

# Welcome to St Andrew's Church

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
The Third 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,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **First Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7**

**3** <sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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### **Second Reading: Acts 3: 12-19**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup> 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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## **Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

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### **Post Communion**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Notices**

### **APCM**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, this will take place on 29th April 2024 at 7.30pm in church. At this meeting representatives for the PCC, and Deanery synod will be elected, along with churchwardens. Nomination forms are at the back of church, if you are interested in finding out more please do speak to Jo. Please do come along to the meeting to find out more about the life and work of the church.

### **Teas**

We don't have anyone to serve teas after the service this week – can you help?! It's a great way of sharing hospitality together, you only need to serve for 20 minutes after the service and tea coffee etc is provided.

We really need some more helpers 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Open Doors Coffee Time**



We are planning to open the church once a month for people to come and have a coffee/tea/cake. This is open to all and will run from 10.30am to 12 noon on the first Tuesday of the month, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Feel free to drop in, have refreshments and a chat with others there. All are welcome. Any questions please speak with Sue Masters/Lynnette Clarke

### **Children Society Boxes**

If you have a box would you please bring it to church so I can empty it for you. Thank you for your ongoing support. If you would like to support the work of the Children Society please have chat with me, there are many different ways you can donate. Nick.

## **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 few dates are: 25<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **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.

## **Date for your Diary**

Our next Craft and Hobby Fair at Eastern Green Village Hall will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 1.30-4.30pm. Do spread the word!

## **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>



<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.00am	Parish Communion

*Please send notices for next week to Julie by Thursday, email [administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk](mailto:administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk) or call 07756 918847*