



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 24th August

10.30am

Morning Worship

10th Sunday after Trinity

Judith Roberts

Collect: Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns StF 499 Great God your love has called us here
StF 495 Dear lord and Father of mankind
StF 247 Lord of the dance
StF 45 Everyday God
StF 378 Father of everlasting grace

Reading Isaiah 58:6 -14
Psalm 103: 1 - 8 (read together)
Luke 13: 10 – 17

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 31st August

10.30am Holy Communion

11th Sunday after Trinity

Rev Canon Cheryl Collins

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.

News from Gaza

On Friday morning, a drone was targeted on the tent next to Bahzad's family as he, his father and brother were standing talking outside. Bahzad was not hit but his father and brother had serious internal injuries. His father was in surgery for some hours. Bahzad was still with them at the hospital late last night. His mother and young nieces are obviously very distressed.

Meanwhile no news of Rana since last Wednesday. The area they live in is targeted in Gaza City for another displacement to the south, as the IDF plans to destroy everything that still stands, but many people are refusing to move. Please pray.

You may also have heard that just 9 students are being evacuated so far. You can read more about those who are still waiting on Instagram [thegaza40](#) or Bluesky [GAZA40](#)

They are also on TikTok and linked in.

Anne Hollows

NEXT WEEK

Monday **NO Knit and Natter Group** on Bank Holiday Monday – back to normal next week!

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@standrewspsalterlane.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 303 Cemetery Road**

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!

Special Working Party at Church: both outside and in! Saturday 6th September 9:30.

The next Garden Working Party will be a special one: in addition to the usual monthly outside Garden Working Party, we will be having a big tidy-up inside the Church as well. There are a number of areas in the building that would benefit from a good tidy so we can put them to better use, and doing it on this day will help the Church look its best on the Heritage Open Days the week after. Please put this date in your diary and come along to help: you don't need any specific skills, and you won't be asked to make big decisions about what to put where. Even one hour of your help will make a difference! Refreshments and chat at around 11.00.

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. 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. 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.

Repair people needed!

We are hosting a **Repair Café event on Saturday 20th September** - and we need YOUR help! Are you a whizz at woodwork or a sewing superstar, a hi-tech tinkerer or brilliant with bikes - or do you know someone who is?

Help us to breathe new life into worn-out small appliances, furniture, clothes and more - contact Caroline at cripps@uwclub.net for more information or to volunteer your skills!

Renishaw Methodist Church final service

There will be a final service of Celebration and Thanksgiving at Renishaw Methodist Church on **Sunday 24th August 2025**. All are welcome! Refreshments will be served after the service. Please see poster in the narthex.

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

Project Christmas Angel

Calling all knitters, crocheters, crafty and non-crafty people

Apologies for mentioning Christmas when it's still August. This year we would love to send out a St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Christmas Angel for people in our community to either display or hang on their tree as a reminder of a little bit of what Christmas is truly about.

To do this we need to make lots and lots of little Christmas Angels. They can be knitted or crocheted, and we've also thought of making some felt ones so, even if you can't knit or crochet, there will still be a way to be involved in this wonderful project. We might even organise a couple of craft afternoons in the church as a way of increasing production if needed.

We would love you to make as many as you want, we can provide simple patterns, but there's no strict structure (though it would be nice if we could put them through letter boxes with our Church Christmas Info). Any yarn in any colour that can look a bit Christmassy would work, and we could even pool yarn so that anyone who does want to help but doesn't have any can still be involved in the project.

If you're interested in knowing more or want to help, please contact Jan Owen 07776261594 janowen@doctors.org.uk or Cheryl Collins 07740 557944 cheryl62collins@btinternet.com

Green Box

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. 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

Pack your own snacks Save on paper and plastic when you fly by declining in-flight snacks. Instead, make it a habit to fly with your own munchies and a reusable cloth napkin.

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 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

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