

Welcome to St Andrew's

24th April 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 Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Acts 5.27-32

²⁷ The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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Notices:

Easter Raffle

A big thank you to all those who donated Easter Eggs and / or purchased Raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle. We managed to raise £166 for church funds.

Children Society Boxes

It's that time of year for the collection boxes to be emptied. Please, if possible, leave them in church. If you need them collecting, please contact me and I'll collect them in early May. If you would like a collection box, please let me know. Thank you, Nick Tooby, 07951 925772.

Electoral Roll

We will be revising the electoral roll over the next couple of weeks. Please see the notice at the back of church for further information, where the present roll can also be viewed. If you would like to be added or removed from the roll, please contact the Electoral Roll officer, Lesley Harrison or email administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk Thank you.

Electoral Roll Officer

We are looking for a new electoral roll officer to take over from Lesley Harrison after the APCM in May. The job isn't arduous it, involves keeping the roll updated and reviewing ahead of the APCM each year. If this is something you could help with, please do speak to Nick or Jo to find out more.

Bereavement Group

Our group for the recently bereaved has restarted. We meet on Tuesday Mornings in Church for tea, biscuits and chat on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 11am. If you have been bereaved over the last 3 years and would find a small friendly group helpful then do come along. If you would like more information speak to Lynnette on 024 7646 7097 or 07890 048210.

Donations

We have several people who continue to use the online giving page to make donations and give weekly to the work of the church. The link below 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://givedalittle.co/campaigns/eef64318-0a22-4db7-8d81-0ab3ccddf15d>

Diary Dates April - May

Date	Time	Event
Sun 24 th	10.00am	Sunday Communion
	3.30pm	St Andy's service at St Oswald's
Mon 25 th	7.30pm	PCC meeting in church
Tues 26 th	11.00am	Bereavement Group
Weds 27 th	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Weds 27 th	7.30pm	Building our Faith on zoom
Sun 1 st May	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.00am	Worship 4 All
	3.30pm	St Andy's service at St Oswald's

***Please send notices for next week to Julie by Wednesday, email
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