



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 13th April

10.30 am Morning Worship

Palm Sunday

Iain Cloke

Collect True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Hymns StF 264 Make way, make way for Christ the King in splendour arrives
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (verse 1)
StF 265 Ride on, ride on in majesty
StF 673 Will you come and follow me
StF 255 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Readings Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Christian Aid's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal this morning – please give generously in the envelopes provided, and if you are a tax payer fill in the Gift Aid form to increase your gift by 25%

3.00 pm to 4.00 pm Sheffield Interfaith Pilgrimage of Prayer for Peace

Starting at Spital Hill, S4 7LG, and walking in silence along Burngreave Road, a distance of 1.5 miles. There is no need to book a place, but please be at the start point for 3pm.

Friday 18th April

12 noon – 3.00 pm

Good Friday Meditation

Rev Canon Cheryl Collins

Good Friday Service Images

The meditation will be on the theme of the Stations of the Cross using images by Sieger Köder. The service will be streamed, but for copyright reasons the images will not be included in the streamed version. The images can be sent in advance so that they can be viewed alongside the service. **Please let the Church Office or one of the Stewards or Wardens know if you wish to be sent the images.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 20th April

10.30 am Holy Communion

Easter Day

Rev Canon Cheryl Collins

Sandra Snook. We are very sorry to hear of the death of our dear friend Sandra. Sandra and Mike have been much loved and valued members of Psalter Lane Methodist Church and then of SAPLC since the formation of the LEP.

Please hold Sandra's family, especially Mike, and all those who love her 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, Luke, May, Jan Birch, John Kenward, Chris Venables

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

2.00 pm Afternoon housegroup meeting 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@standrewpsalterlane.org.uk

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service of Holy Communion in Church

7.30 pm Evening housegroup meeting at 303 Cemetery Road

Thursday 7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Agape Meal at St Augustine's Brocco Bank See item in Notices section for details

Friday 12 noon – 3.00 pm Good Friday Meditation (details on previous page)

Saturday 10.30 am to 12 noon Family Easter Activities See item in Notices section for details

SAPLC NOTICES

Pastoral Care

Rev Joy Rulton has very kindly offered to provide pastoral cover for 2 days/ week from April 1st to July 31st 2025 at both Highfield Trinity Methodist Church and St Andrew's Psalter Lane LEP. Joy would only want emergency calls on Saturday, as that is her day off; however, she is happy to receive more routine calls on all other days. Joy's contact details are: email joy.rulton@methodist-church.org.uk ; mobile number 07816 315 499.

Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 11th May** after morning service, in church. Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

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)

Preparation of a new Anglican Electoral Roll: Every six years, the Church of England requires us to prepare a new Electoral Roll, that is, a list of all those who consider themselves to be members of the Church of England and who either live in the parish or have attended worship regularly over the last six months.

All Anglican members and Joint members will need to re-register, even though they are included on the current Roll. Methodist-only members do not need to fill in a form.

If you wish to remain on the Electoral Roll, please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible and in any event **no later than Sunday 20th April 2025** to the Electoral Roll Officer, Judith Roberts. There will be blank forms and a box for completed forms on the table in the narthex as you enter the church. Alternatively you may return your form by post to Judith Roberts, c/o Church Office, Shirley House, 31, Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YL, or by sending a scanned completed form to Judith by email.

SAPLC Easter Choir

An Easter choir will sing during the Palm Sunday service, as well as the Easter Sunday service. The last rehearsals will be in SAPLC on **Thursday, 17th April at 6.00pm**, Junior Church room. Please let Liz, Mary or Kit know in person if you wish to participate, even if you are unable to attend all rehearsals, or email mary.e.mitchell14@gmail.com.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, 17 April, 7.00 pm

We have had a very welcoming message from Rev Ela Nutu Hall of St Augustine's Brocco Bank, where the Mission Partnership joint Maundy Thursday service will be held:

"I write with a warm invitation to our customary St Augustine's Maundy Thursday Agape Meal, taking place in our church hall, on 17th of April this year, at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

... the atmosphere tends to be rather informal; and the meal itself quite simple and focused on bread and wine (with the addition of some cheese and other bits). No need to bring anything, though we do appreciate any donations towards costs.

We would also welcome diverse voices during the evening. **If you'd like to participate at all (to read one of the 4 sections of the Gospel; or be involved in the prayers), please would you let me know [at revd.elanutuhall@gmail.com]**.

Also, if you would **please give us an idea of numbers attending**, it would be immensely helpful in preparation. We're down to start at 7:00pm, but if those involved in the service could please arrive a little earlier (around 6.30?), that would be great. We look forward to welcoming you all on the evening, if you can make it.

With very best wishes, Ela"

If you intend to go to the service, please inform a Warden or Steward

Family Easter Activities - Saturday 19th April

On Saturday 19th April the junior church team are organising Easter activities for families in the church garden, 10.30 am to 12noon. Likely to include planting the Easter garden by the front path, an outdoor trail reflecting on the events of Holy Week, and refreshments. We'd really appreciate any volunteers who are able to help out, eg with planting or serving cups of tea/squash. Please speak to Rachel Morris, Lydia Hutchings or Anna Calvert or email Rachelamymorris@gmail.com. Many thanks!

Shirley House Interfaith Centre Talk by Suzanne Martin "Heathen Devotional Practices"

How do we develop a faith practice that grows and evolves as we do? How do we bridge the gap between historical accounts and subjective experience? Suzanne's debut book FrithHeart offers 400 unique, adaptable & inclusive devotionals. Open to all faiths & everybody. Refreshments included.

7.30 pm Tuesday 29th April at Shirley House Interfaith Centre

At Home Church Community Weekend

This has now been postponed. But keep the evening of **Saturday 14th June** in your diaries for a church social event!

Green Box

Sheffield Sustainable Market, Saturday 26th April, Victoria Hall

The Sheffield Sustainable Market, organised by Sheffield Action on Plastics, is taking place on Saturday 26th April at Victoria Hall 11am to 4pm, selling plastic free goods and gifts. The best sustainable gifts from local makers.

Information & booking at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sheffield-sustainable-market-spring-edition-tickets-1096476884879>

Eco Tip April - Technology Pull the plug on your devices - Thanks to standby mode, electronic devices consume power even when they are turned off. Almost 10 percent of your energy bill goes toward this "phantom power" consumption. Save money — and reduce your carbon footprint — by unplugging your devices at the end of the day or when they're not in use.

OTHER NOTICES

Journey to Jerusalem

6-21 April, Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, Bakewell Methodist Church

The Journey to Jerusalem display takes us through the last days of Jesus' life: "From Hosanna to He is Risen".

We see the excitement of the crowds on Palm Sunday and the agony in the garden and on the cross and the joy of the resurrection leading to the truth of the post resurrection experiences that Jesus is alive.

The journey also gives us time for reflection and the opportunity to pray interactively through themes such as justice, peace love, thanksgiving, healing, families and forgiveness. The display is full of life and colour and hopes to bring the story of our Saviour's final days to our hearts and minds.

The journey continues on Good Friday morning at 10:45am as we gather around the cross to see those who gathered there over 2,000 years ago and to hear their own experiences in those moments. We too will be "Close to the cross of Jesus".

Thinking Faith: Why the Dead Sea Scrolls Matter for Christians

St Mark's Broomhill presents Thinking Faith. On the second Sunday of each month they will tackle a different topic. On **Sunday 11th May** there will be a talk to introduce the Scrolls and trends in modern understanding. Special attention will be given to the Jewishness of the New Testament and to fresh thinking about the authority of scripture, the place of prayer and religious diversity. The talk will be given by Professor George Brooke. Please see more details from the poster in the narthex.

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.

A message to Food Bank Supporters

Dear food bank supporters

On behalf of everyone at Firvale we'd like to thank you for your continued generous support to the food bank. We don't know who you all are but we're grateful for your support.

Your kindness makes a difference to the lives of less fortunate people

Thank you all so much. Regards Joe & Liz

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 email
joy.rulton@methodist-church.org.uk
Emergency calls only on Saturday as it is Joy's day off**