

February 2021

St Andrew's Church Bulletin

**From the Parish Registers
Funerals**

Marilyn Starr

Mary Daubney

What an emotional time it has been this week as we have officially said goodbye to Greg, Fran and the family as they prepare to move to their new parish. So many lovely tributes have been given and it only goes to strengthen the view that we have been extremely fortunate to have had Greg and Fran in our lives for the past 16 years.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent photographs for the album and made donations to the leaving gift. Especially, Richard Marr who helped me with the album.

When things change in our life, we all find it a little uncomfortable. We have all had to get used to more changes in the past 12 months than we ever imagined.

I'm sure many people have questioned what the future will now hold for St Andrews. Some may even be reflecting on whether they will stay at the church now Greg has left. We sincerely hope you will as you are part of the church family.

Please be assured that Becky Crowe and I, as your Churchwardens, along with the PCC and Leadership Team, will be working hard, continuing to build on the work undertaken by Greg and Fran, as we look

towards appointing a new Vicar. The work of God in St Andrews Church will not be standing still while we wait for a new appointment.

Someone said to me recently “I bet you regret standing again this year as Churchwarden now you have all that added responsibility”. Not at all. The church in Eastern Green is a vibrant place. The people who worship there have many gifts and I know you will support us and help us over this period.

Although like you, I’m very sad to see Greg and Fran leave, I’m also excited for the future. While *looking* to the past can strengthen our faith in God in reminding us of his blessings. *Living* in the past can blind us to all the fresh work of Gods spirit today.

I’m reminded of the passage in Isaiah chapter 43 vs 19 – “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

The work of the Holy Spirit continues in St Andrews and we look forward to an exciting time ahead of us. Please keep the churchwardens, the Leadership and PCC Team in your prayers, at this time.

Nick Tooby, Churchwarden.

Greg and Fran’s Leaving Service

For anyone who hasn’t seen it, or would like to see it again, below is the link to Greg and Fran’s leaving service.

<https://youtu.be/0LX8SLLHevo>

So, who's in charge now?

Technically, Greg will remain Vicar of St Andrew's until he leaves the Vicarage on Feb 3rd. Thereafter, the churchwardens along with the Area Dean have legal responsibility for the life of St Andrew's and specifically care of the building and the maintenance of worship. Day to day queries should be addressed to Julie at the Church Office at administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk or 07756 918847 or 2 Manderley Close, Eastern Green, CV5 7NR.

Pastoral concerns should be shared with Lesley or Sue at lesleylee4@hotmail.co.uk or susanmasters@sky.com

Window Wanderland

An event called Window Wanderland will be happening in our area between the 6th and 12th March 2021. Basically, people decorate their windows during this period and then a walking trail is created for other people to appreciate the artwork.

Window Wanderland can be enjoyed by everyone in the area, it is also Covid safe. The idea is that you make something to display in your window during the dates above it can be small and simple or large and impressive. If you don't think you are an artist there will be some free online workshops to give you some ideas.

This is a great opportunity to show off our area of the City and for families to be involved in the City of Culture by being creative together. Although there is no theme perhaps we could look at putting a religious theme or message into your window display? But the most important thing is to take part.

This is the link for people to sign up <https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/tile-hill-eastern-green-2021/>

Anyone in Eastern Green, Tile Hill, Mount Nod, Bannerbrook and Allesley Green is included in our area.

Building our Faith Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our weekly Wednesday evening group starts at 7.30pm on Zoom. For four weeks we will be looking at Women in the Bible.

The format for the evening is a brief talk and then a chance to share together, ask questions and discuss the theme for the evening. If you have been part of the group previously, we look forward to welcoming you back; if you have not joined us before or never been to a group like this, now may be the time to think about joining us.

If you are interested and have questions, or you need more information please contact Sue Masters, 07958 322026, susanmasters@sky.com

Book Club

The next Book Club meeting is on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom. The book we will be reading and discussing is Plainsong by Kent Haruf.; 'a novel of haunting beauty from one of America's greatest writers of our time, Plainsong explores the grace and hope of every human life and mankind's infinite capacity for love.'

We will meet on 1st to share our views on the book and to discuss some of the questions it raises for us. The group is open to all; if you have never been part of a book club this might be the time to give it a try. If you are interested in being part of the group please contact Sue Masters on 07958 322026.

Online Services Appeal - Enabling your church to offer online services

We are applying to organisations for grants to secure half the cost, but need to meet the other half from donations. If you feel that this is something you can support please make a donation via the link below.

Thank you.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/b9308eca-1eae-48fd-9485-dad6d2d459f3>

Tile Hill Job Club & Advice Centre is re-launching

To get people in west Coventry back on their feet after the pandemic, the Tile Hill Job Club & Advice Centre is re-launching next month and is appealing for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to gain some valuable experience or give something back.

Road Names

Extracts from Eastern Green Past & Present

Volume 1

Morgans Road – Named after Mrs Elizabeth Morgan. When Elizabeth died in 1864 she was a quite wealthy woman and will be remembered most for her generous donation and direction that a church be built in Eastern Green. In her will, which carried twenty bequests, Elizabeth left instructions to sell her property and the proceeds to be used to build a church, parsonage house, school and schoolhouse. The bequest amounted to £12,000, with £10,000 to be used for the buildings and £2,000 to benefit the poor of the parish. Land was purchased from the Lant family who were landowners in Allesley and

Berkswell. The architect chosen was S S Teulon from London and the building was carried out by the local firm of Hallam's.

Sutton Avenue – Named after Rev. John Lucas Sutton. In 1860 at the age of 33 he became curate at Allesley. William Bree Rector of Allesley offered John Sutton the post of vicar at the new parish of Eastern Green in 1876. John and his wife Sophie were the first occupants of the vicarage, they had no children and lived there with two servants. Sophie died in 1901 and John carried on for another 12 years. He died at Burton in 1915 and is buried with his wife at St. Andrew's Church. Sophie's image can be seen in the stained glass window.

Despard Road – Named after W A W Despard. The Rev. William Arthur Wellesley Despard was born in Ireland in 1872 and arrived at St. Andrew's Church in 1917 to take the vacant position of vicar of Eastern Green. He retired in 1937 and stayed in the area until at least 1947. During his tenure, Eastern Green was a very rural area with a population of about 226. In 1938 Crockford's Directory stated the population to be 299, an increase of just over 70 in 62 years, however the same publication quoted 600 by 1947, a doubling in 10 years and so the expansion continues to this day.

Mellowship Road – Named after G C H Mellowship. The Rev George Clarence Haslet Mellowship was vicar of the parish from 1944 to 1950. He was born in Hindmarsh, Adelaide, South Australia in 1903. In 1936 he came to England and was curate in Biggleswade, Chilvers Coton and Ansley before his appointment as vicar of Eastern Green. The minutes of the Parish Church Council meeting dated 28th October 1944

suggest he was a man of considerable zeal – “The Chairman (i.e. the vicar) spoke of the usefulness of a parish magazine. The meeting agreed that an attempt to run a magazine should be made at once.” More hymn and prayer books were to be ordered, it was hoped to revive the Mother Union and the vicar told of his desire to hold a midweek evening service when men and women serving with HM Forces would be remembered.

The Vicar, his wife and children were well liked and following their return to Australia in 1950 contact with his family continued.

Other road names

Alspath Lane, ancient family of landowners in Allesley and Meriden

Drayton Crescent, after Fenny Drayton in Leicestershire where builder William Daniel lived.

Farcroft Ave, built by Farcroft Estates Ltd. William Daniel lived at Farcroft House in Fenny Drayton. It is thought that the company and road were named after the house.

Faulconbridge Ave, after the Faulconbridge family who farmed in Eastern Green and also Allesley, Meriden and Fillongley

Frederick Neal Ave, after Frederick Neal a farmer in Eastern Green.

Hockley Lane, after a hamlet on Broad Lane between Coventry and Berkswell.

Holmes Drive, after Eusebius Holmes, wheelwright the first pupil from St Andrew's school to gain a university degree.

Howard Close, after Howard Jenkins who was Alan Higgs right hand man. Alan Higgs and William Daniel worked in partnership to develop significant portions of Eastern Green.

Jenkins Ave, after William Ewart Jenkins, Vicar of Eastern Green 1958-1971 and the last Vicar to be resident in the original vicarage.

Martin Close, after Martin Daniel, William's son.

Osbaston Close, after Osbaston Hall in Leicestershire where builder William Daniel used to go fishing.

Thornton Close, after Hugh Thornton, Headmaster of St Andrew's school at the beginning of the 20th century.

William Bree Road, after William Bree, Archdeacon of All Saints Church, Allesley, 1863-1917