



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 18th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Judith Roberts

Collect Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymns StF 57 Let all the world in every corner sing
StF 397 Walk in the light (v1 and chorus)
HON 242 A new commandment (verses 1,2,4)
HON 509 O Lord all the world belongs to you
StF 685 In Christ there is no east or west
StF 409 All are welcome (verses 1,2,4,5)

Readings Acts 11:1-18
John 13:31-35

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 25th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Rev Canon Cheryl Collins

John Kenward We were very sorry to hear of the death of John Kenward. John was a much loved and valued member of Psalter Lane Methodist Church and then SAPLC. John and Mary were both very involved in the discussions and decision-making when the LEP was formed in 1997 – 1998. John will be sorely missed.

Please hold John's family, especially Mary, Debbie and Nigel, and all those who love him in your prayers.

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

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

7.30 pm ECC Meeting in Room 3, 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

SAPLC NOTICES

Christian Aid Week 11-17th May 2025

Christian Aid Week is one of our main Fundraising-for-charity events of the year. Christian Aid works with local development workers in some of the world's poorest countries, many of which are struggling more than ever due to climate change. This year the focus is on Guatemala in South America, where Aurelia and Amelia are farmers who belong to the Indigenous Q'eqchi' community of the Alta Verapaz region.

Envelopes are available in church for your own donations – please give yours to Caroline Cripps.

Monthly house group – new members welcome!

If you would like to join the monthly house group that meets at the Morris' house at 7:45pm on alternating first Sunday and Monday of each month, please message Emma on 07454562180. The next session is on Sunday 1st June.

Methodist Women in Britain Quiz, Tuesday 27th May in the Narthex

From 2.30pm until 4pm with several rounds of quizzing, plus scones, cakes, and tea and coffee.

This event is open to all genders, partners are particularly welcome

Members of SAPL congregation are especially invited, and encouraged to let Jenny Carpenter know of offers of cakes, and/or help in serving the tea.

Welcome Workshop Wednesday 28th May

Please save the date for a Welcome Workshop to take place on **Wednesday 28th May** from 7-9pm in Shirley House. All welcome but particularly those involved in a welcoming role in the church- in the many forms which that takes. Lifts can be provided for those who need them.

Thy Kingdom Come

Join the global wave of prayer **29th May - 8th June** Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray, from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus. For the 10th anniversary of Thy Kingdom Come, this year's Novena is based on the Lord's Prayer and is written by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. The Prayer Journal is also based on the Lord's Prayer and includes contributions from a variety of voices across denominations and traditions. You can pick up your copies of these in the narthex today; there are also copies of resources to help you to undertake a digital detox. These resources are also available online - see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0> for more information.

Is your pension contributing to Israel's attack on Gaza?

You are paying into the South Yorkshire Pension (SYPA) if you are a member of the pension scheme, or through paying your council tax. The pension scheme invests in arms manufacturers that are helping the destruction of Gaza and the murder of innocent civilians, including thousands of children

The South Yorkshire Divest for Palestine Campaign is running a petition to urge SYPA to divest from this harm and instead, to invest in sustainable local enterprises such as green energy, social housing and home insulation. There are postcards in the narthex or you can get more information at <https://linktree.ee/SYDPC>

Anne Hollows

Sheffield City of Sanctuary statement

Our church has signed up in support of this statement:

At City of Sanctuary Sheffield we believe in a country where people are safe, welcomed, and treated with dignity. The Government's new immigration proposals, and the rhetoric accompanying them, take us further away from this vision.

Let's be clear: yes, there is deep inequality in our society. But it is not caused by people seeking sanctuary. It is the result of political decisions: to underinvest in our public services, to allow a housing crisis to deepen, and to prioritise the super-rich over working people. Scapegoating migrants is a dangerous distraction; one that divides communities, fuels xenophobia, and hides the real roots of inequality.

It's been less than a year since towns across the UK, including Sheffield, faced far-right violence that targeted people seeking sanctuary and communities of colour. We have seen first-hand the harm caused when government rhetoric and policies encourage hostility.

These are not the actions of a country committed to building stronger communities. They are the actions of one trying to blame the most marginalised instead of addressing systemic failures. These policies isolate, exclude and punish people who are ready to contribute. People who deserve protection and a fair chance, not hostility.

There is a better way.

In Sheffield, we see every day how people seeking sanctuary enrich our city: as carers, students, volunteers, neighbours, colleagues, and friends. We know that when people are welcomed, they contribute creatively and help build thriving communities. When people are properly supported and included - to study, to work, to live in a stable home - they thrive. Safety turns into belonging. We call on politicians, the media and our communities to reject scapegoating and to join us in building a future rooted in welcome, justice and solidarity.

Green Box

Next steps to a Climate and Nature Bill

Scientists, economists, business leaders, church leaders, along with millions of ordinary people, realise this: our best chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change and a total wipe out of nature is to deal with these crises together. As importantly, it must be done in ways that are fair to the poorest and most vulnerable in all countries – and to avoid a backlash against planet-saving measures.

That is where the **Climate and Nature (CAN) bill** comes in (previously called the Climate and Ecology Bill). There are now more than 180 organisations, as well as faith leaders, scientists and politicians, supporting the bill. After the government failed to back the bill at its second reading in January, but made some relevant promises, the campaign is stepping up.

The next step is for citizens of all constituents in the UK to write to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, calling on him and the government to face the stark reality on climate and biodiversity loss, and get behind the practical and fair actions to address the twin crises. **You can swiftly sign (and amend if you wish) an email to the PM** at <https://www.zerohour.uk/> Zero Hour – Join the campaign for the Climate and Nature Bill. As the UK heads for what looks like another unusually hot and dry summer, now is the time to remind our government of the urgency of joined up action for climate and nature.

Eco Tip Opt for refurbished electronics

If you're in the market for a new phone or computer, consider picking up a refurbished unit. You'll keep at least one device from languishing in a landfill while reducing the environmental impact posed by

manufacturing and shipping a new unit from overseas. If your device is damaged beyond repair, a little research should point you to the right place to properly recycle it.

OTHER NOTICES

The Heist Ceilidh

The Heist Ceilidh Band present 2 Ceilidhs on **Friday 23rd May** at Crookes Social Club – one for families at 4.00 pm, and one for grown-ups at 7.15pm. Full details on poster in the narthex!

Fantastic Beasts and where to Spy them

On **Monday 26 May 2025 - 10:00am and Sunday 1 June 2025 - 4:00pm** at Sheffield Cathedral
Strange sightings of mythical creatures have been reported inside Sheffield Cathedral...
We need your help to solve the mystery and uncover the enchanted word that will return these magical beasts to their hidden realm. Trail maps available from the Gift Shop – £2 per child; Trail opens daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm; A magical prize awaits all who complete the quest

Have you ever dreamed of Meeting a Unicorn?

Join us at Sheffield Cathedral for a magical workshop filled with enchanting crafts and a special unicorn meet and greet. Sheffield Cathedral **Tuesday 27 May**, 10:00 am 2:30 pm. Workshop sessions: 10.00am–11.30am or 1.00pm–2.30pm, £6 per child (pre-booked tickets only) Suitable for children aged 4–10 years

Church Action on Poverty in Sheffield

A meeting is to be held at the Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane on **Thursday 29th May** at 7.30pm-9.30pm on the subject of “Are churches losing faith in low-income communities? Speakers will include Niall Cooper, , Rev Lucy Sablan, Manor and Nick Wakefield.

Back To The Bangers!

Sheffield Cathedral’s ultimate throwback singalong - Free entry for everyone
On **Sunday 1 June 2025 - 4:00 pm-5:00 pm** at Sheffield Cathedral, Church Street, S1 1HA
Still feel like a child at heart? Join us for *Back to the Bangers* and unleash your inner Year 6 superstar. New to Sheffield Cathedral, this feel-good event brings back the joy of school assemblies with all your favourite classics – from *Shine Jesus Shine* to *This Little Light of Mine* – in the awe-inspiring surroundings of the Cathedral.
Sing your heart out with on-screen lyrics and live piano accompaniment. Enjoy a fully stocked licensed bar, complimentary glow stick bracelets, and a night full of laughter and nostalgia. It’s the school hall experience, reimagined for grown-ups.
No tickets needed - just come along - we’ll be collecting donations on the night in support of the Archer Project, helping people facing homelessness in Sheffield.

"What in the world is going on?"

"Understanding different faith perspectives on Israel/Palestine"

Saturday 7th June: 9:30am – 12.30pm at Killamarsh Methodist Church, Sheffield

Dr Chris Hewer returns for the second session of our Study Mornings on the theme 'What in the world is going on?'. This time he is taken us into deeper understandings of the competing narratives that are involved in the conflicts in Israel / Palestine. This is part of our commitment as Christian disciples to be lifelong and whole life learners.

All are welcome. Entry is free. Donations to support the costs of this and future events are welcome.

The Spirit and the Church: Community-Forming Power

Saturday 7th June 10-12.30

Totley Rise Methodist Church (Sheffield) invite you to join them for a morning of exploring the work of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts, led by Dr Ben Pugh, lecturer at Cliff College. There will be two sessions, the first one asking the question, how is community formed? And the second session asking, how is community grown? We will discover that there is far more to these two simple questions than meets the eye. For further information please contact Rev Phill Borkett, revphillb@outlook.com

Thriving Families - 16 June 2025

Join us on **Monday 16 June** (10am – 2.15pm) for a free online event exploring ministry with children under 5 years. How do we shape what we do in churches so that our youngest children thrive and their faith flourishes? The day is a fantastic opportunity to focus on key aspects of their life and faith. With presentations from a range of skilled practitioners and professionals, it's a great way to grow your knowledge and skills to enhance all you do with this age group and their related adults.

Find out more and book at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thriving-families-tickets-1348093105769?aff=oddtcreator>

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](https://www.facebook.com/babybasicssheffield/) or their Facebook page

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