

Sheffield Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul

There has been a Christian connection with this site for over 1000 years, although it was only granted Cathedral status in 1914. Over these years, there has been an unbroken witness to our faith through worship, prayer, and witness.

While in Sheffield, there have been major changes, some improvements were welcomed while others in hindsight are seen as regrettable. The Cathedral has embraced change and probably along the way made mistakes but is still a presence, a sacred place of worship, prayer, and witness.



Whatever their architectural style, our churches and Cathedrals can give us a reference point. The hymn 'Through all the changing scenes of life' comes to mind. They can and do draw us to praise, 'the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ'.

Church Exterior and Nave

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St Peter and St Paul.

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I love to enter a Cathedral either to song or to be swamped with the cascading light from the stained-glass windows and occasionally from the Lantern lights, preferably both. Sheffield is one such Cathedral. Imagine sitting with the light from the lantern shining down and the voices of the choir engulfing you.

Commenting on Amber Hiscott's glass work, Simon Jenkins called the result as 'enjoyably chaotic'. (Simon Jenkins England's Cathedrals page 241) It certainly is!



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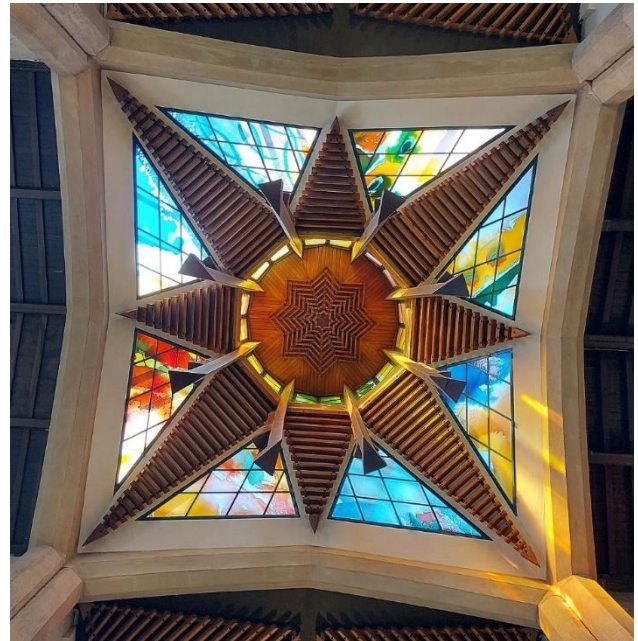
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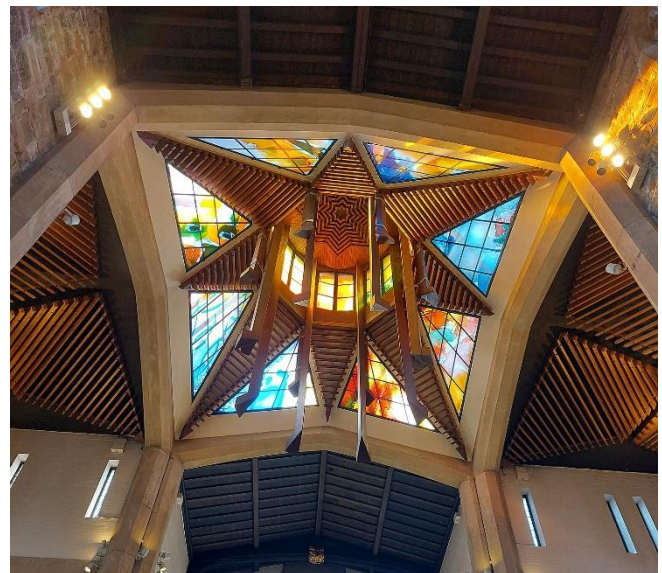
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Time of Reflective Prayer

Pause and Reflect

**Slow down, breath calmly,
Slowly breathing in and out and relax.
Lay on one side those things that
unsettle your senses
and rest in the presence of God.**

A prayer for the people of Sheffield and those who work, worship and visit its cathedral.

*Loving God, draw us on the journey
to the places of holiness, the places of peace,
the places of encounter, the places of beauty,
the places where faith has been lived, your love made known,
your hope held out in the past, for the present, into your future. Amen*

Chet Valley Churches sing All hail the Power of Jesus' Name.

 **YouTube** https://youtu.be/hmtxrFgrEA?si=km2SsU_QVu1Vnfh7

Collect for the third week of Epiphany

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Words from Psalm 128

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord,

- and walk in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands;

- it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine;

- your children round your table, like fresh olive branches.

Thus shall the one be blest

- who fears the Lord.

The Lord from out of Zion bless you,

- that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.

May you see your children's children,

- and may there be peace upon Israel.

Pause and reflection on the words from the Psalm 128, slowly read them again.

Prayer reflecting on the words of Psalm 128
Lord our God, supreme over all things,
Look upon the humble and lowly
and put a new strength in our souls
to complete your purposes for us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our prayers we welcome those who are searching for faith.

Let us draw into our circle of prayer our:

Family and Friends
Local church and its leaders
wider community

widening our circle to include:

those in government and positions of authority
those who are oppressed, those who are hungry and homeless
those who are ill, those facing death
Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

When asked about how to pray Jesus gave these simple but profound words, so let them be our prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen

Closing Prayer

Adapted from Bury Mission Community Prayer (Diocese of Manchester)

Loving God,
Jesus called his disciples to seek your kingdom and follow him.
You summon us to share work of our Pilgrim Community
Open our hearts to hear his invitation to be his disciples in this generation.
Grant us courage.
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit.
Give us compassion, wisdom and resilience.
Pour on us your endless grace that we may flourish, and our parishes grow in faith and
love, service and compassion,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

+ In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We end with John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers 'For the beauty of the earth'

<https://youtu.be/1bDoMfIYErE?si=IpDC9YhxmyASLa7q&t=8>



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Opening prayer from the Association of English Cathedrals

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Prayer on Psalm 128 (Reflecting on the Psalms CHP)

