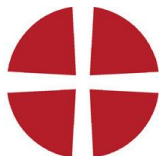


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## WEEKLY UPDATE 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

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### Worship.

We welcome Rev Graham Wassell to lead our worship this morning. A number of years ago Graham was a Minister in the old Ecclesall Circuit, and on his retirement came back to Sheffield. After the service Coffee, Tea and biscuits will be served in the Hall, and everyone is urged to stay for this time of fellowship together.

Next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, our worship will be led by Rev Prof Frances Young.

### This week's Activities.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**10-30** Bible Study led by Rev David Hunter at Ann and Peter Smiths home.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**14-00 to 16-00** Our Memory Café, organised by Age UK Sheffield and supported by volunteers from our church, will meet in the hall.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**10-30 to 13-00** Our Welcoming Space will be open in the hall. At the same time, in the Church, Age UK Sheffield are holding a Pop-Up Advice and Support Event. There will be representatives from a range of local services present, and this will be a great opportunity to find out lots of useful information. Everyone is invited, so why not come along and bring a friend or neighbour with you.

Free refreshments available.

### Update on the Grace Food Bank from the BBC website on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

Organisers of a food bank fear they may have to close if they are unable to find a new home after being told they must leave their current premises.

Grace Food Bank has been based at The Michael Church in Lowedges, Sheffield, since 2012 and supports between 200 and 300 people each week, with 11,215 service users during the past year - including more than 4,000 children.

However, they have been told by landlord The United Reformed Church Yorkshire synod they need to be out by February. The church said despite worshippers attending for more than 71 years, the congregation had now dwindled to just four ageing members and they would be closing the site.

Food bank charity chair Becky Marshall said: "Every person that comes has got a very difficult story they want to share and we're here to help, we make the difference between people managing and not managing." She added that food was "the tip of the iceberg" for those struggling financially, and "sometimes it was just that expression of help that helps people get by from day to day".

Charity, The Trussell Trust, which supports many food banks, said the number of emergency food parcels it helped to distribute across Yorkshire and the Humber had risen by 95% during the past five years.

Ms Marshall said winter was their busiest time of year as people grappled with the cost of energy, but food donations had dropped by about 20% this year, meaning the food bank was spending £1,000 each week to supplement supplies. She explained their budget came from financial grants and private donations, but these would be harder to secure with uncertainty about the service's future.

Ms Marshall said the food bank, which pays an annual rent of £5,500, was now looking for a new home - but wanted to explore the possibility of leasing the building.

The United Reformed Church synod said the food bank provided "a much valued and important service" and were pleased the church had been their home for so long. They said they gave the charity notice on 4 September of their plans to close by the end of February 2026.

The Foodbank Manager, Ms Jackie Butcher emphasised that even if the charity closed its doors in February, they would still need donations before then. "That's still another five months, if people stop donating food or money now, we're going to be really stuffed to be honest," she added.

"We're still here, we're still trying to stay here, and we're grateful for every tin and packet."

### **Humanitarian aid collection for Ukraine.**

In December 2025 the local group "Helping our Ukrainian Friends" will be making its 26<sup>th</sup> delivery of aid to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine. We want to support them by collecting the following items:

- **Medicines** – Paracetamol, Multivitamins, Antiseptic wipes, Expectorants (cough medicine)
- **Hygiene** – Soap, Toothpaste and toothbrushes, Female sanitary products, Deodorants, Baby nappies (all sizes), Shampoo and body wash.
- **Lights** – Candles, Batteries (standard and rechargeable), Torches.

This time they are not wanting any clothes or shoes.

There is a collection in the hall on top of the piano. All gifts are needed by the first Sunday in November

### **A different appeal.**

Have you got any of the following and would like to get rid of them to a worthy cause? –

- British decimal and pre-decimal currency
- Foreign coins – all the small change you have brought home from foreign holidays
- Foreign banknotes, no matter how old

Over many years the Baileys have accumulated a lot of foreign coins from all over the world together with some old UK coins, and are anxious to get rid of these. They were delighted when they found that the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB), collected such coins. When further information came they found out that the minimum weight of coins that could be sent to RNIB was 3 kg – the Bailey pile only weighed 2.4kg!

So, if you have any of the currency mentioned above lying around in a drawer in your home, and you would like to dispose of it to a good cause, please give them to Jackie or John so they can increase the weight of their pile to 3kg.