



# St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -  
Exploring the Mystery of God

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am**

**Morning Worship**

Preacher – Tim Renshaw, CEO The Archer Project

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism.

Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is duty.

*Oscar Romero, El Salvador*

<b>Hymns</b>	StF 410	Lord, your Church on earth is seeking
	StF 717	We do not hope to ease our minds
	StF 256	When I needed a neighbour
	StF 672	Where can we find you, Lord Jesus our Master?
	StF 706	Longing for light

<b>Reading</b>	Psalm 137; 1–9
	Matthew 25 31–46

*There will a collection at this service for the work of the  
Archer Project. Please give generously*

**There will be an Extraordinary Church Meeting directly after this  
service.**

**Please consider standing for election as a Steward**

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion**

**Rev Joy Rulton**

**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.

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

From Anne Hollows:

1. Thank you to everyone praying for Rana and her family. She had the c-section (no anaesthetics) and was sent home, but her little boy was immediately in intensive care. He's called Aous, an old Arabic name meaning gift. **Update - good news: baby Aous was able to go home on Saturday.** Caitlin has managed to get resources from UNICEF - formula, nappies and a malnutrition assessment for Hanna's (4) and Mohammed (2). She also got a cash transfer from a small Italian NGO. Rana's own health is very poor because she has had little food for so long.

In spite of intensive lobbying, we still do not know if/when the students will be evacuated. We do however know that the Home Office has finally waived visa requirements to allow some very sick children to come to the U.K. Costs are being met by private donations and specialist doctors are giving time free.

2. This article in The New Yorker features the work of Anni and Tom's friend, Bahzad Al-Akhras and others working with child mental health in Gaza. It is not an easy read, but very important. We are still working to enable Bahzad to take up his PhD place at Manchester University in the autumn and he will be able to tell us all more about it then.

Treating Gaza's Collective Trauma | The New Yorker <https://www.newyorker.com/news/the-lede/treating-gazas-collective-trauma>

## 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 – details in notices**

**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](mailto: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 303 Cemetery Road – details in notices**

## SAPLC NOTICES

### Thank You!

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent appeals, which raised the following amounts: MHA Sunday £195.40, Action for Children £609.50.

And Thank You to all who took part in the Working Party on Saturday!

### 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!**

**If you are not able to come to pray in church on Wednesday lunchtimes, you are encouraged to use this Bible passage, prayer and hymn on the theme of peace in your personal devotions:**

**Bible passage: Isaiah 2 v. 1-4**

## **Prayer: Convert Weapons Into Goods**

Now is the time, as ever is,  
for us to transcend history,  
converting weapons into goods,  
fulfilling ancient prophecy.

Disarm the man, disarm the state  
to find the new security  
of living without lethal threat  
and handling conflict properly.

We pray for those responsible  
for finding and developing  
new ways and means to safeguard peace  
and peaceful ways of managing.

So may the dividends of peace  
be shared with care so all maintain  
their proper right to livelihood  
and never yearn for war again.

Harness our passions, calm our fears  
and sublimate our energies  
so we can mobilize ourselves  
to be friend to our enemies.

*David J. Harding, England*

## **Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace**

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> September, and 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

We also plan for a choir to sing at the Advent Carol Service on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, and the Carol Service on 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Mary.E.Mitchell14@gmail.com) or Liz Bentley (Director of Music) [elizabethbentley@live.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **Interfaith picnic/ cafe 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.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Lost Property in Church**

The items displayed in the narthex recently will be donated to charity (if suitable) next week – this is your last chance to retrieve your lost property!

### **Housegroups**

The afternoon and evening house groups will be meeting in July and August to follow the Church of England course on the Nicene Creed in its 1700th anniversary year.

The afternoon group will meet on Monday afternoons in Shirley House. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Judith Roberts (tel 2361531, email [robertsjm4@gmail.com](mailto:robertsjm4@gmail.com) ) You would be most welcome!

The evening housegroup will meet on Wednesday evenings in members' homes. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Janet Loughridge (tel 2584164, email [janet.loughridge.45@gmail.com](mailto:janet.loughridge.45@gmail.com) ) Everyone welcome!

### **Green Box**

#### **Lament and Hope October 18, 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.

Opens at 10am and closes with a service from 3pm

'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. We are delighted to announce that 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 – July: Travel**

Travel plastic-free When traveling, bring your own reusable water bottle and shopping bag, and stay away from travel sizes of your favourite products and complimentary shampoo bottles found in hotels. Instead, decant your own toiletries into reusable travel-sized containers or, better yet, bring shampoo and soap bars.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **Broomhill pioneer grant**

The District Leading Team has approved a grant of £60,000 for a part time pioneer to lead the birth of a new climbing church, families church and student church at Broomhill Methodist Centre. These three communities will operate under the same roof – utilising the centre's new climbing wall and creative play space – while fostering an environment of spiritual exploration and connection. By focusing on adventure, creativity, and authentic relationships, Broomhill Methodist Centre aims to

become a beacon of hope and transformation in Sheffield. The grant will be matched by £60,000 from the Connexional Evangelism and Growth Team.

As part of our refreshed strategy for resourcing mission, our vision is to have at least eight fruitful new churches across the district by 2030. See further details at

<https://www.sheffieldmethodist.org/what-we-do/new-christian-communities.html>

### **Bochum 75th Anniversary Exhibition: until 18 August**

Sheffield Central Library will be hosting an exhibition to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the twinning of Sheffield and the German city of Bochum. The exhibition has been developed in collaboration with the University of Sheffield and will showcase both the civic relationship between Sheffield City Council and Stadt Bochum, as well as the importance of grassroots and community links between organisations in both cities.

### **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.

### **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](https://sheffieldcathedral.org/whats-on) or explore Jacqui's work at [jacqui-textile.com](https://jacqui-textile.com).

### **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://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](mailto:joy.rulton@methodist-church.org.uk)**

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