

Welcome to St Andrew's Church

31st March 2024

Easter Sunday



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

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gentiles Hear the Good News

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' **3** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. **4** The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notices

Clocks

Please remember the clocks go forward one hour on Easter Sunday.

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.

Easter Sunday

Join us at 6am for a Sunrise Service. Welcome in the first light of Easter morning, gather round the fire as we celebrate together. There will be breakfast in the Vicarage afterwards.

At 10am there will be a Parish Communion and Easter Celebration, come and celebrate with us. This service will include baptisms and an affirmation of vows. If you would like to get baptised please speak to Jo, please be praying for the candidates this week.

Mid-week Communion and Morning Prayer

On Wednesday 3rd April there will be no midweek communion service. Monday zoom prayers will not take place on Easter Monday however it will resume on 8th April at the earlier time of 9am for this week only.

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 6th April. There will be coffee and pastries available after the time of prayer. Sue Masters, susanmasters@skycom

Funeral Verger

We are looking to recruit a stand-in funeral verger to cover funerals when our usual funeral verger isn't available. This is a paid role. If anyone is interested, please speak to Jo.

Do you love staying for Teas after the service?

We really need some more helpers for after Easter to join our tea rota. It's a great way to get to know people and you only need to stay for half an hour after the service. The dates we currently have on the rota available are 7th, 14th 28th April, 5th May, 2nd and 9th June. If you can help with any of these or to find out more, please email Julie or chat to Jo. If you don't currently do much in church life it's a great way to get involved and is easy to do. Thanks Jo

APCM – Date for your Diary

The church APCM will take place on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

Notice is given of the revision of the electoral roll, beginning on Sunday 24th March and finishing on Sunday 7th April. The existing roll is displayed at the back of church for any corrections or amendments. Please can you check your entry and mark it with a tick if it's correct. If you would like to join the roll or have changed address please fill in an application form which is also at the back of church, where you will also find a notice on who is eligible to join. Please speak to the vicar if you have any questions. Thank you.

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. Running twice a month on Thursdays. Pop in any time from 8.45am, finishing around 10.15am. The next dates are: 11th and 25th April, 9th and 23rd May.

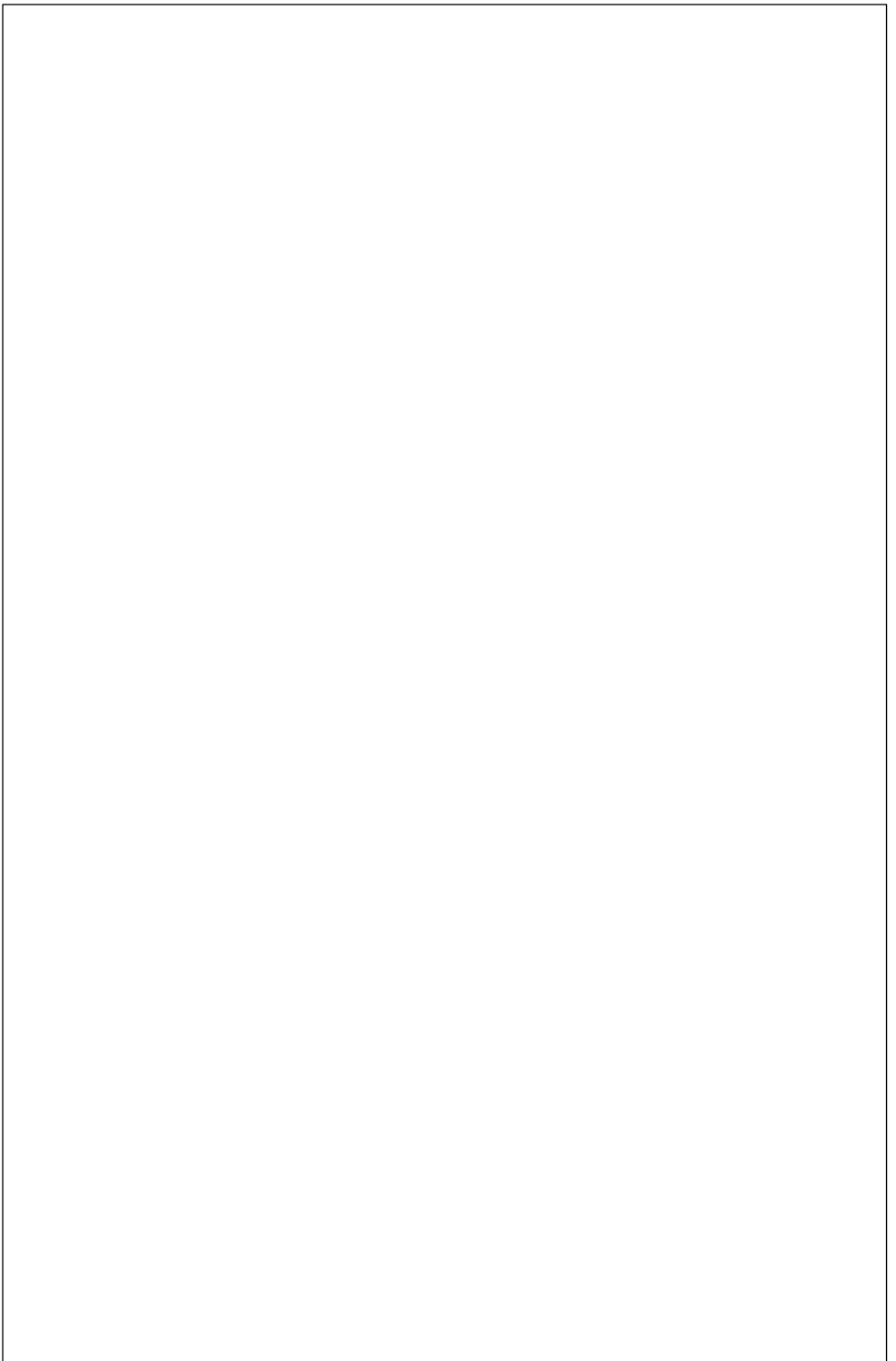
Donations

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
Fri 29 th March	10.00am	All Age Easter Activity
	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross
Sun 31 st March	6.00am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
	10.00am	Easter Sunday Parish Communion
Sat 6 th April	9.30am	Time to Pray
Sun 7 th April	8.00am	Said Communion
	10.00am	Worship 4 Everyone
Mon 8 th April	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 9 th April	11.00am	Bereavement Group Meeting
Weds 10 th April	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Thurs 11 th April	8.45am	Tots Time



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