

WORD FOR TODAY - copies of this booklet are in the church porch. Please help yourself.

MANY THANKS - to all who brought gifts for our Harvest Thanksgiving - an amazing amount was given! The three local charities were delighted to receive the gifts. Thanks too to the provider of the lovely pedestal arrangements in church.

OUR MISSION PARTNERS IN SOUTH AFRICA - copies of their October email are in the church porch. Please take one and use it in your prayers at home.

OCTOBER PARISHES MAGAZINE - copies (free!) are available in the porch. Please help yourself.

“READY FOR CHRISTMAS - WITH A DIFFERENCE”- in aid of Revelation (Norwich Christian Resource Centre), 9.30 am to 3.30 pm on Friday 13 November. An annual event but here’s the difference! Because of Covid restrictions, Margaret Smith and her daughter will be opening their back gardens, linked by a gate in the fence, for a sale of Christmas gifts, jams and preserves and self-served coffee and cake ... and soup and roll for lunches! You will need to book an hour’s “slot” so we can keep social distancing. It will be fun; it will be safe; it will be worthwhile; it will be different! Contact Margaret (details below) and begin to make Christmas 2020 one to remember!

LOOKING FOR SOME DAILY HOPE? The Church of England has a new free telephone line to ring to hear comforting hymns, prayers and reflections from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Just dial 0800 804 8044 to be put through.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email: margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays. Send a copy where appropriate for the St Andrew’s website: webmaster@standrewseaton.org.uk

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The Church Office is closed until further notice

News Sheet for 18 October 2020

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‘a church for all - a place for you’

Welcome!

We can be thankful that in our part of the country Covid restrictions haven’t been increased, but we pray for areas where people are experiencing further lockdown measures. So we can once again meet at 10 am via Zoom or in church at 4 pm today to worship the Lord who alone is changeless and who holds his created world in his hands. May we know his presence today whether we are sitting at home or in church.



Here are the details of our services today:

10am, Morning Worship via Zoom; 4pm in the New Church (Evening Prayer)
Phil Rodd will be leading and preaching at both services
Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3; Matthew 22.1-14

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Tearfund

Tearfund is passionate about ending poverty. The teams are ready when disaster strikes and respond. They serve the most vulnerable people and communities wherever they are and for as long as it takes, working in partnership with local churches and Christian organisations. They also work with partners around the world to influence powerful decision-makers and to encourage everyone to alter their own lifestyles, as a way to love their neighbours. Your prayers and gifts are urgently needed.

Donations may be made online to www.tearfund.org. or placed in the blue envelopes on the display stand in the Old Church and popped into the wall collection box.

Thank you.

PRAYER THIS WEEK ...

“... persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12)

SUNDAY Let us pray for those who are unwell. Remember too the recently bereaved and pray for those who may be unable to attend funeral services because of the restrictions on numbers.

MONDAY The Church Council meets virtually this evening. One of the topics for discussion will be how we prepare for Christmas services, so please pray for wisdom, for creativity, for unity and for decisions to be made which will enable church members and the wider parish to celebrate Christmas.

TUESDAY Each week there are new measures brought in by the Government to stem the increase in coronavirus infections, especially in the north-east of England, and in Wales and Scotland. For many it will mean sadness and a feeling of isolation. Let us pray that the restrictions will indeed reduce the infection rate so that the lockdown may be eased.

Let us remember in our prayers members of our church fellowship who are unable to come to church and are feeling isolated as the winter approaches, that we will find ways to connect with them and encourage them.

WEDNESDAY *“Pray that world leaders will act with insight, strength and courage when making decisions on climate and rebuilding their economies post-Covid, decisions that are centred on building the resilience of the poorest people. Ask God to raise up leaders of integrity and place them in positions of influence.”*
(Tearfund Prayer Diary)

THURSDAY Give thanks for the appointment of our new Children’s and Families Worker, who will be coming with her family to worship at St Andrew’s and to start her work here in November. These are difficult times to get to know a congregation and for her ministries, so please pray for her, that she will know God’s peace and strength, and that we will welcome her and her family into our fellowship.

FRIDAY The United States Presidential Election is only a couple of weeks away. Please pray for the right candidate to be elected, for a clear result, for voting to be fair and accepted by both parties, and for the newly-elected President to show wise and inclusive leadership for all the American people, regardless of ethnic background, education or colour.

SATURDAY Schools broke up yesterday for the half-term break, but for many families there is no prospect of going away or of many organised activities for children. Give thanks for the large number of Harvest Activity packs which have been requested by parents and by Eaton Primary School, and pray that the children will both enjoy the contents and also learn more about the loving God we serve.

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Today

10.00 am Virtual Morning Worship
4.00 pm Evening Worship in the New Church - for those who have booked

Monday 19th

7.30 pm Church Council meeting via Zoom

Tues. 20th

4.00 pm Virtual Evening Prayer led by James

Thurs. 22nd

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) in church led by Phil who will be continuing the series of sermons on Paul’s Letter to the Philippians
4.00 pm Virtual Evening Prayer led by Phil

Sun. 25th

10.00 am Virtual Morning Worship led by James who will also be our preacher.
4.00 pm Evening Worship in church, led by James who will also be the preacher.
Please book your place (see note below)

BOOKING FOR SERVICES - with increased numbers now attending, it is important that **everyone books their place at each service weekly**. To make it easier, James has set up a booking page on Eventbrite which can be accessed by logging in to: standrewseaton.eventbrite.co.uk. For those on email, details will be sent out to you, but if you are unable to have access to the Internet, please now phone/email James (contact details on back page) who will book you in. Remember - you have to book for Sunday afternoons and for the Thursday morning Holy Communion Service.

PRIVATE PRAYER - you will be very welcome to spend time in the Old Church for private prayer daily, with opening times as before (from 10 am to 4 pm Mondays to Saturdays, and 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday).

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME! When services recommenced in church on Sunday afternoons priority was given to those who were unable to access the 10 am service online. But now there is spare capacity on Sunday afternoons so please book your place or contact James (see note above for booking details) if you would like to come again into church.

COFFEE DRINKERS - SAVE YOUR LIDS! - from the large Nescafe or Kenco glass jars, which can be used as pot plant saucers for Christmas bulbs which will be given to the sick and elderly in the parish. Keep the lids at home for the time being and watch this space for collection times!