

Welcome to St Andrew's Church

7th April 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter



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

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.

First Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The Word of Life

1 We write to you about the Word of life, which has existed from the very beginning. We have heard it, and we have seen it with our eyes; yes, we have seen it, and our hands have touched it. **2** When this life became visible, we saw it; so we speak of it and tell you about the eternal life which was with the Father and was made known to us. **3** What we have seen and heard we announce to you also, so that you will join with us in the fellowship that we have with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** We write this in order that our^[a] joy may be complete.

God Is Light

5 Now the message that we have heard from his Son and announce is this: God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. **6** If, then, we say that we have fellowship with him, yet at the same time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions. **7** But if we live in the light—just as he is in the light—then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. **9** But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God, and his word is not in us.

Christ Our Helper

2 I am writing this to you, my children, so that you will not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. **2** And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone.

Good News Translation

Second Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³²The group of believers was one in mind and heart. None of them said that any of their belongings were their own, but they all shared with one another everything they had. ³³With great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God poured rich blessings on them all. ³⁴There was no one in the group who was in need. Those who owned fields or houses would sell them, bring the money received from the sale, ³⁵and turn it over to the apostles; and the money was distributed according to the needs of the people.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; ¹⁶they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?"

They stood still, with sad faces. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked.

The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. ²⁰Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. "

²¹ And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. ²² Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, ²³ but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. ²⁴ Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him."

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" ²⁷ And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; ²⁹ but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others ³⁴ and saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"

³⁵ The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.

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Post Communion

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.

Notices

Morning Prayer

Monday zoom prayers will resume on 8th April at the earlier time of 9am for this week only and will be back to 9.30am the following week.

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

Time of Prayer

The Prayer Team will be holding a time of Prayer on the second Wednesday of each month with the next time for prayer being Wednesday 10th April at 11 a.m. This time will be to hold in prayer the various conflicts between nations, those people affected by such conflicts, and those who are oppressed in any way together with those affected by natural disasters. We will also be holding in prayer the Church and its ministry, and members of our Church and Parish thinking of those people who are suffering in body, mind or spirit both known and unknown to us. It is hoped that members of our Church will join us for this much needed time of prayer.

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.

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.

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
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
	11.00am	Time of Prayer
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