

**JAMES AND STEPHANIE - FAREWELL AND WELCOME!** - Unusually James will be starting his ministry here as Vicar having already served us faithfully. So there was no opportunity to bid him farewell with a gift, nor can we welcome them twice with a hamper! So - you will be given labelled brown envelopes as you leave church today, if you would like to contribute towards gifts for them as a big thank you and a welcome combined! Please make cheques payable to "Eaton St Andrew PCC" and put them - or cash - in the envelopes so we know they are donations. Many thanks.

Chris Smith

**REVELATION CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTRE** - will close at the end of September. All stock and books are being sold at greatly reduced prices, as are all the kitchen items, cutlery, mugs ... including a virtually new 4-slice toaster! Drop in during opening hours (Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm) or have a word with Margaret Smith if you would like to reserve a particular item or book.

**CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL SPONSORED BIKE RIDE** - will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. We will again be welcoming visitors to our church, to raise funds for us and other churches. Last year St Andrew's received just over £176. This year there is a photographic competition, children's activity sheets and a prize for the church with the best refreshments! Please volunteer to be in church for an hour or offer to sponsor the participants. More details in the September magazine or from Jenny Holcombe (452429).



**HARVEST IS A BIT LATER THIS YEAR** - and will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, and there will be a Harvest Supper in the Hall the previous evening (5<sup>th</sup>). Tickets will be on sale from next Sunday, £5 for a 2-course hot meal including drinks. It's a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbours along so please book the date.

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

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# News Sheet for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

## Trinity 14



'a church for all - a place for you'

## Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to Rev. Mike Marshall who is leading our service this morning. Whatever your circumstances, we're glad you are joining us for worship either in church or via the live-stream at home - may you know God's presence and peace as we worship.



Here are the details of today's services:

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Sheila Nunney**

**10.00 am Morning Worship led by Rev. Mike Marshall; Robin Elphick is preaching for the last time in his ordained ministry - Encounters with Jesus 5. "Behold the Lamb!"**  
Readings: Micah 7:14-20 (church Bibles p.882 OT)  
John 1:19-34 (church Bibles p.88 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 Margaret Smith and Colin Morgan. "Times they are a-changing!" is the title - come and share thoughts and see what God's Word teaches us. Afternoon tea served from 6.15 pm onwards. All welcome to this café-style service.**

### CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Leprosy Mission

... Leprosy affects the nerves and the skin and is one of the oldest infectious diseases which can be treated with multi-drug therapy over 1-2 years. However, the nerve damage and disfigurement it causes cannot be reversed so there is much stigma, prejudice and discrimination against sufferers. Areas of the world most affected are South America, Africa and Asia. Our hope is for a world without leprosy - but to achieve that our support is needed. Together we can do it!

Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. And do have a look at the display board in the Welcome Area for more information. Many thanks. Valli and Sunder Rao

## 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 those in need of God’s healing and those who care for them, praying especially for M I and M P (both currently in respite care), D G at home and R caring for him, S C-J having surgery on Wednesday, and N R in hospital following a fall at home.

**MONDAY** Give thanks for the sunny and warm weather we have enjoyed and for the changing seasons of nature. Remember areas of the world where extremes of drought or rain make life so hard for the inhabitants. Pray for a fair distribution of the earth’s resources for those who struggle for their very survival, and for leaders of the richer nations to show compassion and support in practical ways.

**TUESDAY** Continue to pray for James and Stephanie on holiday, that they will be refreshed and enjoy quality time together before they begin their new life at the Vicarage later this month. Pray that all the work on the building and the garden will be completed satisfactorily. Pray for all the practical arrangements being made for the service on 23 September.

**WEDNESDAY** Most schools open for the autumn term today. Pray for headteachers and staff, thinking especially of Eaton Primary School, for the students returning to new classes, and for children starting school for the first time, that they will settle quickly into the daily routine and make new friendships. Pray for any who are shy and find new environments difficult.

**THURSDAY** Today we pray for people living in Hardwick Close, Havant Close and Hurd Road, praying especially for new residents as they seek to make friends.  
Pray for local businesses who often face rising costs and falling sales, particularly any reliant on fine weather for trade.

**FRIDAY** *“At the end of 2021 there were 27.1 million refugees worldwide. Half of them were under the age of 18. Pray for those who have no place to call home, that the God of refuge would protect and provide for them. Pray for the safety and security of the refugee communities in Bangladesh that Tearfund and local churches serve.”* (Tearfund Prayer Diary)

**SATURDAY** Ian Johnson will be leading and preaching at our 10 am service tomorrow, so pray for him as he finishes his preparation. Pray that God will speak to each of us as we worship together, and that our faith will deepen.

Pray for Christians in countries where they have to worship in secret or alone, asking God to give them courage and peace.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:**  
those coping at home with help and perhaps virtually housebound

## WHAT’S ON this week and NOTICES

### Today

1.00 pm Wedding in the Old Church

### Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>

12.30 pm Prayer Focus, Hall led by Chris and Margaret Smith. A warm invitation to come and share in praying for the needs at home and abroad, and as we prepare to welcome our new Vicar this month!

### Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>

2.30 pm Old Eatonians, Hall - “Norfolk Village Signs” with Ursula Franklin. All senior members of the area warmly invited!

### Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev. Mike Marshall  
7.30 pm Book Group meets to discuss “The Conservation Movement in Norfolk” by Susanna Wade Martins. More details from Ann C.

### Fri. 6<sup>th</sup>

7.00 pm St Andrew’s Singers rehearse

### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Work party tidying the church grounds in readiness for the new Vicar!

### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Ian Johnson, who is also preaching, continuing our series of sermons on “Encounters with Jesus - 6. The rich ruler”  
3.00 pm Eaton Concert Series - Emma Johnson and David Parry (clarinet and piano), in church. Admission £15. See poster in porch.

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**SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE**- is now published and ready for those who kindly distribute to subscribers. If you don’t have a magazine delivered, there are spare copies on the table near the glass door to the New Church.

The deadline for articles for the October edition is this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September!

**THANK YOU** - very much for the donations of sewing materials for the City Academy. They were greatly appreciated. To remind you, City Academy has embarked on a new recycling project to make blankets and are asking for donated sewing items - material, needles, threads, etc. I will go on collecting if you are still turning out cupboards! Please either give them to me or leave at the back of the Old Church labelled with my name. Many thanks. M E