

LOCKING AND UNLOCKING THE CHURCH - would you be able to join the team of those who unlock the church every morning and lock it again in the afternoons, just once a week (morning or afternoon)? If so, please contact Maureen Blandford 01603 455031 - maureenpatriciab@icloud.com. Very many thanks.

HARVEST SUPPER - is on Saturday 4th October, 6.45 for 7 pm. Tickets are price £6 each (children £4!). It's an opportunity to invite friends along, so please get your tickets from Audrey W. We'll enjoy a 2-course hot meal, lots of chat and time to make new friends - and then?! Is there anyone out there with an idea for a bit of entertainment to round off the evening? If so, Margaret Smith would love to hear from you (tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethsmith@btinternet.com)!

VISITING WESTMINSTER ABBEY? If so, James Cook has a free pass for church members to use. It allows four people to visit, for up to six visits. Just ask James

HELP NEEDED - for more volunteers to join the rota to prepare the altar for Sunday Communion services. Full training will be given and support when you are new to the role! The more volunteers there are, the fewer duties there will be! Please see me or contact via email vmevans@ntlworld.com or 07776 144 905. Marilynn Evans

TEARFUND BIG QUIZ NIGHT IS HAPPENING AGAIN! - on Saturday 15th November, 6.30 for 6.45 pm in the Church Hall. This has been a popular event in the past so book the date now, ask your neighbours, relatives, friends to make up a team of 6 or less, or just come on your own and we'll put you in a team. Tickets available in October.

DON'T FORGET - that gifts of fresh fruit and vegetables plus tinned meats, UHT milk, tea bags, soups, tins of savoury or sweet foods, biscuits and sweets will be very welcome at our Harvest Festival on 5th October, to be given to our local hostels. More details on next Sunday's notice sheet.

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 21st September 2025

14th Sunday after Trinity

VISION SUNDAY

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to visitors joining us for worship today! Whether you are here in church or joining with us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence as we worship together and be encouraged and challenged by his Spirit.

Here are the details of our service today:

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James who is continuing the sermon series on "The way of Jesus. 2: Being salt and light".

**Readings: Philippians 2:12-18 (church Bibles p.194 NT)
Matthew 5:13-16 (church Bibles p.4 NT)**

There is Sunday Club for young people this morning!

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

CHARITY OF THE MONTH: ST-EDS

... providing employability skills for young people with learning disabilities or issues which preclude mainstream schooling. Aimed mostly at 11-18 year olds we provide the skills necessary to meet the requirements of employers, enabling our students both to believe in themselves and to become the highly skilled workforce of tomorrow.

Please see the display on the boards in the Welcome Area and use the blue envelope to make your donation, and put it in the collection bowl or post it in the wall safe. Thank you very much.
Marilynn Evans



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 Continue to pray for God's comfort and healing for George I and for God's comfort and strength for those recently bereaved including Jane G on the death of her brother Peter F and the families and friends of Robin G, Alison H, Judy G, Valerie T and Raymond F.

MONDAY It's Freshers' Week at UEA this week. Pray for students as they move into new accommodation or move into college halls, for university staff meeting with students and building bridges of communication, and for Christians to offer friendship and support, especially to those anxious about taking this step of independence.

TUESDAY Continue to pray for families attending Toddler group with their small children, especially those who have recently moved into the area or are finding family life stressful and need encouragement. Pray for the organising team as they offer friendship and support, and for the song time and story at the end of the morning to be understood and enjoyed by the children.

WEDNESDAY The situation surrounding immigrants living in hotels around the country has become very contentious. Pray for the Government, police, local councils and local communities to come together and work for a peaceful, safe solution - and for migrants to know compassion and kindness around the country.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Cranleigh Rise, Custance Court and Dacre Close, praying especially for new residents as they make friends.

Neil Boyle, the CEO of British Youth For Christ for the past ten years, has announced his resignation following the diagnosis of epilepsy which is not under control at present and therefore preventing him from working. Pray for him as he adjusts to this situation, for his family, for the staff as they take over aspects of his workload, and for God's guidance over the coming months.

FRIDAY *"Today is the International Day of Peace. Pray for local churches in places experiencing conflict and the devastation it brings, for Christians who are living in fear, that God's perfect love might cast out all fear. And, Lord, we ask you to break down barriers in regions experiencing entrenched conflict, and protect the most vulnerable who often pay the heaviest price."* (from Tearfund's Prayer Diary)

SATURDAY Pray for the Art Café this afternoon. Give thanks for the gift of creativity, and pray for Stephanie and her team as they welcome participants, that there will be opportunities to show God's love through the activity and conversations around the hall.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM NEEDS INCLUDING:

Philip C - son of Gerald and Thelma, who is suffering from cancer, and Janet M - coping at home with help and virtually housebound

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Tues. 23rd

10.00 am Toddler group in the Hall
10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets

Wed. 24th

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

Thurs. 25th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James, beginning a new series of sermons on "Psalms of Ascent - 1. Psalm 122."
10.30 am Community Café in the Hall - all welcome

Fri. 26th

10.00 am Ladies' Bible Study Group meets - all welcome!
7.00 pm St Andrew's Singers rehearse

Sat. 27th

3.00 pm Art Café, Hall. Learn how to make a bookmark out of felt! For details visit the website: www.standrewseaton.org.uk/whats-on/art-cafe.

Sun. 28th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James; Rev. Phil Moon is preaching, continuing the sermon series on "The way of Jesus. 3: Being True Righteousness". N.B. Foodbank collection is today! See note below.

COMING UP - ST ANDREW'S ECO WEEKEND 2025! On 4th - 5th October we will be focussing on how to be inspired, informed and equipped to live more sustainably in our world. There will be an Eco Market in the hall on the Saturday morning, with a range of stalls selling ethically produced goods. And we will celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving at the 10 am service on Sunday 5th October. Please take one of the green/yellow flyers and invite your friends to come along with you!

FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - in particular need is long-life UHT milk, tinned meats and soups, rice (raw and microwave packets) and pasta sauce. There will be boxes in the Welcome Area for your donations - and many thanks for your continued support.

AUTUMN TERM CARD - is now available. Do pick one up from the trolley as you leave church today, make a note of future events and use it in your daily prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME - needs more helpers, particularly at the end of the morning to aid the washing-up and clearing away promptly. Many hands (and feet!) make light work! If you can help, please contact me. Janice H