



# St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -  
Exploring the Mystery of God

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**10.30 am**

**Morning Worship**

**John Harding**

**Collect** Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Hymns** StF 319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning  
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free v.1  
StF 383 Holy Spirit, gift bestower  
StF 706 Longing for light  
StF 340 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

**Readings** Revelation 7:9 - 8:1  
John 10: 22-30

*There will be a Fairtrade Stall in the narthex before the service and for a short time afterwards. Please remember to bring cash to make purchases from the stall.*

**The service will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting in the Church**

***Please consider standing for election as a Warden, Steward,  
or as a member of the Ecumenical Church Council***

It is particularly important that we find someone to join the team of Stewards and Wardens to replace Julie Jordan Brown. The post is open to all members. Please think seriously about whether you could fill this position, which is vital to the life of the church. If you wish to stand, or would like to find out what is involved, please speak to one of the current team (Julie Jordan Brown, Alastair Morris, Mary Mitchell, Jan Owen) or Anna Calvert.

**Please also consider taking up any of the following roles:**

**ECC member - Property Steward - Health and Safety Officer** (Job description available)

Please complete a nomination form if you wish to stand for election.

The Agenda, Minutes of the last meeting, other papers, and nomination forms for the elections are available in the narthex.

**Please make every effort to attend.** If you are unable to attend, Apologies may be sent to Janet Loughridge tel. 2584164 or email [janet.loughridge.45@gmail.com](mailto:janet.loughridge.45@gmail.com)

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**10.30 am**

**Morning Worship**

**Judith Roberts**

**John Kenward** We were very sorry to hear of the death of John Kenward, peacefully at home last Saturday. John and Mary were much loved and valued members 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 Booter's daughter), Tom Reavey, Hilary Jowett, Mark Stone, Blanca and Fiona, Maggie and Pete, May, Jan Birch, John Kenward, Chris Venables, 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

**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](mailto:office@standrewspsalterlane.org.uk)

**Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service of Holy Communion in Church**

**2.30 pm Funeral of Sandra Snook in Church, followed by a family committal at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium.**

**Please hold Sandra's family, especially Mike, and all those who love her in your prayers.**

## 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. The climate crisis and industrial plantations have changed Q'eqchi' land dramatically.

Envelopes are available in church for your own donations, but we at SAPLC have always concentrated on house-to-house collecting and we continue to do so, though since Covid we now focus on fewer streets.

**Please volunteer to deliver and collect envelopes** in a nearby street. In addition to envelopes for cash we now also offer a QR code for bank donations. Many people across the world, especially women and children, depend on these donations.

### **Reflections on the Covid Pandemic...**

This meeting will take place at 7.30 pm **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** at Shirley House Interfaith Centre. The discussion will be focussed on a 'faith or beliefs' perspective.

Did the pandemic, the illness itself, or the many worldwide deaths, shake your faith in God? Did prayer help you? Or were you inspired in some way?

Refreshments are included. Everyone welcome, of all faiths or none

Also on Zoom, contact [shirleyhouseinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyhouseinterfaith@gmail.com) for the link or 0114 258 8932 for further details.

### **Methodist Women in Britain Quiz, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Green Box**

**Eco Tip May - Clean out your inbox** - All emails — even the ones parked in your inbox — consume power thanks to the network of data centres around the world that store and manage delivery of our communications. An average year of email could have the impact of driving 200 miles. Simply deleting old messages will save power and shrink your carbon footprint. While you're at it, unsubscribe from unnecessary newsletters, (but not this one!), delete unnecessary attachments and remove social media notifications.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **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, CEO Church action on Poverty, Rev Lucy Sablan, who has been working in Arbourthorne and is now Rector of Manor and Nick Wakefield, Pioneer methodist minister and community worker in the Parson Cross community.

### **"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.

## **Foodbank and Baby Basics**

The Foodbank at Firvale really appreciate us and tell us what a difference we make. **It was good to hear Sue Vinall telling us about the Foodbank and how it has developed since Covid.** After she spoke, Sue Vinall said: '.....I really appreciate being able to tell people about what we do and to be able to thank people for their support. It was lovely being around people who were so interested.'

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.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 is Joy's day off**