

## **COP 26: Young Christian Climate Network Walkers pass through Hallam Diocese**

### **COP 26: YCCN Walkers in Chesterfield**

Members of church and community climate action groups greeted the walkers and accompanied them on their way into the town centre, where they were welcomed by the mayor and mayoress as well the MP, the Environmental Lead from the Council and climate activists.

The walkers stayed overnight in Chesterfield with hospitality provided by the URC Church community.

On Sunday morning the group then passed through Dronfield and made their way to Sheffield. The welcome event was facilitated by the COP 26 group from Chesterfield Climate Action Network, with members from both faith and secular groups. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

*Anne Peacey*

### **COP 26: YCCN Walkers in Sheffield**

It was very moving watching the walkers stride in through St. Mary's gates yesterday afternoon on their long journey to the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. A few of us from our church walked down to join the welcome after a Creation liturgy in our church garden.

Bishop Ralph and other faith leaders weren't called on to speak, just the Anglican Bishop Pete, but later at the Cathedral all the faith leaders and any politicians present were invited to a room apart to speak with Rachel about the pilgrimage and discuss possible actions. The evening ended with the most glorious Taize singing.

A creditable number of parishioners from local parishes joined the walk today. It was a really good experience, very companionable and ecumenical.

*Columba Timmins*