



February 2026 Brigade News

Important Changes to our Rules.

Please note!

We have been informed that as part of the Brigade's revised Safeguarding rules, the following has to be implemented. It is something that we have insisted upon for a very long time but we now have to follow this new rule.

11.3. Children and young people must not be left to find their own way home. They must be collected by their parent, guardian or another designated responsible adult. For senior corps members, there should be a risk-based approach, whereby with parental consent members can make their own way to and from a Brigade meeting place.

We are implementing this change with immediate effect. If this causes you any problems, please speak to Sue asap. We do not want this to cause any members not to attend Brigade

See the back page for dates and times.

Manchester Regimental Camp.

Regimental Camp is open to all members 10 years old or over before September 2026. See inside for details.

Spring Half-Term closing.

We will close for Half Term on Friday 13th February and return to Brigade on **Wednesday 25th & Friday 27th February 2026**

Bonus Ball Club update.

You have to be in it to win it!

Winners of our £20 weekly draw.

25-Oct-25	55	Alison McDonnell
01-Nov-25	29	Sarah Fitton
08-Nov-25	44	Ernie Holt
15-Nov-25	25	Peter Corbishley
22-Nov-25	35	No Winner
29-Nov-25	46	Anita Scanlan
06-Dec-25	40	R Bramah
13-Dec-25	59	Matthew Robinson
20-Dec-25	47	No Winner
27-Dec-25	21	Emma Millington &
27-Dec-25	21	Lisa Haynes
03-Jan-26	4	Gillian Robinson
10-Jan-26	9	Kath Hartley
17-Jan-26	4	Gillian Robinson
24-Jan-26	29	Sarah Fitton
31-Jan-26	11	Georgia Fox
31-Jan-26	11	Jean Chadwick
07-Feb-26	40	R Bramah
14-Feb-26	14	Jean Chadwick
14-Feb-26	14	Denise Fitton

Our Christmas £100 Bonus Prize was drawn on Wednesday 24th December 2025 and was won by No. 49 Dorothy Gibbons

Our Easter Bonus draw for £100 will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April 2026.

We are very grateful for everyone's support.

If you wish to join and support Brigade financially then see John Corbishley for an application form. We have a few spare numbers.

Band Notes

Our Band members had a busy time up to Christmas and we are grateful to them all for their efforts and support. Those included some great performances with our friends from All Saints Heaton Norris for the **Royal British Legion "Festival of Remembrance"** and the **Regimental Carol Service**, plus our own **Carol Service and Carol singing round the parish** when we raised £505.50 for Martin House. A magnificent effort from band, collectors and singers.

Band practices - It has been great to welcome some of our learners to our Friday night Band Practice, To Alice and Fearn on drum, Lucy and Freya on Glock and Zachary on Cornet. We are also pleased to have been joined by Revd. Cait and Bethany Blythe on Clarinet We are always open for new members at any time, so just ask John if you want to start learning to play. We have plenty of instruments of all shapes and sizes if you want to join us, **Lessons are free.**

Friday Night practices.

Junior Band in the lower hall

From 6:15pm and joining the seniors until 7:30pm upstairs

Senior Band practice in the Upper Hall from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

We will continue to play in Church for our Parade services on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Presentation service

On Sunday 8th March in Church, we will be presenting all our members with their Badges and awards. We ask parents and members to join us in uniform or polo shirts for this important time when we recognise the achievements of our members and show the wider congregation what we have been doing.

Please note: Our new badges are all "iron on". Please do not iron them onto uniforms or Polo shirts. We have a brassard for everyone to fix your badges onto which can then be worn on your arm with your uniform or polo shirt. That way you get to keep your badges when you grow out of your uniform and return it for a bigger size!

Thank you's

From the Booth Centre in Manchester for all your donations of warm clothing, chocolates and biscuits you brought to the St Nicholas Service:

To the band and guests for playing so well at the Carol Service in Church and around the streets of Heyside on the Monday before Christmas. Our 4 fantastic collectors (plus Father Christmas and his Elf), together with our wonderful singers collected a magnificent:

£505.50 for Martin House children's hospice.

Leader Training Day.

All leaders, helpers and senior members are welcome to join the Manchester Regimental Training day, here at St Marks on Saturday 7th March 2026 starting at 9:30am. The courses on offer are a certified First Aid Course (we need to have a First Aider at EVERY meeting), Basic Leadership, Instructing Drill and a Sports and games workshop. All courses are FREE.

Welcome to our new members:

In the Martins:

Max Tetlow.

We hope enjoy your time in Brigade

Sunday school: meet on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month in the upper hall at 09:15am

Support our Church.

Quiz night

Saturday 29th February at 7pm.

Beetle Drive

Saturday 28th March 2026 at 7pm

Grand Race Night

Saturday 25th April 2026 at 7pm.

We are still collecting food for the Oldham Foodbank

Dates for your Diaries

February

- 25th Back to Brigade
28th Church Quiz Night at 7pm in the Church Hall

March

- 7th Regimental Training Day.
8th **Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:15am.
Badge and award presentations at this service for all members.**
27th Brigade closes for Easter
28th Beetle Drive at 7pm in the Church Hall
29th Palm Sunday – Band playing for Procession

April

- 3rd Good Friday
5th **Easter Sunday**
15th Back to Brigade
28th Grand Race Night at 7pm in the Church Hall

May

- 4th Bank Holiday
10th **Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:15am.**
22nd Brigade closes for Half Term
25th Bank Holiday – Manchester and Salford Whit Walks.

June

- 3rd Back to Brigade
14th Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:15am.

July

- 12th Parade Sunday, Service in Church at 09:15am.
17th Brigade closes for Summer
26th – 31st **Manchester Regimental Camp at Aberfoyle in Scotland.**

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See our pages on the Church website at :

<https://stmarksheyside.org.uk/>

Contact us on: johncorbishley@btinternet.com

In aid of our Church
Building fund!

QUIZ NIGHT

Teams of up to 6

Adults & Children.

£2 Adults & 50p Children.

Saturday

28th February 2026

General Knowledge, Trivia, Music,

Geography and much more!

Children's rounds and table quizzes

St Mark's Church Hall

Doors open at 7pm, Quiz starts at 7:30pm

Bring your own drinks.

Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade

**The Manchester
Regimental Camp**



Adventure Week

25th July 2026 - 31st July 2026

Anyone from St Marks who is 10 or over can apply to go to Camp. We subsidize the camp for St Marks members - it will cost you £250. This covers transport from Manchester, accommodation in chalets, all food and activities for the 6 days and evenings.



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ST MARK'S CHURCH



WHAT'S ON IN LENT!

Ash Wednesday service

18th April 2026 at St Thomas Moorside at 7pm

Lent course - Compassionate People.

Tuesdays at 7pm at St Thomas Moorside

24th February, 3rd March, 10th March,

17th March & 24th March 2026

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 29th March 2026 in Church at 9:15am

Meet outside the Lower Hall for the blessing of Palms.

Monday - Evening Prayer in St Marks at 7pm.

Tuesday - Stations of the Cross in St Mark's at 7pm

Wednesday - Evening Prayer in St Marks at 7pm.

Maundy Thursday - Eucharist at St Mark's at 7pm
followed by Stripping the Altar and Vigil until 10pm.

Good Friday - Service at St Mark's at 9:15am

Easter Sunday Eucharist

9:15am on Sunday 5th April 2026

Contact us on: www.stmarksheyside.org.uk

All age, family fun.

Beetle Drive

Come and have a evening of frantic fun, meet new and old friends and win prizes.

If you don't know what a Beetle Drive is, you've never lived!

Pay on the door.

Adults £2

Children £1

Bring your own drinks!



Saturday

28th March 2026

Starting at 7pm

**St Mark's Heyside
Church Hall**

Grand Race Night

Saturday 25th April 2026

Doors open at 7pm

First Race at 7:30pm

Adults £2 Children £1

Children under 16 must be accompanied by their parents.

Maximum stake is £1 per horse per race,

Its just for fun!

Proceeds towards the St Mark's Heyside Building Fund.



If you've ever wanted to ride in the Derby, own your own racehorse or just have a flutter on a horse and jockey combination that takes your fancy?



Now's your chance to do all of that in one evening. Join us for an evening of fun for all ages.

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