



St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds -
Exploring the Mystery of God

Sunday 2nd February

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Candlemas

Rev Naomi Cooke

Preacher: Tim Jansen

Collect Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 51 Great is thy faithfulness
StF 397 The Spirit lives to set us free (verse 1)
StF 479 The king of love my shepherd is
StF 707 Make me a channel of your peace
StF 615 Let love be real

Readings Genesis 2.1-4
Luke 10.38-42

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 9th February

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Racial Justice Sunday

A Local Arrangement Service led by the Stewards & Wardens

Hospitality Sunday - members of the congregation will share lunch with one another in their homes.

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, Jan Birch, Janet Clarke.

Peter Roberts We were so sorry to hear of the death of Peter Roberts this week. Peter was a much loved and valued member of Psalter Lane Methodist Church and SAPLC.

Please hold Judith, Mark and Ian, and all those who love Peter, in your prayers.

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

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

Wednesday 10.30 am Wednesday service in Church

SAPLC NOTICES

Direct Giving Appeal

We have launched our direct-giving appeal in support of the employment of a **Lay Worker for Hospitality, Pastoral Care and Children** for 20 hours a week. As part of seeking an equitable distribution of resources across the Methodist Circuit both financially and through personnel, the ECC has agreed the post should include 5 of those hours per week gifted to our sister church, Highfield Trinity, to enable the continued running of their highly valued parent and toddler group – *Play and Stay*.

The start date for the Lay Worker will be this coming summer, on an initial three-year contract which we expect to cost £54,500 in total for the period. The Circuit and the Diocese have already offered grants, believing in and supporting this new phase in the life of our congregation. To secure the post and enable this expression of ministry, we are asking our church family, through designated direct giving, for £20,000 towards the costs. We trust that the remaining balance will be covered by further grants for which we have already submitted applications.

If you haven't received a letter giving full details of how you can contribute, copies are available in the Narthex or by contacting our Treasurer Joe Dey. We are asking that between now and the 23rd February, all of us prayerfully and carefully consider what we might give. All we have to give, is gift itself. As we model God's generosity to us, by faith, so God will work the miracle.

With thanks. Naomi and Joe

Volunteers needed please!

Southcroft The manager & residents are looking for volunteers to help with two of their activities:

1. Art Group, Wednesdays at 2.30 pm – to encourage and support residents in artistic endeavours; materials supplied.
2. Gardening, Fridays and Saturdays - a small group of residents are keen gardeners, but cannot bend or carry. We have raised beds, borders & tubs that need caring for.

If you are interested in being a volunteer you can talk to Christine Hisom, or contact the manager (tel. 0114 2245 069)

School visits We will be hosting the Reception classes from Hunter's Bar Infant school on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th April** and we will almost certainly be having visits from other schools through the year. We already have some volunteers to help show them round, but we still need a few more - ideally we would have 3 - 4 helpers at each session. You don't need to be an 'expert' on SAPLC as all the necessary information will be provided and it's a great way of reaching out to our community. If you would like to know more, or to volunteer, please contact Clare Loughridge (2584164 or clare@standrewspalterlane.org.uk)

Joan Tolley There will be a memorial service for Joan at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm on the **12th February**. Joan was the widow of the Revd Canon Dr George Tolley, who played an important part in the life of old Saint Andrews.

Stamp collection

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

Christmas and Greeting Cards

Thank you for the Christmas cards passed on for the Tuesday café. We are also needing greetings cards, card, or any unused envelopes you may have. These can be given to Christine Hisom, or put in the box in the narthex. Thank You!

Green Box

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 10 February 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>

Aspire Community Enterprise (Sheffield) Ltd, Recycling centre in Sheffield

Aspire, in Parson Cross, use/refurbish/recycle unwanted electronic goods such as phones, laptops etc – giving disadvantaged people opportunities to repair and use them. Located in: SOAR Works Enterprise Centre, Unit 11, SOAR Works, Knutton Rd, Parson Cross, Sheffield S5 9NU, Phone: 0114 285 3788.

“Aspire Community Enterprise (Sheffield) Ltd is a vibrant and energetic social enterprise specialising in computer recycling whose primary objective is to provide a stable job and a supported working environment for vulnerable or marginalised people. We also run a community computer shop for sales and repairs. Our recycling centre is open to the general public.”

Eco Tip – Food

Tweak your tea Did you know that many teabags are made with plastic? Reduce your plastic consumption by switching to a brand that doesn't use synthetic materials. Or turn over a new leaf and start drinking loose-leaf tea instead. Buying in bulk could even help you save money.

OTHER NOTICES

Diocesan Adviser in Inter Faith and Public Affairs

The Diocese of Sheffield is delighted to announce the Revd Huw Thomas, Diocesan Director of Education, has been appointed as the new Adviser in Inter Faith and Public Affairs. Taking over from Casey Strine, Huw's role will build upon some of the interfaith work he has already carried out during his time in the Diocese. He will be carrying out duties on behalf of the Diocese in relation to different faith communities, such as upcoming civic services. This will be in addition to his current role as Director of Education, where he has been in post since 2012. Read more: www.sheffield.anglican.org/huw-thomas-appointed-new-adviser-in-inter-faith-and-public-affairs/

Online talk by Share the World's Resources

Share the World's Resources are contacting organizations and faith groups they believe would care deeply about fairness and equality in our own communities and the world at large, and warmly invite anybody who is interested to come to this event.

They will be presenting their vision to implement Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – for adequate food, housing and health care for all – as a fundamental international law, in order to address systemic injustices and prevent unnecessary human suffering.

Only the massed goodwill of ordinary people calling for Article 25 can bring about an end to poverty in a world of plenty. The consequences of doing so could be transformational for our divided world; socially, politically and environmentally.

The talk will take place on **Wednesday 5th February** at 7pm. It will last for about an hour. **Please reply to victoria@sharing.org in order to register and receive the zoom link** if you would like to attend. The event is free.

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.

Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration

Saturday 1 March at 11.30am at Sheffield Cathedral

There will be a service of Thanksgiving and Celebration to mark the five years in which Bishop Sophie has served as the Bishop of Doncaster. This is an opportunity for the Diocese to come together to celebrate Bishop Sophie and to share our appreciation for all that she has achieved during her time with us. Following the service refreshments will be provided. You are most warmly invited to attend – families and children all welcome. For administrative purposes, can you please register your attendance here - pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk

There will be a presentation to Bishop Sophie at the end of the service and if you would like to contribute to a gift, please contact Wendy Whitfield at Bishops Croft (pa@bishopofsheffield.org.uk) or make a BACS transfer, marked 'Bishop Sophie' to the Discretionary Fund, details are as follows:

Account Name: The Bishop of Sheffield Discretion Fund - Sortcode: 40-41-18 - Account Number: 90166847. With every blessing,

The Rt Revd Dr Pete Wilcox Bishop of Sheffield

A Voice for Life: Workshop for Singing

On 1st March at Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses, Sheffield an exciting opportunity is on offer to work with Marcus Farnsworth, a noted choral director and singer. The workshop will have an emphasis on choral singing with singer participation throughout the whole afternoon. Refreshments will be available. Suitable for singers from Year 7 to 90+ years. See posters in narthex for more details.

Christian Aid Changemakers conference

Saturday March 8th - 10.00am until 13.45pm (approx) at St Gabriel's Church, Dobbin Hill.

Full details are on the poster in the narthex, and you can also use the link below to see the programme for the conference and to register for this regional event

Link to register:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/changemakers-conference/regional>

The online conference starts at 10.30am but there will be coffee and cake from 10.00am onwards so do come early for a chat! There will also be a break during the conference and a light lunch will be provided afterwards so there will be plenty of time for chatting to other reps.

Please register online as it will help catering - it is recommended that you NOT register as a member of a church group, but just as an individual, as it is less complicated.

Caroline Cripps will be going, and anyone else is welcome to attend.

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.

There was a message on a Firvale Food Bank supporter's FaceBook page this week passing on this from the Food Bank: **"The items we're using most of at the moment are the basics- Beans, Tomatoes, Tinned fruit, Rice Pudding and Tinned fish (Tuna, Sardines)"**

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

<https://www.facebook.com/babybasicssheffield/>