

# Welcome to St Andrew's Church

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

The Fourth 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,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

### **First Reading: 1 John 3:16-end**

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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### **Second Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup> This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

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### **Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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.

### **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: 25th April, 9th and 23rd May.

### **Teas**

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.

## **Prayer Ministry**

Every week before a service the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for the church, the congregation and for that day's service. On the third Sunday of each month members of the Prayer Team will be available to any member of the congregation who would like a prayer to cover a specific situation – either for themselves or a loved one when two members of the team will join with that person to pray with him or her after the service. The members of the team are Lynnette, Jeremy, Rita and Sara. Confidentiality is assured and permission will be sought to share with the Prayer Team who, will continue to pray on their behalf.

## **Confirmations at the Cathedral**

On Sunday 19th May at 4pm in the Cathedral the Bishop will be holding a service of confirmation. All baptised members of the Church of England who receive communion are encouraged to get confirmed. It's a lovely, encouraging service and a real blessing to be prayed for by the Bishop. If you would like to get confirmed, or be baptised and confirmed at this service please speak to Jo. Please do put the date in the diary, we have two candidates going and it would be lovely to have a group from church to support and pray for them.

## **After Alpha**

We will be holding a couple of sessions exploring communion, confirmation and the creed, on Sunday evenings in May. This is open to anyone who has done the Alpha course and any church members who would like a refresher and a chance to think about these things. Dates are 5th and 12th May at 5pm. Please let Jo know if you would like to come.

## **Monday Zoom Prayers**

There will be no Monday zoom prayer this week. On Monday 29th April zoom prayer will be at 9am.

## **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!

## 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.

## 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
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	11.00am	Bereavement Group
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Midweek Communion
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am	Tots Time
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Parish Communion
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm	APCM

*Please send notices for next week to Julie by 9am on Thursday, email [administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk](mailto:administrator@standrews-eg.org.uk) or call 07756 918847*