soon as possible.

Apologies if you feel you have been included in error. We are trying hard to make sure we have a fully compliant church.

Anne Hollows

Supported taxi service

At the ECC on Tuesday 22 July 2025 it was agreed that we would provide a taxi to and from church on Sunday mornings for the 4 Peter children and their mother, Sarah Mer Mach. This was agreed because of the logistical difficulties of providing volunteer transport for this large family, including a newborn baby, and recognises the links that the family have made with the church since their arrival in Sheffield. The taxi service will endeavour to utilise the baby seat and booster seat already loaned to the family, and is estimated to cost around £8 each way.

This provision differs from offering transport to other members of the congregation because of the size of the family and the lack of financial resources.

Anne Hollows

Help needed! As we will have to find a taxi firm willing to take on this contract for the amount we can pay, please send Anne Hollows (email anne.hollows@gmail.com) your email address and mobile number if you could join the driving rota in the meantime, especially if you come along Abbeydale Road or that direction.

Green Box

Government to provide £20m to support electrification of Sheffield's buses

The Government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) has announced £20m funding to support the upgrade of buses operating in Sheffield, to reduce harmful pollution in the city. The funding will replace polluting diesel buses with new electric buses, which could be operating on target routes in Sheffield as early as next year.

Warm Homes Local Grant Now Open - find out if you're eligible today

Sheffield City Council, in partnership with E.ON, is offering the *Warm Homes Local Grant (WHLG)* to help improve energy efficiency for eligible households. Support is prioritised for low-income residents and those most vulnerable to cold homes. Residents can apply online or use the webchat, or speak to an adviser at the E.On Advice Centre Monday - Friday, 8 am to 5.30 pm on 03332024820.

Free trees for schools and communities

The Woodland Trust are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to help the UK reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. Schools, nurseries, universities, outdoor learning centres and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, scouts and guides from across the UK are amongst the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 saplings to improve their local environment. The Woodland Trust are currently taking applications for tree packs to be delivered in November 2025. Applications are expected to close in August 2025 and organisations can apply independently or

through the council's Community Forestry Team who can also provide advice on species and support with planting.

Lament and Hope 18th October, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Rotherham Minster

Eco Church event with creative arts and music to honour the Season of Creation.

A space to lament and reflect on the damage we've done to creation, to explore hope and how we can make a difference.

'Stations of Lament' art exhibition created by the late Revd Louise Carr.

Meet other Eco Churches and chat with our Diocesan Environment Team.

Healing and Wholeness space; Eco craft activity for all ages

Service with the Steel City Choristers and the choristers of Rotherham Minster. Bishop Designate Leah Vasey-Saunders will be attending and will be involved in the service.

Free to attend. No need to book in advance and you can attend for as little or as much of the day as you like. Tea and coffee will be served throughout the day.

Eco tip – August: Travel

Downsize your travel wardrobe - The heavier passengers' bags are, the more energy the plane needs to lift all that luggage. Here's one easy way to reduce the carbon footprint of your flight: Pack a lighter checked bag or just a carry on. While on your trip, take note of what you didn't use and jot down a few ideas for how you could save suitcase space on your next trip..

OTHER NOTICES

Sheffield by the Seaside until 25 August

Grab your buckets and spades as the seaside returns to Sheffield's Peace Gardens this summer. Sheffield by the Seaside is back with a whole host of family fun. The seaside will be open daily through the summer holidays, from Thursday 24 July until Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August, 10am - 6pm. FREE to attend, though there may be a small charge for some rides and activities.

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)

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.baby-basics.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**

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