

Welcome to St Andrew's

23rd January 2022



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/>

Collect for this week – The Third Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Post communion prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

8 ¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up.

⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

¹⁰ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

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Notices:

Volunteers Needed

Would you be able to help on a tea and coffee rota for after the 10am Sunday service? I am looking for a small group of people who are happy to help serve in this way so we can restart our post service refreshments on a regular basis. If you are able to help please let me know. Thanks Jo

Building our Faith

Our Wednesday evening bible study and fellowship takes place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us. The zoom access codes are: 812 4505 0020, Password: 295068. If you have not joined us before you are very welcome. If you have any questions, please contact me. Sue Masters, Tel: 07958 322026, Email: susanmasters@sky.com

Prayer

We have a long history of faithful prayer for the parish. I would love to continue this by starting a zoom prayer meeting for 15-20 minutes at 9.30 on a Monday morning. This will be a chance to pray for the work of the parish, and any particular requests for that week. Join our zoom meeting by following the link below. Everyone is welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84388383006?pwd=MkQzWG5QcFJ4YmVwWC9SdjMzaUNEZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 8838 3006 and Passcode: 589037

If you have prayer requests, we are happy to pray for you. We can offer a confidential prayer chain or prayer as part of the weekly zoom meeting, please get in touch. Email Jo on revjoannajoyce@outlook.com ring/text 07588 576351 or contact us through our Facebook page.

Finally, the prayer diary! We would love your feedback; do you use it? Do you find it helpful? What would you like to see? Get in touch and let us know, contact Jo (details above).

Thank you and do keep praying for our church and our community!

Children's Church

We are going to be restarting Children's Church from next month and looking to gather a team to run the sessions. You don't have to have any experience and we have materials to assist us so there are lots of ideas we can follow. How we include our children, young people and their families in our Sunday services is a crucial part of our work as a church, so do please prayerfully consider if you help us. Contact Becky rebecca.crowe@ourfaith.online 07875 552518 or Jo on 07588 576351 or revjoannajoyce@outlook.com for more information. Thanks!

Thank You

Nick, Diane and Helen would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and messages they have received following the passing of our mum, it has really been appreciated. The service to celebrate her life is on Wednesday 2nd February in St Andrews Church. As we still have restrictions on the number of people the church can accommodate due to COVID, I'm afraid attendance at the service will be by **invitation only**. I'm aware there are people from church who would like to attend and I'm sorry we can't invite everyone. We are having family flowers only. People will have the opportunity to make donations, the proceeds from which will be divided between St Andrews church and Wolvey church, where mum attended after leaving Eastern Green. Donations can be made via the attached link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/947a106a-2863-4cfd-b474-6099d9146b69> or via the Funeral Directors <https://margarettooby.muchloved.com/>

Please send notices for next week to Julie by Wednesday, email administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk