

Welcome to St Andrew's Church

**10th March 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**



Welcome

It's lovely to have you worshipping with us today, if you are new, we would love to welcome you, please do introduce yourself to one of our welcomers on the door. If you need any help or information, they will be happy to assist.

We welcome all comers whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, race or sexuality. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith.

To find out more about what's on at St Andrew's please see our website and Facebook pages;

<https://standrewseg.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchEasternGreen/>

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

One in Christ

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

NRSVA (New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:33-35

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal
life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Easter Raffle

Tickets are now available for the Easter raffle which will be drawn on Easter Sunday. £1 a go. Tickets are available at the back of church.

Mission Hub

We are delighted that Rev David Hammond our Area Dean will be coming to speak to us on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm about our local Mission Hub and how they can help us as we work together to grow our church. Following on from a year of reflecting on mission and starting new things and learning more this will be a great chance to come together and think about how to take things forward. All are welcome. Please can you let Julie know if you are coming so we can get an idea of numbers.

Time of Prayer

The Prayer Team will be holding a time of Prayer on the second Wednesday of each month with the next time for prayer being Wednesday 13th February at 11am. This time will be to hold in prayer the various conflicts between nations, those people affected by such conflicts, and those who are oppressed in any way together with those affected by natural disasters. We will also be holding in prayer the Church and its ministry, and members of our Church and Parish thinking of those people who are suffering in body, mind or spirit both known and unknown to us. It is hoped that members of our Church will join us for this much needed time of prayer.

Baptisms and Confirmations

Calling all adults and older children! There will be an opportunity to get baptised this Easter or to renew your baptismal vows. If you have been baptised or christened but would like to renew those promises for yourself, or if you have never been baptised and would like to find about what this involves, do come and chat to Rev Jo. If you haven't been confirmed and would like to find out more about that do chat to me. Every Easter the bishop holds a confirmation service in the cathedral, open to anyone in Coventry churches who haven't been confirmed. To find out more speak to Jo.

Maundy Thursday Supper

We will be holding a simple soup supper on Maundy Thursday before the service as part of Holy week. If you could make a soup or bring some rolls please can you let Julie or Jo know.

Welcome and Hospitality

We are hoping to provide an opportunity once a month to offer a welcome and hospitality to members of our congregation and the community, perhaps in the form of a coffee morning or something similar. Please could you think about the possibility of offering help as a volunteer and speak to Lynnette (02476 467097) about what's involved.

Sunday Teas and Coffees

We are looking to recruit more people to help with serving teas and coffees after the Sunday service. This is a great way to get to know others and help us build our church community, to find out more chat to one of the wardens or to Jo.

Tots Time

Tots time is our new Tots group for babies toddlers and their carers. Running twice a month on Thursdays. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am. The next date will on 21st March.

Prayer Book

There is a book placed at the back of the church in memory of Lesley Lee, in which you are invited to enter the name of someone for whom you would like to be held in prayer. Please feel free to make an entry in the book knowing those named will be held in prayer by the Prayer Group.

Books and Jigsaws

To raise money for the church, there is a selection books and jigsaws in the side room, suggested donation £1 per book and £2 per jigsaw. Please take as many as you would like and leave your donation in the wall box or with the vicar or one of the churchwardens.

Volunteering and Safeguarding

All church volunteers, whether paid or unpaid, will need to be safely recruited and possibly also require a basic/enhanced DBS check. If you have any questions about safeguarding and volunteering, please speak to Julia McNaney on 07872 614688 or Rev Jo.

Donations

Should you wish to give online to support the work of the church, the link below or the QR code will take you directly to the page. It is a secure way of supporting the churches ministry. Thank you for your ongoing support. Nick Tooby.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/eef64318-0a22-4db7-8d81-0ab3ccddf15d>



Diary Dates	Time	Event
Sun 10 th March	10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon 11 th March	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Alpha Course – week 7
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 12 th March	11.00am	Bereavement Group meet in church
Weds 13 th March	10.00am	Wednesday Communion

Please send notices for next week to Julie by Thursday, email administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk or call 07756 918847