

**PARISH PROFILE  
of  
SHEFFIELD MANOR  
PARISH**



**St Aidan's**



**St Swithun's**



**William Temple  
(Temple Park Centre)**



## **Welcome to the Manor Parish of Sheffield**

Our Parish of Sheffield Manor provides a wonderful opportunity to engage a diverse community that Jesus calls us to serve. Our churches sit at the heart of the community that has a high level of social deprivation.

Sheffield Manor Parish is a very special place to serve. It is a single parish, with one Parochial Church Council and two main church congregations. We are members of Churches Together and work particularly closely with the local Methodist Church and Ministers.

Over the years, various ministry teams in the parish have made a huge contribution to the spiritual well-being of the community, to the pastoral care of our congregations and the people of the Manor and to the daily worship and lives of all those who serve God across our three churches. Excellent links have developed and flourished with local community leaders and projects, schools, local MP and City Councillors, making the church a well-loved and respected partner in the area. Yet there is so much more we need to do. There are great opportunities and a pressing need for us to reach out to our local community. We believe that our Churches should be at the heart of the community by holding the community at its heart.

As the country was gripped by the pandemic, we had to adapt and amend, make radical changes, learn new technology very quickly, face huge challenges presented to us and take with us the parish motto “Together in God’s Name” as we went on an uncertain journey. Consequently, some of the facts and figures presented here are based on pre-pandemic times, but we are sure they will be good foundations on which to regather and rebuild God’s Kingdom here in Manor Parish.

We hope this Parish Profile provides a useful insight into the life of the Parish of Sheffield Manor, with further information in our [Annual Report for 2021](#), our website [www.manorparish.co.uk](http://www.manorparish.co.uk), and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sheffieldmanorparish](https://www.facebook.com/sheffieldmanorparish). We welcome you to reach out to us and talk through this important opportunity to serve God and our community.



## About the Manor Parish



In the Manor Parish we celebrate the wonderful diversity of human life, and want to serve those among whom we live in working for justice, inclusion, fairness and wholeness, to demonstrate the love God has for the world.

We are affiliated to Inclusive Church and understand that we are called to engage with our world, to challenge the barriers which seem to separate the sacred from the secular or which try to define us according to categories such as gender, sexuality, wealth, race, ability or age. Being 'church on the Manor' we believe that Jesus came that we might have life in all its fullness (John 10.10) and do what we can to join in with God's work of transformation and hope, especially where people are, or feel, excluded, marginalised or misunderstood within the church as well as in wider society.

We do recognise that we don't always get it right but are committed to educating ourselves and to putting our words into action, be this through some of us supporting Sheffield Pride by helping with the Christians At Pride stall, engagement with MoSAIC (Movement of Supporting Anglicans for an Inclusive Church), resourcing Living in Love and Faith and addressing poverty through our strong and respected links with local community projects.

The Parish of Sheffield Manor (Figure 1) is part of the Attercliffe Deanery within the Diocese of Sheffield and has a population of around 15,500. It forms part of the Manor Castle electoral ward (pop: 23,500) in S E Sheffield, close to city centre. Predominantly residential, the eastern part is comprised of a large, low-rise council estate, which has been the focus of major regeneration to provide good quality housing, both rented & owner-occupied. Large areas of the estate were demolished, and now there is a programme of redevelopment extending to 2022. The western part has an increasing number of houses in multiple occupation, and private landlords, with a varied transient population, including students with some small areas of local authority/housing association accommodation.



Figure 1 Map of the Parish Boundary with Church locations

As for the socio-economic picture, Manor Parish is at the heart of the Manor Castle Ward, described as a struggling estate with high urban adversity and over 40% living in difficult circumstances and high levels of hardship, mainly among the younger population.

The Indices of Deprivation 2019 Ward Profiles, Manor Castle Ward is in the top 1% of Lower-Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) of national areas of social deprivation and in relation to all Sheffield wards, ranks 4 out of 28 (where 1 is the most deprived). Statistics highlight the poor educational attainment of children and adults, high crime rates, poor health, high unemployment (twice the Sheffield average) and 80% of residents classed as 'Hard Pressed'. Social mix includes large numbers of isolated elderly people (20% aged 65+), a high proportion of single-parent families and many young people (25% aged under 19). Ethnicity is predominantly White British (92%) and 8% of varied ethnicity.

The area is well served by schools, medical centres, dental surgeries, shopping areas, community resources (nursery, training centre, advice centres etc) and open space (Figure 2). Excellent public transport provided by frequent bus services to all areas and Supertram runs along City Road at Manor Top providing links to Crystal Peaks, Sheffield city centre, Meadowhall and Rotherham.



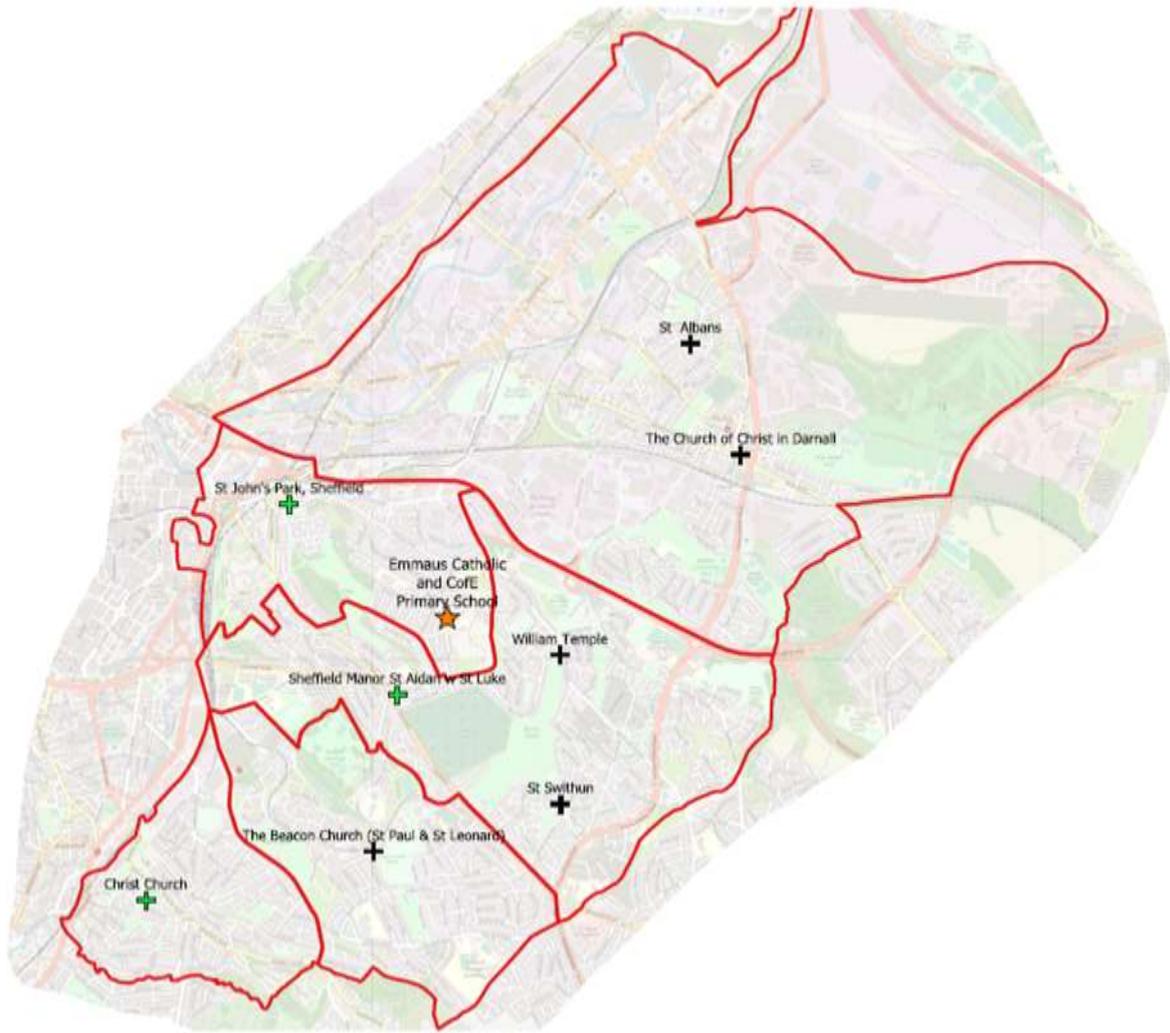
*Figure 2 View across Manor Fields*

The area to the east of the parish including Granville Road, City Road and the area bordering on Norfolk Park, has a different social demographic. This residential area comprises more privately owned properties and its proximity to the city centre attracts more professional and semi-professional people and young families as well as retired homeowners plus student accommodation, as Hallam University is a short distance away in the city. This part of our parish is also home to two highly respected centres of education - the Sheffield College City Campus and All Saints Catholic High School.

This area provides a great opportunity for church growth, as the main focus of our missional attention has centred on the larger, more socially deprived part of the parish. We need the help and guidance of our new Team Rector, to make our presence known more widely to residents of what we refer to as the Norfolk Park area, as we have much to offer in this so far uncharted territory where residents may not even realise they live in our parish!

### **Mission Area Profile – (North Attercliffe Area) includes Arbourthorne & Norfolk Park, Attercliffe & Darnall, Heeley, Manor & Park**

The newly established Mission Area of Arbourthorne & Norfolk Park, Attercliffe & Darnall, Heeley, Manor & Park is a challenging one. It brings together several UPA parishes in some of the poorest (lowest 4% of national deprivation index) but most strategic parts of the city, where opportunities are endless. The Churches' engagement with their local communities is generally high, yet, whilst there is warmth towards the Church, Church membership and Sunday attendance is low (<0.5% of local population). It will be served by Manor Parish Team Rector and two Oversight Ministers, plus 2 Church Army Posts (in Attercliffe).



*Map of the Mission Area and associated Churches*

## **WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH?**

### **Staff:**

Revd Sibylle Batten  
Revd Debora Marschner  
Nicola Smith

Team Rector  
Methodist Minister (Chair of M CCP)  
Parish Support and Development Worker P/T

### **Churchwarden & Verger:**

Sue Williams

### **PCC Secretary**

Vacant

### **PCC Lay Chairs**

Sioned-Mair Richards

### **Parish Treasurer**

Christopher Digman

### **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Adele Nicholls-Lee,

### **Parish Safeguarding Team**

Adele Nicholls-Lee,  
Sue Williams, Revd Sibylle Batten

### **Deanery Synod Reps**

Sue Williams, Christopher Digman

### **Children & Young People's Leaders**

Claire Dalpra & Andrew Wooding

### **Children & Young People's Team**

Sally Ashton, Julie Child-Cavill, Vickie Woodley,  
Emma Okpalaeke, Lilian Tootell.

### **Authorised Worship Leader**

Catherine Fish

### **Maintenance Group**

Sue Williams, Chris Digman, Revd Sibylle Batten

### **Haven@Table Co-ordinator**

Jenny Richardson

### **Electoral Roll Officer**

Catherine Fish

## **Manor People.**

A former Bishop of Sheffield, Rt. Revd. Jack Nicholls was keen that older people are not forgotten by the church: *'The older members of our communities are our crowning glory. We need to value the wisdom and experience of our elders.'* He went on to say, *'They are precious and the church's involvement with them is just as important as our involvement with any other generation.'*

The Manor Estate has a large elderly population, many of whom have lived there all their lives and are now feeling even more lonely and isolated due to the pandemic and, as in other urban and city areas, feel insecure mainly due to perceived high levels of crime and disturbing incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Prior to the pandemic, there was a valuable team of volunteers who were involved in running a weekly older people's Lunch Club at Temple Park Centre. Once a month after lunch, people were invited to attend a short period of worship which was led by Revd Debora Marschner the local Methodist minister, or the Team Rector. Some, of course, do not attend and there is no pressure to do so however, this act of worship is in some ways a *fresh expression of church* because for some, it is the only opportunity for them to attend a worship service. However, the numbers at Lunch Club started to dwindle once news of the building's closure for refurbishment was announced. This vital aspect of ministry will need building again with the joint leadership of Revd Debora Marschner and our new Team Rector, together with our volunteers

Children and young people play a vital part in the life of our churches too (3). We are blessed with a committed team of people who willingly give their time to support this essential part of our mission. Aply led by Claire Dalpra and Andrew Wooding, the team have a range of expertise and produce an imaginative and appealing range of events and activities for our younger members when they attend church and managed to continue this creatively during the pandemic via our weekly online newsletter and distributing activity packs to their homes.

Some team members have undergone training with Godly Play and SHAPE.



*Figure 3 Members of Sunday Club at a Breathe Deep event and the Sunday Club Leaders*

We strive to ensure that our churches provide an inclusive, safe and welcoming environment with a variety of activities and worship to suit all ages, mainly at St Aidan's.

- Sunday Club held weekly.
- Youth Group for secondary school children held twice monthly.
- Ark all-age service held on the first Sunday.
- Toddler Group at St Swithun's held weekly during term time.
- Family Church at St Swithun's held monthly.



*Figure 4 Family Church at St Swithun's Church*

Family Church (Figure 4) attracted local young families and children to spend an hour or so

sharing crafts, activities, songs, prayers and stories, and we hope this and all children's events will soon be restored, once all Covid restrictions are lifted. We recognise that we have lost contact with many of our fringe families over the last year but our Children and Youth Team have committed to building this back up, as part of the Mission Action Plan, but this will take some time and considerable effort and support.

Easter Activity sessions (Figure 5) have been held for children on Good Friday, followed by a Stations of the Cross service involving parents. Christmas Activity sessions are held before the Christingle service, when the children make wonderful decorations for the church, while the adults are busy making over 50 Christingles!



Figure 5 Example of Easter activities

Since 2014, in partnership with the URC and Methodist Church, we have been running the Manor Church and Community Project (MCCP). This is a project working with children and families on the Manor Estate. We run a number of activities at the Temple Park Centre and St Swithun's. The purpose is to provide support and encouragement for local families and children in their faith and life journeys and to build their confidence to engage with church, schools and community. The work is led by the trustees of MCCP, in partnership with the Manor Team.



[The 186th Sheffield \(Manor\) Scout Group](#) was established in April 2016 (Figure 6). It was formed through a partnership approach with the Scout Development Office working with Manor After School Kids' Klub (MASKK), Manor Parish and Manor Assembly to create this new group in Sheffield and bring Scouting to the Manor estate once again.

Figure 6 Manor Scout Group

## **LIFE & WORSHIP**

Life in its fulness that our Lord promises, is outworked in a diverse and inclusive church community so that, together, our journeys bring us closer to the all-accepting and embracing love of Jesus Christ.

### **Inclusive Church**

Since 2012, we have been proud to be officially recognised as one of only six inclusive parishes in the Diocese of Sheffield that celebrate and maintain the traditional inclusivity and diversity of the Anglican Communion. We join together for the annual Sheffield Pride march and help staff the very popular 'Christians at Pride' stall.

We believe that in diversity there is strength and in inclusivity there is growth. We believe in a church which welcomes, affirms and serves all people. We do not discriminate on any level, including education, economic power, gender, gender identity, marital status, mental health, mental or physical ability, race or sexuality. There is a place for everyone here. Whatever their story, wherever their life's journey has taken them.

### **MoSAIC**

The 'Movement of Supporting Anglicans for an Inclusive Church', is a newly formed grass roots movement for inclusive change rooted in the Dioceses of the Church of England One of its major partners is Inclusive Church and it is well supported by the Sheffield Diocese.

### **Sheffield City of Sanctuary**

City of Sanctuary is a movement to build a culture of welcome and hospitality for refugees and asylum-seekers and we have often been contacted as a referral point for a variety of people living in the area.

### **Cry for Hope**

The parish supports and endorses the Cry for Hope and call for decisive action as outlined by Global Kairos for Justice responding to a call from Palestinian Christians.

### **Fairtrade**

The parish is pleased to be officially Fairtrade registered and is striving to promote the ethos of Fairtrade. We encourage people to support organisations such as Traidcraft by purchasing a wide variety of items, including foodstuffs, Christmas cards and Real Easter Eggs. Being a fair-trade church, we are looking to extend principles of justice and sustainability through being mindful of carbon and ecological footprint in our buying and catering.

### **S2 Foodbank**

The [S2 Foodbank](#) is at the hub of the S2 Food Poverty Network, which was established in 2013 to address growing food poverty in two of the most disadvantaged wards in Sheffield, Manor Castle and Arbourthorne wards. Our main Food Bank is run from St Swithun's Church.

### **The S2 Food Poverty Network**

This is a partnership of voluntary, community and faith groups including Manor and Castle Development Trust, St Swithun's Church, Salvation Army, Green Estate, Heeley City Farm and Citizens Advice Sheffield.

### **Churches Together**

Active membership and participation started to diminish some time pre-Covid-19, but we still share good links with Victoria Methodist Church and the local Salvation Army. It is possible that the continuation of the formal Churches Together structure needs to be reviewed.

### **Shoe Box Appeal.**

The parish holds a shoe box appeal every year to collect presents and practical items for children in other countries. In 2020 we collected 44 wrapped shoeboxes for children with special needs in Moldova.

**Other social justice areas.**

Other church members are involved in social justice including, Black Lives Matter, Green Christians, Church Action on Poverty, ECO Church, Kairos Sheffield, LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion.

**Occasional Offices in the parish:**

*Table 1 Number of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals held from 2019-2021*

	2019	2020	2021
Baptisms:	39	9	17
Weddings:	2	0	0
Funerals	10	27	16

**Church members:**

In 2021, there were 97 on the Electoral Roll. The worshipping numbers have obviously been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, however, the numbers of our worshipping community for 2020 may have diminished in the buildings, but have been constant on Zoom, with some new worshippers joining us.

**St Aidan’s Church**

St Aidan’s is a very mixed Anglican congregation with people from a wide range of ages, backgrounds and cultures. We are a welcoming, open and inclusive Christian community, seeking to show to others the same welcome that God, in Christ, has given us centred on the Kingdom theology. Liberal catholic liturgy is used and appreciated on Sundays, with occasional use of creative worship styles, particularly at the monthly reflective Haven service. Worship has been enhanced and made more accessible by the addition of AV screens in recent years (Figure 7) and we soon moved to hosting some of or worship on Zoom. Table 2 summarise the services held.



*Figure 7 Inside the church showing two of the three screens used for the services and events*

Table 2 St Aidan's Church Regular Services.

**Regular Services:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Average Attendance</b>
Sundays at 10.30a.m.	<b>Eucharist.</b> Based on Common Worship . Members of the congregation lead intercessions and do the first reading. Printed service booklet and AV screens used. Organist in attendance. Services resumed in church in June 2021 and the attendance is slowly increasing.	40-50 when in church or 20-30 on Zoom
Sundays at 10.30a.m.	<b>Sunday Club</b> – did not meet during lockdown, now meets in the lounge during the Sunday Eucharist. A generous bequest of Godly Play materials has been greatly appreciated and much used, and several of our Sunday Club Team have undergone training. The children love to report to the congregation on their activities at the end of the service and always shine with the love of Jesus, which brings a smile to us all.	10-20
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9.00a.m.	<b>Eucharist.</b> As main Sunday Eucharist but without hymns or sermon, takes place in the Lady Chapel. Intermittent services during lockdown and only returned to church in July 2021.	5-10
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10.30 a.m.	<b>ARK Service.</b> All-age worship for children and families. We have stories, craft activities, sing songs, make lots of joyful noise and share our faith together. Baptism families are also invited. Services resumed July 4 <sup>th</sup> 2021	30-40 children & adults
Last Thursday in the month at 6.00pm	Haven is a contemplative & reflective service using creative approaches with scripture, symbols, silence, music and a broad variety of liturgy. No services held since the start of the pandemic.	Approx. 6
Wednesdays at 8pm	Night Prayer on Zoom. An extra online act of worship recently included. Liturgy curated by ordained clergy and lay worship leaders, based on Compline.	4-8
8.30am Monday & Wednesday	Morning Prayer – usually just staff attending but all are welcome to attend	
Wednesdays at 10.30am	Holy Communion hasn't occurred since 2019. Due to low attendance in the past, its continuation needs reviewing	2-6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of	Haven@Table – Held in someone's home, a shared meal	6-15

the month with conversation, quiet prayer & reflection centred on a theme. Continued to meet on Zoom throughout the pandemic and re-named Haven@Home!

### St Swithun's Church

An Anglican Church at the heart of the Manor estate where Sunday services being attended mainly by lifelong faithful members who continued to witness to the grace and love of God in their lives. Unfortunately, no services have been held at St Swithun's since the pandemic as the congregation no longer had the capacity to be sustained.

The key worship was a monthly Family Church which is designed for children and includes crafts and food. We also hosted a monthly Eucharist in the Shona language for our Zimbabwean members.

Table 3 below illustrates the worship details from 2019.

*Table 3 Summary of the services at St Swithun's Church before COVID.*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Average Attendance</b>
10.30a.m. First Sunday	<b>Eucharist / Service of the Word.</b> Readings by members of the congregation. Printed service book followed. Due to the increase in age and health issues, the numbers in church dwindled since 2019 and a few members now worship at St Aidan's	5-10
4pm monthly	<b>Family Church</b> – informal worship, crafts and food, with key members of our Children's Team planning and leading it.	20-30 children and adults
2pm monthly	<b>Zimbabwe Shona Eucharist</b> – service for Shona speaking members. Resumed January 2022	30-45

## William Temple Church – (Temple Park Centre)

William Temple is a single congregation Anglican-Methodist LEP, although there is no longer a Sunday worshipping congregation. The building has now become a community hub and known as Temple Park Centre.

The church actively seeks to serve the community through sharing its building with a whole range of community groups. A monthly Act of Worship was a valuable part of the Lunch Club gatherings and usually attended by around 15 people. The Lunch Club was a joint Anglican-Methodist enterprise led by the former Team Rector and local Methodist minister, and will continue once the new Team Rector is appointed.

### Music.

Music has continued to play an important part in our services with contributions from a variety of singers and musicians, covering a wide range of styles, all bringing the community together in worship and celebration.

Members of our Shona congregation often provide us with their uplifting sound of joy on special occasions (Figure 8). Scouts' services and major festivals have meant that young people and their families have joined in familiar and newer songs.



Figure 8 Members of the Shona congregation



Instruments played occasionally at morning services and the monthly afternoon Family Services have included flute, guitar, the church organs at St Aidan's (Figure 9) and St Swithun's, plus a Clavinova electric piano at St Aidan's are still in excellent working condition to be played for main services.

Our Worship Review Group, led by Catherine Fish who also provides fresh worship material weekly, a worship technician (Chris Digman) who facilitates engagement with worship online and Children & Youth Workers team, led by Claire Dalpra and Andrew Wooding, choose appropriate songs for the younger

Figure 9 Organ at St Aidan's Church

worshippers at the monthly All-Age ARK services. Choice of music for the services is responsive to the preferences and diversity within the church and community, and Catherine draws on varied preferences and contributions within the church to facilitate worship through a balanced mix of styles and genres used.

### **Community links**

Members of the clergy and people from our congregations are heavily involved in a wide range of community groups in the parish. The church is a highly respected partner in the local area fora and is strongly involved in supporting local initiatives, many of which are linked with the Manor & Castle Development Trust (MCDT). The Parish, in partnership with other community groups, runs the S2 Foodbank based at St Swithun's Church, with its partner site at the Salvation Army.

### **Schools**

We recognise schools as being a major part of our parish ministry and there is an urgent need for this to begin again, as the relationship with local schools and staff has always been excellent. Regular school assemblies have been held with KS1 and KS2 children in Pipworth School, Prince Edward School and have restarted with Manor Lodge School via the Sunday Club team. In turn, Pipworth and Prince Edward children also visit St Swithun's and Manor Lodge visits St Aidan's as part of the RE curriculum and as a part of their Harvest and Christmas celebrations. The Parish has been well represented on the Boards of Governors.

### **Links with the wider community.**

There are a number of people in our congregations with links to the church in different parts of the world, especially Zimbabwe and Nigeria. We are also a Fairtrade parish. We give money to charitable appeals for international work, particularly Christian Aid and we regularly pray for people and situations abroad.

We also have a well-established link with the [Cathedral Archer Project](#) a well-known project based at Sheffield Cathedral working with homeless people. The parish gives regularly and generously to this organisation, especially at Harvest.

A variety of groups, as well as private individuals and commercial concerns, share our buildings through lettings, room hire and shared work including:

- H T's School of Dance
- Best Start Toddlers Group
- Emmanuel Christian Fellowship
- Heeley City Farm
- Zimbabwe Shona Community Service
- Seventh Day Adventists
- Manor Community Transport
- Zimbabwe Mothers' Union
- Manor Tenants & Residents Association
- Zimbabwe Anglican Youth Group
- Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Manor & Castle Development Trust
- Local schools
- Pinder Dance Productions

- Manor Community Childcare
- MASKK (Manor After-School Kids Klub)
- S2 Foodbank
- Southey Musical Theatre Company
- Chairobics Group for over-50s
- 186th Sheffield (Manor) Scout Group
- Labour Party - Manor Castle Branch
- Manor Lodge Community Primary School
- Sheffield Music School
- Nigerian Edo Community

Some are regular user groups, hiring space for meetings, conferences, social activities on a weekly basis, while others will hire space for an occasional event. There is great potential for developing the room hire and lettings at all three churches which have attractive, flexible meeting spaces available, as this provides a much-needed regular source of funding.

### **Learning Together:**

A variety of events and courses have developed and flourished in recent years including:

- **Sunday Talk Time** – Held quarterly at St Aidan’s after the Eucharist. Attracting around 20/30 people, including children each session. We have explored themes such as ‘Jubilee’, ‘Sharing our Faith through Hymns and Songs’ and ‘Exploring our Gifts and how we use them in God’s service’.
- **Advent & Lent Groups** - Two different themes used and curated in partnership with Churches Together and St Mark’s, Broomhill & Broomhall, in order to appeal to a variety of participants. All sessions are well attended and appreciated.
- **SHAPE Course** - Run periodically by the Diocese to help people discern their gifts for God’s service. The sessions involve looking at: **S**piritual Gifts, **H**eart’s Desire, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, **E**xperience for God’s Service.
- **Baptism Classes** - Held monthly, led by a member of clergy and Sunday Club Leaders.
- **Bible Study** - Usually held in the Vicarage, the monthly Bible Study group for adults exploring the Sunday lectionary readings has continued to grow and support people in their understanding of the Bible.
- **Confirmation training** - Held annually. Led by clergy and lay workers

### **Regular events :**

Parish people like to celebrate God’s gifts, each other’s friendship and share food at every opportunity! We have an ethos of ‘Prayer & Party’ which enables us to do this through fundraising and social events or to celebrate special times in the church’s calendar .

There has been a large number of very well attended events at the churches, ranging from fund-raising Fairs, Race Nights, Quiz Nights, Parish Picnic in the Park, our Christingle and

Crib Services, Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday, Easter Breakfast, Harvest Lunch, Patronal festivals, congregational meetings & lunches or even just someone's 'special birthday' can be a good reason to share fun, food and friendship. We



can't wait to resume these and similar events once it is safe to do so.



Figure 10 Photos of some of the events held in the Parish.



## OUR BUILDINGS

### **St Aidan's Church Centre, 2 Manor Lane, Sheffield, S2 1UF**

The church of St. Aidan w St Luke is a large; Grade II listed building on the corner of Manor Lane and City Road (Figure 11 and Figure 12). Established in 1912, the current building was constructed in 1932 with major refurbishment and redevelopment in 2000 thanks to funding from the Millennium Commission, Yorkshire Forward and major European sources. There is even a Millennium Time Capsule buried in one of the garden walls to mark the occasion!





*Figure 11 St Aidan's Church*

*Figure 12 St Aidan's Church from the Vicarage*

The large stained-glass window in the South Transept, depicts the Northern Saints and is of special historical interest as it is a Listed War Memorial dedicated in 1957 and given in memory of two young airmen killed in Bomber Command operations in World War II. The family were regular members of the church, and the brothers were former members of the choir.



*Figure 13 Internal view of St Aidan's Church(left the altar and Sanctuary and right the hall and church with partition wall opened).*

Having good access for people with disabilities to the ground floor, St Aidan's is a multi-purpose church centre, providing the community with a variety of areas for meetings and social activities (Figure 13). An acoustic partition wall separates the worship area from a spacious hall. There is a large meeting area available upstairs plus lounge/meeting space and well-equipped kitchen downstairs. The spacious cloister area can also accommodate tables for individual or small group work.

The building and its facilities are well-used by a wide range of community groups and it is seen as an inclusive, welcoming, safe space for people of all ages.

### **St Swithun's Church, Cary Road, Sheffield, S2 1JP**

The original St Swithun's Church was consecrated on the June 4<sup>th</sup> 1929 and has a special place in the hearts and memories of many people on the Manor Estate and beyond. The old building was demolished due to mining subsidence in 1978 and the congregation continued to meet in various places until the new Church was finally opened in 1990.

This is a multi-purpose, single-storey church centre (Figure 14), with a partition wall dividing the worship area from the large hall. There is a spacious Welcome Area and a well-equipped kitchen. Having full access for people with disabilities, St Swithun's is used by a variety of community partners and user groups of all ages. We have shared a happy and flourishing partnership for many years with our sisters and brothers of the Seventh Day Adventists,



who use the building as a centre for their worship and they help care for the building.

*Figure 14 Entrance to St Swithun's Church (top) and inside (bottom)*

It also serves as the base of the S2 Foodbank, which in 2020, helped feed 11,265 people, and that is only in the S2 and S12 areas. The COVID -19 pandemic has threatened the safety and financial security of millions of people nationally and it is proven locally by the S2 Foodbank's statistics which can be found on the [Food Bank](#) website.

### **William Temple Church (Temple Park Centre), 197 Harborough Avenue, Sheffield, S2 1QT**

William Temple Church was built in 1957 and has been an important community facility in the Manor Park area for over 60 years. It is the only church building on Manor Park estate and is in an important strategic position given the low levels of car ownership, and a highly territorial sense of belonging.

This is a dual-purpose building which has recently been redeveloped and is leased to the Manor Church and Community Project and now known as Temple Park Centre (Figure 15). It has a large hall with stage, 3 meeting rooms, playroom, reception area and well-equipped kitchen. As with the other buildings, it has full access for people with disabilities and is hired by various community groups throughout the week such as Pinder Dance Productions and a weekly Lunch Club for older people. Manor After School Kids Klub (MASKK) now uses the building as their base. More details can be found here: <https://templeparkcentre.org/>



Figure 15 Temple Park Centre

### **Other places of worship in the parish:**

Within the Parish there are four other places of worship:

- Victoria Methodist Church, Stafford Road
- Salvation Army, Duke Street
- St Theresa's RC Church, Prince of Wales Road
- Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, City Road

### **Description of the Vicarage :**

St Aidan's Vicarage, 4 Manor Lane, is a large, attractive Victorian detached house next to the church and is in good order. The views overlooking the city and out towards the moors are spectacular. The ground floor has double-fronted bay windows with large lounge and study, kitchen with utility room and pantry, large dining/living room, separate cloakroom/toilet and has a cellar. It has five first floor bedrooms with well-appointed bathroom, shower room, and toilet. The house is quiet and secluded, being surrounded by a high stone wall with a lawned garden at front. It has secure off-street parking and large garage. There are excellent bus links with the city or local amenities at Manor Top and the Supertram stop is within a short walking distance.



Figure 16 Images of the vicarage, front of house from the garden (top) and the white fronted house (bottom)

If, after reading this document, you would like to know more, then you are most welcome to make informal enquiries to:

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