



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

10.30 am Holy Communion Rev Canon Cheryl Collins

Gift Day Service for Baby Basics

Collect Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns StF 364 O for a thousand tongues to sing
StF 397 Walk in the Light (v1 and chorus)
StF 134 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
StF 591 Let all mortal flesh keep silent
StF 319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Reading 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

Live streaming

Please be aware that this service will be filmed and live streamed. The service will appear on YouTube and will remain there indefinitely. If you would rather not appear in the video, please sit in the main body of the church, behind the front five rows.

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, Hanna, Rodney and Marilyn Godber, Luke, Mary Atkinson, Pete Sandford and Family.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 23rd November

Last Sunday before Advent

10.30 am

Morning Worship

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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

7.30 pm

Eco group meeting in Interfaith Room, 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 Worship in Church

Friday 7.00 pm Choir Rehearsal in church - Full details in item in SAPLC Notices

SAPLC NOTICES

SAPLC Christmas Card delivery

There are cards with details of our Christmas services and events on a table in the narthex. Please take as many as you can to deliver **before the 30th November** so that our neighbours in the area will know about all the good things happening here in church!

Posada at St Andrews Psalter Lane Church – Christmas 2025

‘Posada’ (Spanish for ‘inn’) is a **Christmas activity running through Advent**. Mary and Joseph travel around different households and stay there for one night.

People sign up in advance, offering to host Mary and Joseph for a night. It’s open to everyone, and lots of people find it’s a great way to be involved in the Christmas story.

Posada is a chance to host Mary and Joseph – to make room for Jesus at Christmas time!

On Christmas eve, the figures are returned to church, during Christingle, as everyone gets ready to welcome the Christ child once again.

The sign-up sheet to host Mary and Joseph will be in the Narthex – please sign up to this wonderful activity. More details during the service, or please ask one of the Stewards or Warden for more info.

Used Stamps Needed!

There will be a box on the table in the narthex for used postage stamps. Please cut/tear stamps with a border of approximately 1cm all the way round and, if possible separate foreign stamps. (Channel Islands and Isle of Man count as foreign). The stamps will be sent off to the Bone Cancer Research Trust who receive £20 for every kilogram of stamps, which will help to fund life-saving research.

Sheffield Carols Evening at SAPLC Tuesday 9 December 6.30-8.30 pm.

Simon will provide the music for us to join in singing from Sheffield's folk carol tradition.

Volunteers needed

to help set up, serve refreshments and clear away - and to make cakes please!

Clare Loughridge will have a stall selling resin craft and hand-made teddies, and Christine Hisom a Christmas card stall. We also plan to have a book stall and a cake stall, and we will need volunteers to run them and to donate cakes and books. If you would be interested in having a stall, please speak to Clare Loughridge (07593 823893, clare@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk)

If you can help, please contact me at rachelamymorris@gmail.com

Many thanks! Rachel

Southcroft News

On November 5th residents enjoyed a Bonfire Party with the burning of a guy. Tea and cake were provided in the conservatory.

On Wednesday **26th November** there will be a Christmas sale in Southcroft lounge from 11.00 am to 12 noon with crafts, gifts, festive cards and festive clothes. Refreshments available. Please support staff and residents in raising money for the Amenities Fund.

It is hoped there will be a stall at the Advent Carol service selling Southcroft hand made cards for the Amenities Fund. The stall at the Sheffield Carols evening will be in aid of the Archer Project.

If you have any unused envelopes (any size) or card Christine Hisom would be pleased to receive them.

SAPLC Choir Rehearsals Autumn 2025

Emily Bowden will be leading the choir in preparation for the forthcoming Advent Carol Service (10.30am on 30th November) and the Carol Service (6.00pm on 21st December). Rehearsals will be **weekly on Friday evenings** starting at 7.00pm, and finishing by 8.15pm at the latest. Rehearsals will be in church except for 28th November, 12th and 19th December, when we will meet in room 1, Shirley House. New members are always welcome!

Safeguarding

On **Tuesday 9th December** 12.30 to 2pm Alison Hill (District Safeguarding) will be leading a session on Safeguarding at Totley Rise for our coffee volunteers, welcomers, pastoral visitors, etc. Not official Foundation training but more about general principles and responding to concerns. If you or anyone at St Andrew's Psalter Lane wants to attend you would be very welcome, let Anni know. Safeguarding has a new email address safeguarding@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk

Project Christmas Angel – November update

We're going to need a bigger tree to hang our Angels on soon as the tree in the Narthex is looking very full! There's still plenty of time to make some more though.....and also a date for your diary.....we're going to have a craft afternoon in church on **Sunday 7th December** so that we can prepare the labels and finish off our creations before taking them out in the early evening (as soon as it gets dark enough) and putting them on trees and benches and walls and fences, so that people can take a gift from SAPLC home to hang on their tree, or just to be a part of their Christmas time this year. Please come along and help if you can.

If you would like to contribute and help by knitting or crocheting or sewing or felting some Angels for us we would love this– there are knitting and crochet patterns in the Narthex or simply use your own, anything would work as long as we can hang it up / leave it for people to take home. Feel free to add to the ones already on display and I'll leave a basket for you to put some in also. We would also like to make some paper angels to give away to everyone coming to our carol service and Christingle. We estimate that we'll need 300+ in total, so if you can help with this that would be wonderful. Here is a pattern that is very easy to use -

<https://www.melanielissackinteriors.com/blog/2024/11/16/how-to-make-these-easy-paper-angel-christmas-decorations?rq=paper%20angel> We've been using plain coloured paper and they still look fabulous. You will need some beads and bows and ribbon and glue, so if you've only got some paper, you can still help by folding that up for us as per the pattern, and we can use the folded paper, add the other bits to it and finish them off to make more Angels. Many thanks Jan

janowen@doctors.org.uk & Cheryl cheryl62collins@btinternet.com

Child sized chairs give away

We have a small number (approx. 12) of wooden child sized chairs that are currently being stored in the cellar at SAPLC, and free to anyone who wants any. You could take 1 or 2 or more. Their condition is variable, but they all work and, would look great with a bit of care and attentiongreat upcycling project!

Please ask Darren Coggins or Jan Owen, or one of the Stewards for more information if you are interested in giving any of them a new home.

OTHER NOTICES

Volunteering Opportunities with ASSIST

ASSIST is a voluntary organisation, supported by SAPL, which gives support asylum seekers in Sheffield. Recently we brought some new, excellent Trustees onto the Board but we would still like to strengthen the Board in two particular areas:

1) Someone with experience of leadership in **financial management**, preferably in a voluntary organisation, and, 2) Someone with experience of leadership in **HR**, who would be willing to offer one to one support to staff when needed.

If you can think of anyone who might fit could you please pass on my message. Please contact Linda grant on 07733261169 or by email <mailto:linda.grant@assistsheffield.org.uk> Anne Hollows

"Pull Out All the Stops" - an Organ Recital by Adam Heron (Coventry Cathedral)

Saturday **22nd November** at 7:30pm at St Augustine's Church, Brocco Bank. We are delighted to welcome Adam back to St Augustine's for an evening of organ music. As a student in Sheffield, Adam made regular use of the organ as a practice instrument, and took part in several student recitals at the church. He is now a full-time freelance musician studying for an MMus degree at Birmingham Conservatoire, and is organ scholar at Coventry Cathedral.

Handel's Messiah Live in Concert Saturday 22nd November 7 – 10 pm

Featuring Sheffield Cathedral Choir, guest soloists, and the acclaimed West Riding Ensemble, this concert promises an evening of soaring choruses, rich orchestral colour, and moments of deep reflection. From "And the glory of the Lord" to the triumphant "Hallelujah" chorus, Messiah has captivated audiences for centuries and remains one of the greatest and most beloved works in sacred music. Proceeds will support Sheffield Cathedral's School Singing Programme.

Tickets available from <https://sheffieldcathedral.littleboxoffice.com/events/128762>

Friends of Roundabout – Christmas Hike 2025

Join us on **Saturday 29th November 2025** for our sixth annual Christmas walk, bringing together Roundabout supporters to raise funds for young people experiencing homelessness. ❤️

This year's 10-mile route starts and finishes at The Traveller's Rest, Brough, taking in stunning Peak District views across Shatton Moor, Bamford Moor, Ladybower, and Win Hill.

Halfway treats await at High Lees Farm, thanks to the amazing Kate and John May, and we'll finish with well-earned food and drinks back at The Traveller's Rest. Last year, our incredible walkers raised over £11,000, and with Roundabout now supporting 400+ young people, the need is greater than ever. Entry: Free – we ask participants to raise or donate a minimum of £50 per person or £100 per family Sign up: <https://www.roundabouthomeless.org/event/roundabout-christmas-hike/>

Millhouses Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival from 30th November

Free hot fruit punch and mince pies are on offer on the following dates for the Christmas Tree Festival, admission is free and any donations will be shared between church funds and St Luke's Hospice.

30th November – Launch Event – 4pm-5pm

6th December – 2.30pm-5pm

7th December- 2.30pm-5pm

13th December – 9.30 am-12noon

14th December -2.30pm-5pm

20th December 2.30pm-5pm

21st December – 2.30pm-5pm

Christmas Eve – 2.30pm-5pm

Christian Aid carol singing Saturday 6th December

Christian Aid carol singing will take place outside the former Debenhams shop on Saturday 6th December from 2.00 - 3.00. The organiser, Sara Millard, would like to know if people are able to come. Please email her: cello67@hotmail.com if you are able to join in.

Sheffield District Methodist Women in Britain

On **11th December** 2025 there will be Christmas Carols and Lunch at Mosborough Methodist church beginning at 11.00am. Rev Michael Brown will play. Tickets are £12.00 each available from Carol Wignell by email carol.wignell@btinternet.com or by phone 01246 433216.

Shelter Presents: Christmas Carol Concert with Steel City Choristers Highfield Trinity Methodist Church

This concert will take place on **16th December** from 6:45pm to 7:45pm.

A festive evening of seasonal cheer as Shelter presents a Christmas Carol concert. Come along and enjoy an evening of festive music and cheer. By purchasing a ticket, you're helping Shelter continue their vital work—locally and nationally—supporting people experiencing homelessness or facing housing hardship. This event also includes a donation to the Steel City Choristers, whose music is at the heart of the evening. Tickets are £12 with children under 16 free — but please still book a child ticket. A suggested donation is £5 per child (or whatever you can afford). Let's come together in song, reflection, and seasonal spirit. We'd love you to join us for this uplifting evening of music, warmth, and community in support of Shelter. For any further questions please contact:

lizzie_lawson@shelter.org.uk

Drinks and a mince pie to enjoy after the concert!

Green Box

Eco tip – Laundry – less than 100 years ago, washing clothes took hours of backbreaking work -it wasn't just a chore, it was an all day event. We've come a long way since then! **But there's more progress to be made!** Laundry detergent packaging creates a huge volume of plastic waste – not to mention the greenhouse gas emissions from retainers transporting it across the country. **Traidcraft** laundry sheets eliminate plastic waste, reduce emissions and make the next load of laundry even quicker.

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 Revd Joy Rulton: mobile 07816 315 499 or joy.rulton@methodist-church.org.uk

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