

# Welcome to St Andrew's

14<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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.

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/>

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **First Reading: Revelation 5:1-10**

### **The Scroll and the Lamb**

**5** Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; **2** and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' **3** And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. **4** And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. **5** Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

**6** Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **7** He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. **8** When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; **10** you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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## **Gospel Reading: John 1:43-end**

### **Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael**

**43** The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' **46** Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' **47** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' **48** Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' **49** Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi,

you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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## **Notices**

### **Questions of faith?**

Why not join us for Alpha? Alpha is a short course where each week we discuss aspects of the Christian faith. It's a chance to ask all the questions you never quite dared to, in a relaxed friendly environment. We start with a light supper, then there will be a short talk and a time of discussion. We will start on Monday 29th January at 6pm 'till 7.30pm and run for 8 weeks up until Easter. Why not come along and try a session to see if it's for you? To find out more and speak to Rev Jo on 07588 576351.

### **Can you help?**

To run a course like Alpha we will need the support of the whole church. Could you sign up to bring or make food for a week? It could be something simple like soup or a roll and we can reimburse you. Could you help with running the evening maybe welcoming people, serving food or helping with the discussion group? Could you pray for us or invite a friend and come with them? There is a sign-up sheet for all who can help at the back of church, please let us know what you can do. Thank you!

### **Monday Morning Zoom Prayer**

All are welcome to join us every Monday of term time on zoom for morning prayer at 9.30am. We meet for 15 minutes spend some time reflection on scripture and then prayer for the work of the church that week, plus any personal requests we may have received. If you've not been before why not join us? You are welcome to pray silently.

Follow this link for the meeting each week:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83313483900?pwd=VmQ5UDBTaIpWaTVVODBCakZ4a3NQZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 1348 3900 Passcode: 090705

### **Tots Time**

Tots time is our new Tots group for babies toddlers and their carers. The next dates are: 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am.

## Time to Pray 2024

As we start the new year, we invite you to join us to pray together for our mission and witness for 2024. The first Saturday in the month will be a time to come together to pray and to listen to God as we think about what God is calling us to be and do as a church, within our parish and also beyond to the new estate. We will meet in church at 9.30am on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be coffee and pastries available after the time of prayer. Sue Masters, [susanmasters@skycom](mailto:susanmasters@skycom)

## Jigsaws and Books

If you have any unwanted good quality books and jigsaws, including children's, please consider donating them to our next craft and hobby fair to raise funds for the church. Please contact Julie on 07756 918847 or [administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk](mailto:administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk) or Rebecca Martin in church if you have any to donate. Thank you.

## 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 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Wednesday Communion
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10.00am	Holy Communion

*Please send notices for next week to Julie by Thursday, email [administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk](mailto:administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk) or call 07756 918847*