

GIVING AT ST ANDREWS - if you haven't had a copy of a recent leaflet about Giving, please pick one up today giving details of giving at St Andrew's and ways in which gifts can be made. Copies are on the table as you leave church today.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - if you would like to nominate a Christian charity to be considered for Charity of the Month next year, please see Marilyn Evans in church today.

EASTER WORKSHOP - for children aged 5-11, will be held on Saturday 12 April. Games, activities, crafts, drama, refreshments - not to be missed! To book a place contact eatonchildren@gmail.com.

LENT LUNCHES - continue on Monday at Christ Church. The lunches are free but donations are welcome for YANA, the Bishop's Lent Appeal and Tearfund Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. From Monday 31st March onwards Jane Scott will be heading up the team providing lunches in St Andrew's Hall on 31st March, 7th April and 14th April. Please contact her (453750) if you could help with serving, cooking or washing up!



MUSICAL TEA - on Wednesday 26th March, 3 pm to 4.30 pm in church. Margaret Smith, her daughter Julia and their friend Karen Stanghan have a variety of music designed to make a for a relaxing afternoon with refreshments in the interval. No tickets - no charge - but donations welcomed for the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

GOOD QUALITY TOPSOIL - FREE! - Our volunteers have been removing many barrow-loads of molehills from the churchyard, and the result is a large pile of fine, weed-free topsoil behind the sexton's hut. Please come and help yourself and help your garden too. Much effort has been put in by the volunteers (and by the moles!) so let's put it to good use!
John T

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 16 March 2025

Lent 2



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone!

A special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today, and to Jonathan Mason who is preaching, and his wife Sarah! Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence with us as we worship together.



Here are the details of our services today:

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; Jonathan Mason is preaching, continuing the series of sermons on the book of the prophet Joel
3. Rejoice in God
Readings: Joel 2:18-32 (church Bibles p.862 OT)
Acts 2:1-4, 12-21 (church Bibles p.115 NT)

Sunday Club welcomes children and young people during the service today!

Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Toybox

... is active in seven countries worldwide, working with local partners who understand the unique challenges facing "street children" (those for whom the street is their home and/or source of livelihood and who are not protected or supervised by responsible adults). Some children are not routinely registered at birth, so live without rights and protection on some of the most dangerous streets in the world. Through the Birth Registration process Toybox can provide them with their official identity, giving access to education, healthcare and employment. Please support Toybox towards its vision of a world with no street children.

Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks
David H

PRAYER THIS WEEK

'Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us' (Psalm 62 v.8)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God's healing, especially for Robin G, George I and Jennie W (all receiving regular cancer treatment) and Jane C (in hospital). Pray for those recently bereaved including the families and friends of Joyce S (funeral on Thursday in church) and Jack H.

MONDAY Negotiations for a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine need agreement on all sides and the situation is delicate. Pray that peace will prevail, that a permanent solution will be agreed, and the process of rebuilding can begin. Pray too that a way may be found for a peace-keeping force to be accepted by all parties.

TUESDAY Dick and Caroline Seed, our Mission Partners working from South Africa, have heard that, although their new post-graduate diploma has been agreed, it may take up to a year before it is added to the Government's Department of Higher Education and Training's list of approved qualifications. Pray that the course will be registered as soon as possible as there are many applicants waiting for admission.

WEDNESDAY Give thanks for the large number of people joining the Lent Course sessions and pray for James as he leads both morning and evening sessions today. Pray too for the Mothers' Union members as they meet this morning for a Lent Reflection led by Sheila, that she will bring God's message to those attending.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Judges Drive, Judges Walk and Kingswood Close, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.

Pray for the Community Café today and all those enjoying the food and chat. Pray for the leaders and helpers as they welcome customers.

FRIDAY The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is for YANA (You Are Not Alone), providing rural mental health support for those involved in agriculture and rural businesses who often work alone for most of the working day and can be affected by stress and depression. We live in a beautiful part of the country where agriculture is very important - pray for YANA which offers confidential support to those in need.

SATURDAY Pray for the Art Café this afternoon, that everyone will be welcomed and enjoy the craft and opportunity to build friendships.

Pray for James as he prepares to lead and preach tomorrow morning and for all those involved in the service and social time in the hall afterwards.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Eleanor W - coping with long-term health problems, and her husband Ed who cares for her, and
Don R - at home living with long-term health problems, and his wife Jean caring for him

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 17th

12.30 pm Lent Lunch at Christ Church (see note)
7.30 pm Standing Committee meets at the Vicarage

Tues. 18th

10.00 am Toddler group meets in the Hall

Wed. 19th

10.30 am Lent Course Session 2, in church
10.30 am Mothers' Union Lenten Reflection in the Hall, led by Sheila Nunney. All are welcome, whether members, friends or just interested!
7.00 pm Norwich Youth For Christ Showcase Event at City Gates Centre - contact Margaret Smith (453010) for more information
7.30 pm Lent Course Session 2, at the Vicarage

Thurs. 20th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James
10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!
1.00 pm Funeral of Joyce S, in church

Fri. 21st

7.00 pm St Andrew's Singers rehearse

Sat. 22nd

3.00 pm Art Café, Hall - needle-felting bird ornaments. Free event! All welcome!
Book via www.standrewseaton.org.uk/artcafe.

Sun. 23rd

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James who is also preaching, continuing the series of sermons on the book of Joel - 4. Fear God.

PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - everyone on the current Electoral Roll, plus a number of new people, have been handed a form or given an online link via email. This requires completion and return in order to remain on the Roll. I'm grateful for all who have already done this! Please would you complete and return forms a.s.a.p. to the Electoral Roll pigeon-hole in the Welcome Area (to the left of the Church Information Desk) so that the new Roll can be prepared well ahead of the deadline date (4th May at the very latest). Thank you.
Christine B

BIBLE NOTES - I have a couple of spare copies of Scripture Union Bible Notes for the next quarter (April to June), so if you would like to try them out, please have a word with me!
Margaret Smith