

SPRING COFFEE MORNING - held on 20th April raised the wonderful sum of £1,100 to be sent to CMS and divided equally between Dick and Caroline Seed, our Mission Links, and Mirna Paolo who works in Northern Argentina, nurturing believers and leading a pioneering women's group. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event, and especially to Jane Scott for organising such a successful occasion.
Jane Carey

EATON PARISHES SUMMER FAIR - will go ahead on Saturday 8th June, 12 noon to 3 pm in our Church Hall and car park. For now, save the date and start to put aside Red items for the Colour stall, pickles and preserves for Sweet and Savoury, plants for the Plant stall and bottles for the Tombola. Nearer the time would you be willing to help in some way: setting up on the Friday, helping on a stall or clearing away? For further details, contact Carole W

ST ANDREW'S ECO FAIR 2024

Next Saturday 11 May, 10 am to 2 pm.

Come to be inspired, informed and equipped to live more sustainably! The Fair will be opened at 10 am by Rachel Sowerby, Bishop of Norwich's Environmental Research Officer

Eco-friendly supplies
Local community groups
Activities for children
Vegetarian Street Food



And two events hosted by EVRA a dawn birdwatching walk (meet at 7 am in Waitrose car park) and an evening talk by Helen Baczkowska from Norfolk Wildlife Trust. See posters and flyer for more details.

SPECTACLES - once again a number of pairs have accumulated at the back of the New Church. Is a pair yours? Please check - uncollected glasses will be donated to charity at the end of May.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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News Sheet for 5th May 2024

Easter 6



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone

We're delighted to have you worshipping with us at one of our services today. May we all be strengthened, encouraged and challenged by God as we journey on in faith and trust. Whatever your circumstances, may you know God's presence and peace today.



Here are the details of today's services:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; John Belham is our preacher continuing the series of sermons - "To the ends of the earth!"
Readings: Acts 17: 16-34 (church Bibles p.134 NT)
John 15: 9-17 (church Bibles p.106 NT)

After the service refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other church members and meet new friends!

6.30 pm Informal Evening Worship led by James, continuing the series "Proverbs - Wisdom for the whole of life - 4. A life to pursue".
Café-style service with afternoon tea served from 6.15 pm onwards. Everyone is warmly invited!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Christian Aid

,,aims to end poverty and injustice worldwide by working in partnership with local organisations, as well as with governments and the private sector. They focus on several key areas including community health, inclusive markets, working for a world where poor people are able to keep more of the wealth they generate and can better protect themselves when disaster strikes, combatting inequality and discrimination, humanitarian aid, and working in conflict zones, supporting and encouraging groups and agencies pursuing peace.

Please support this work with your donations, addressing your cheques to "Christian Aid". Please use the blue envelopes and pop your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks.

PRAYER THIS WEEK

“Jesus said: And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” (John 14:13)

SUNDAY Remember in prayer today those in need of God’s healing and those who care for them, praying especially for I&R B, EW, and JG. Pray too for J&M W and their family, following the death of their grandson M.

MONDAY Today we pray for people living in Wren Close, Abinger Way and Albury Walk, praying especially for new residents as they seek to make friends. Buying and selling houses in the current financial climate is fraught with problems and hold-ups; pray for those seeking to move into our area, and pray for opportunities to welcome new neighbours when they move in.

TUESDAY One candidate has pulled out so only two will be interviewed for the post of Vicar at St Andrew’s. Chris Smith, Hannah Ruth King, Archdeacon Keith James and Dean Andrew Braddock are the group responsible for conducting the interviews on May 14th. Please pray for the candidates and for clear guidance once again for God’s choice of leader for our church.

WEDNESDAY *“Chad is one of the poorest countries in the world and ranks second lowest in the Human Development Index which grades countries based on their life expectancy, education and income of their citizens. Around 80% of the population of Chad live below the poverty line. Lord, we ask you to use the church to bless and bring transformation to these people.”* (Tearfund Prayer Diary).

THURSDAY Today is Ascension Day. Let us unite together as we pray: Risen Lord, draw us to you. Let your kingdom come through us to the world as we live as your witnesses until you come again; you live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for the Deanery Service this evening at Christ Church, that it will draw people from our local churches to unite in worship.

FRIDAY The calmer seas are causing more migrants to make the perilous crossing across the English Channel, often with tragic outcomes. Pray for safety for those risking their lives, for effective policing stopping boats from being launched, and for people smugglers to be caught, and for wisdom for the Government as it moves forward with plans to send migrants to Rwanda over the summer months.

SATURDAY Eco Fair Day. Give thanks for those who have planned this day. Pray that many people will come along and find out more about our responsibility to care for God’s created world, especially local people who do not normally have connections with our church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:
those whose poor health confines them to the house for much of the time

WHAT’S ON this week and NOTICES

Tues. 7th

10.00 am Toddler group, Hall
10.15 am Ryrie Court service led by Neil Rout - all welcome!
12.30 pm Prayer Focus, Hall, led by James - bring your lunch or make a drink, and join in prayer for our world, our country, our church and ourselves.

Wed. 8th May

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

Thurs. 9th ASCENSION DAY

10.30 am Community Café in the hall - all welcome
N.B. No Midweek Service this morning.
7.30 pm Ascension Day Deanery Service at Christ Church - an opportunity to join with others on this festival day!

Fri. 10th

10.00 am Ladies’ Bible Study group meets
7.00 pm St Andrew’s Singers rehearse

Sat. 11th

10 am to 2 pm St Andrew’s Eco Fair 2024 (see note)

Sun. 12th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James

WHAT DOES A BISHOP ACTUALLY DO? What’s it like sitting in the House of Lords? Do you go to Sandringham? On Tuesday 11 June Bishop Graham Usher will be our guest at “Afternoon Tea with the Bishop” at Revelation Christian Resource Centre, 3.30 - 5 pm when he will chat, answer questions and, like our guests, eat lots of lovely cakes, scones and sandwiches! This is a fund-raising event; tickets are £15 each, and Margaret Smith will be glad to take orders. See her at coffee-time or ring her on 01603 453010.

BE THERE! - Where? The Annual Church Meeting (APCM) on Monday evening, 13th May, in church at 7 pm. Reports, finance, future plans, elections to the Church Council and other important roles. Come and play your part in your local church! It’s time to get involved! There are copies of the Annual Report for 2023 available on the desk in the Welcome Area. Do take a copy and read what has been achieved over the last year - and look forward with anticipation to the future!