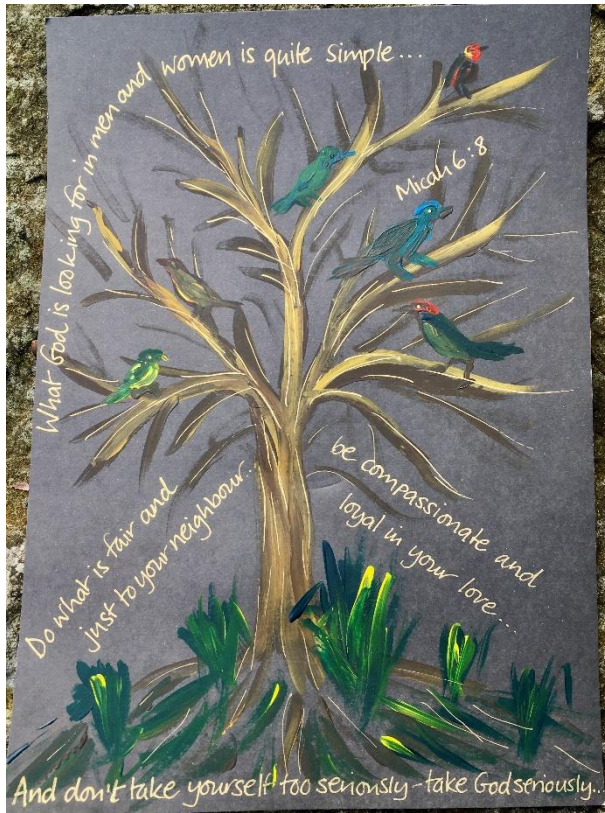


Welcome to St Mark's Church

Night Service

@ 7.00 pm

On Sunday 30th July 2023



Holy Ground: A Service to explore Wellbeing, Healing and Wholeness

Gathering

Take time to settle.

Use these opening minutes to ...

Become aware ...

of your surroundings,

of those around,

of those you carry within.

Welcome & introduction

This service of readings, music, time for reflection and prayer is offered as an opportunity to reflect on how God's purpose for us all is a life of wholeness, as expressed in the life and teaching of Jesus. The ministry of healing is an integral part of our Christian witness.

We invite you to pause, to consider what prayer you need for your wellbeing and ministry and to hold each other in prayer. We hope this sacred space offers a place where we can be restored and strengthened in mind, body, and spirit, whilst accepting who we are, our weakness and strength.

During today's service we reflect on the garden of Eden, the first home, the place where all our needs are met: shelter, family and walking together with God in the beauty of creation....

Let us pray:

As we prepare to worship, we light a candle



Opening Responses

Warm and welcoming God
You shape us and name us
And fill us with wonder
And you hold us in love

Bright, beckoning God
You call us and bless us
And fill us with longing
And you hold us in love

Strong, revealing God
You comfort us and question us
And fill us with your courage
And you hold us in love

In the whirling wheels of the world... **you are with us.**
When our day takes its toll... **you are with us.**
In the clamour of many voices... **you are with us.**
When the world turns sour.... **you are with us.**
In the beauty of this place... **you are with us.**
When the sun shines on us... **you are with us.**

When...

As I stand peacefully: Margie Nesson

As I stand peacefully at the waters edge
I can see this moon clearly and it fills me with awe.

As it spills gold onto the gently rippling waves
I breathe deeply . . .what will tomorrow bring?

Will it bring peace? ripples? or crushing waves?
Will our days be tranquil or stormy?

I pray that this new day coming brings us healing,
Love, friendship, understanding and acceptance

As we all inhabit this planet together
May we do so with love and friendship.

Praying for Shalom, for possibilities, and blessings for
us all.

I can see this moon clearly and it fills me with awe . .

Song: May you find peace

May you find peace,
May you find hope,
May you find joy this day.
May you find love,
May you find rest,
Here in this place together.

God give you peace,
God give you hope,
God give you joy this day.
God give you love,
God give you rest,
Here in this place together.

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Reading: Genesis 2 verses 5-10

At the time God made Earth and Heaven, before any grasses or shrubs had sprouted from the ground - God hadn't yet sent rain on Earth, nor was there anyone around to work the ground (the whole Earth was watered by underground springs) - God formed Man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Man came alive - a living soul!

Then God planted a garden in Eden, in the east. He put the Man he had just made in it. God made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat. The Tree-of-Life was in the middle of the garden, also the Tree-of-Knowledge-of-Good-and-Evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden and from there divides into four rivers.

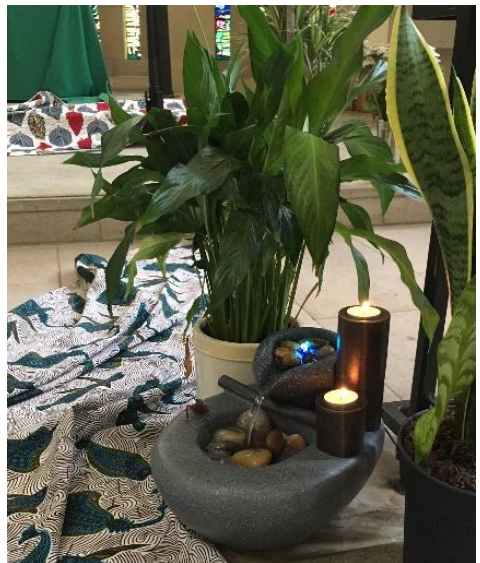
Reflection

*Time of Silence and Exploration of Prayer Stations -
15 minutes*

*You are invited to explore our healing prayer
environment based on Genesis 2 ...*

*There are 4 stations to visit
based on what we believe
are important components
of Shalom:*

*Beauty
Community
Acceptance
& Purposeful Work*



Taizé Chant

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
Who leads me into life.**



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. E

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.



The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the second system. It ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Let us pray:

May we accept ourselves and the cup of this day,
May we breathe deeply God's Shalom that is all
around us.

May we accept his crown of compassion,
May we dwell in his love,
May we empty ourselves of all that clutters,
And grasp hold of hope again.

May we pick up a hobby or interest and remind
ourselves of what brings us joy and allow God to
renew us deep down. **Amen**

Unaccompanied Music guitar and pipe, during a time of silent prayer with the opportunity to come forward and light a candle, or to sit reflectively, or to come forward for anointing for you or someone else using the following words:

Creator God, present with us now, enter you, body, mind and spirit, to strengthen you, to heal and bring wholeness and peace to you and our world.

Amen

You are invited to come and take it in turn to kneel or stand at one of the cushions.

We conclude our time of prayer by saying together:

**OUR FATHER in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

May God the maker bless us,
may we grow wise and strong and holy.

May God the storyteller bless us,
may we know laughter and grace and healing.

May God the life breather bless us,
may we be filled with curiosity, courage and love.

**May we go forward from here in peace,
knowing that we are whole in the sight of God
and that God's love is without limits.**

**Let the risen Christ refresh us with hope
and journey within us towards the new horizon.
Amen**

Closing Blessing

May the God
Who dances
In the storms
And the sunlight
Keep you
And cherish you
In mercy
And love.

And the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you and all those you love, both living and departed, now and always.

Amen

Song: The Peace of the Earth be with you

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.

Deep peace falling over you.
God's peace growing in you



*Please feel free to abide in the worship space for as long as you wish.
Members of the Diocesan Healing and Wholeness Group will be
available to chat or pray after the service before you leave.*

Thank you for coming today! please stay in touch!

If you would like the Sheffield Diocesan Advisory Group for Healing and Wholeness to keep you informed of similar events, **please add your email to our Healing and Wholeness contacts list at the desk where you came in today**

Add your healing service to our list:

Visit: <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/healing-wholeness>

Or email Rev Dr Louise Castle, Bishop's advisor for Healing and Wholeness in the Sheffield Diocese to let me know what you are up to in your church or community setting. I would love to chat or come and visit if you would like me to!

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