

# **Welcome to St Andrew's Church**

**3rd March 2024**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**



## **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**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

### The Ten Commandments

<sup>20</sup> God spoke, and these were his words: <sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves.

<sup>3</sup> “Worship no god but me.

<sup>4</sup> “Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the LORD your God and I tolerate no rivals. I bring punishment on those who hate me and on their descendants down to the third and fourth generation. <sup>6</sup> But I show my love to thousands of generations<sup>[a]</sup> of those who love me and obey my laws.

<sup>7</sup> “Do not use my name for evil purposes, for I, the LORD your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name.

<sup>8</sup> “Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> You have six days in which to do your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me. On that day no one is to work—neither you, your children, your slaves, your animals, nor the foreigners who live in your country. <sup>11</sup> In six days I, the LORD, made the earth, the sky, the seas, and everything in them, but on the seventh day I rested. That is why I, the LORD, blessed the Sabbath and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “Do not commit murder.

<sup>14</sup> “Do not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “Do not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “Do not accuse anyone falsely.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not desire another man's house; do not desire his wife, his slaves, his cattle, his donkeys, or anything else that he owns.”

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## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

### The Temptation of Jesus

**4** Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. **2** After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. **3** Then the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."

**4** But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'"

**5** Then the Devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, **6** and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says,

'God will give orders to his angels about you;  
they will hold you up with their hands,  
so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'"

**7** Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

**8** Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. **9** "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

**10** Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

**11** Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him.

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## **Post Communion**

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Notices**

In worship for everyone this week we will be thinking about Lent. Come and reflect with us as we prepare together for Easter.

### **Thank You**

The craft and hobby fair was a great success last Saturday, raising over £800 for church funds. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help out, from baking cakes to setting up stalls, this event certainly wouldn't run as smoothly without you! Also, thank you to those who came along to browse the stalls and enjoy some of the lovely homemade cakes and refreshments. Save the date: our next craft fair will be on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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. The next few dates are: 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am.

## **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.

## **Time to Pray**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be coffee and pastries available after the time of prayer. Sue Masters, [susanmasters@skycom](mailto:susanmasters@skycom)

## **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.

## **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 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.30am	Time to Pray
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.00am	Worship 4 Everyone
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Alpha Course – week 6
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	Wednesday Communion
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am	Tots Time

*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*