

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 12th January

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Covenant Sunday

Rev Naomi Cooke

Collect Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hymns StF 440 Amazing grace
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (verse 1)
StF 541 To the river, I am going
StF 383 Holy Spirit, gift bestower
StF 564 O thou who camest from above

Readings Isaiah 43.1-7
Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 19th January

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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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, Trevor Mann, Maggie and Pete, Luke, May and Leon, Jan Birch

Please continue to pray for the people of Gaza and for the West Bank.

We are sorry to hear of the death on 20 December 2024 at the age of 99 of John Thompson, husband of Josephine Thompson, who was caretaker at Psalter Lane Methodist Church 1966/7 – 1997. His funeral will be held on Monday 27 January at Hutcliffe Wood Road Crematorium at 11.15 am. John's daughter Jayne says "They (we) spent many happy years looking after the church and Shirley house and although Mum was the full time caretaker, Dad spent many hours mowing the lawns, mending and fixing when he wasn't at work"

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@standrewspalterlane.org.uk

7.30 pm Love your Neighbour Who, how, why? What does your faith say about loving your neighbour? Interfaith Centre meeting, Shirley House landing

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service in Church

7.30 pm Property & Finance Committee meeting in SH

SAPLC NOTICES

Sunday 26th January – change to services

Rev Cheryl Collins will lead a service of All Age Worship with communion on Sunday 26th January. Please note **there will be NO 9.15 am service.**

Giving Envelopes 2025

The envelopes are available in the narthex for those already signed up to the scheme. If you would like to join the giving envelope scheme please speak to Janet Loughridge (0114 258 4164). If you do not give to the church through the envelope scheme or by bank standing order, please have a word with Rodney Godber (tel 0114 266 3893) who will explain how this makes your giving to the church easier and more beneficial.

Stamp collection

Pat Rogers is still collecting stamps for Cancer Research – please put your stamps **with a 1 cm margin** in the box in the narthex.

Hospitality Sunday - Please Note the Date!

On **Sunday 9th February 2025** members of the congregation will share lunch with one another in their homes.

Christmas Cards

If you received any Christmas cards with a religious theme and do not want to keep them, please save them for the Tuesday Café by giving them to Christine Hisom. Thank You!

Green Box

Better Buses Consultation

The Public consultation on franchising of South Yorkshire buses opened on 23 October and runs to 15 January. Please respond, whether or not you are a frequent bus user. There is a strong case for public transport to be publicly owned and now is the time to say so. Please encourage friends and neighbours to respond too. You can have your say by using either the long or the short survey at www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/busreform. The link to the forms is at <https://t.co/5ngXKMnZeN>

Extra festive recycling and waste

Make sure you take advantage of Sheffield City Council's extra recycling policy:

Brown bins - Up to two extra bags of tins, cans and plastic bottles will be collected between 27 December and 23 January. Just put your extra recycling in a carrier bag, tie it, and then put it out for collection next to your brown bin. Glass bottles and jars must be placed inside your brown bin, otherwise the extra recycling will not be collected.

Blue bins - Small amounts of extra paper and card will be collected. Bundle it together, tie it, and then put it next to your blue bin. (The bundle should be no bigger than your blue bin).

Black bins - Between 27 December and 23 January only, up to two bags of extra non-recyclable waste will be collected. Put your extra waste into a black bag, tie it, and then put out for collection next to your black bin.

Eco Tip - Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching, to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or veg or visiting an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK - be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this year.

OTHER NOTICES

Online Information Session: Hosting Refugees

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 7 - 8 pm Join Refugees at Home, Malcolm Chamberlain (Archdeacon) and Huw Thomas (DDE) for an online information session to find out about hosting refugees and how you can get involved.

[Refugees at Home](#) is a charity that connects refugees and people seeking asylum with hosts across the UK. The vision is for every refugee and every person seeking asylum to have a safe place to stay.

Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1l88mqNdX_4-XVslPhNEqebWE2QDydndyfSdRprk0sfU/viewform?edit_requested=true&pli=1

All We Canuary

The idea is simple: do all the *something* you can in January 2025, and fundraise for All We Can in the process! Whether it be running all the miles you can, reading all the books you can, or knitting all the hats you can – it's up to you what challenge you set yourself, because only you know what you need to fulfil your potential.

In the process, you'll have the chance to learn and share inspiring stories from All We Can's local partners in Liberia. As they fulfil their potential, journey with them as you seek to fulfil yours!

Find out more here: <https://www.allwecan.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/all-we-canuary/>

Church of Sanctuary award service

Sunday 9 February at 6pm – Victoria Hall, Sheffield - All are invited to a service to celebrate the awarding of Church of Sanctuary status for Victoria Hall Methodist Church on Sunday 9th February 2025 at 6pm, followed by food provided by the City of Sanctuary. The President of the Methodist Conference will take part in the service, along with Rev Inderjit Bhogal.

It would help with the planning/catering if you can RSVP to Jonathan Haigh, revjhaigh@gmail.com, stating your name and office and how many people will be attending with you.

Methodist Church Eco Community Network

Is a network for people passionate about faith and the environment; for those exploring climate justice, and those already taking action. SAPLC is a member of this network so invites you join in a free two hour zoom conference taking place on Monday February 10 at 7:00pm or Tuesday 13 May at 7pm. Ticket available via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/methodist-church-eco-community-network-tickets-1113977429479>

Foodbank and Baby Basics

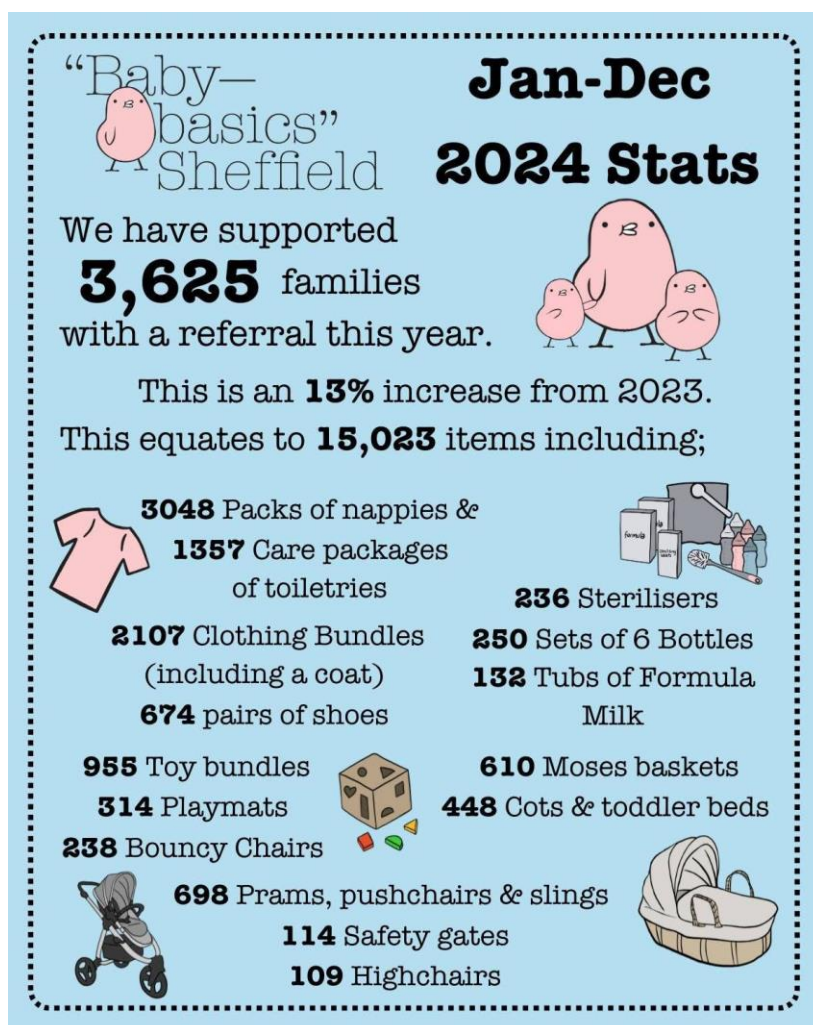
The Foodbank at Firvale really appreciate us and tell us what a difference we make.

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/>. If you cannot do this, 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. At the moment they really need trousers and jumpers for 2 – 5 year olds - see the full list of what is needed at <https://www.facebook.com/babybasicsSheffield/>

Baby Basic statistics for 2024 are below – as Alison Gregg (who passed this on) says, it is sad that so much is needed.



If you are worried, isolated or just need to chat to someone from the church,
Naomi Cooke (Tel. 0114 250 8251) and
Judith Roberts (Tel. 0114 236 1531) are available