

Welcome to St Andrew's

25th February 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 Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The Sign of the Covenant

¹⁷ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-end

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous

and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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Notices

Craft and Hobby Fair

Our Craft and Hobby Fair will take place this Saturday 24th February from 1.30pm - 4.30pm at Eastern Green Village Hall. Do come along and see what the lovely stalls are selling. There will be a raffle, chocolate tombola, refreshments and some lovely homemade cakes. Free entry!

Guttering and Downpipe

Thanks to Steve Martin for clearing the gutters and down pipes attached to the side room.

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.

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.

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.

Tots Time

Tots time is our new Tots group for babies toddlers and their carers. The next dates are: 7th and 21st March. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am.

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
Sat 24 th Feb	1.30 – 4.30pm	Craft & Hobby Fair at Eastern Green Village Hall
Sun 25 th Feb	10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon 26 th Feb	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Alpha Course – week 5
Tues 27 th Feb	11.00am	Bereavement Group meeting
	6.00pm	Baptism Preparation
Weds 28 th Feb	10.00am	Wednesday Communion
Sat 2 nd March	9.30am	Time to Pray

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