

SUMMER FAIR

*Saturday 14 June, 12 noon to 3 pm in the church, hall and car park.
Stalls, teas, children's activities and nature trail*

There are boxes in the Welcome Area for: "Yellow" items for the Colour stall, pickles and preserves, bottles for the tombola, books and raffle prizes (clearly labelled, please).

Help on a stall or with setting up/clearing help would be much appreciated - contact Marilyn E

PLANNING FIFTH SUNDAYS' SERVICES - and other special services - is this you? If you have creative ideas and would like to help in the preparation (the services are approx. once a quarter), please contact me. James Cook

DAILY BIBLE READING NOTES - I am ordering daily Bible notes for the quarter July - September this week for regular subscribers but would love to encourage more people to try "Encounter" or "Daily Bread". Do let me know at coffee-time if you would like a free copy for the next quarter to try them out, or phone me early this week! The Bible is the world's best seller! Margaret Smith

A NEW READING GROUP - as I mentioned last Sunday I am hoping to set up a group this summer to read "Understanding Trauma: the Biblical Introduction for Church Care" by Steve Midgley, to help us in our pastoral ministry. I envisage five meetings. If this is something that interests you, do have a chat with me. James Cook

MANY THANKS - for the wonderful response to the request for Tools With A Mission. So many have been given that they are arranging for a van to collect them! Please feel free to add more to the pile (in the Welcome Area under the tower) meanwhile. St Andrew's ECO Team

SPRING COFFEE MORNING - raised £1,122 to support our CMS Mission Partners. Very many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the morning such a success.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith,
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News Sheet for 25 May 2025

Easter 6



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. Whether you are here in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence as we worship together.



Here are the details of our services today:

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James, our Vicar, who will be continuing a series of sermons entitled "The End of the Beginning. 4: Shipwreck".

**Readings: Acts chapter 27 (excerpt) (church Bibles p.145 NT)
Mark 6:45-52 (church Bibles p.39 NT)**

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

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE TO CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Christian Aid

"We are a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart." They believe that **everyone is equal in the sight of God**, and are inspired to stand together in solidarity with their most marginalised global neighbours, working in 29 countries, with people of all faiths and none. They seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes and help in practical ways to end it. They stand with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world - both in times of crisis and for the longer term, providing survival essentials. We invite you to support their vital work - please take a Christian Aid envelope, make your donation, sign the Gift Aid form (if you pay income tax) if you wish, and put it in the collection bowl or post it in the Wall safe. Thank you very much. David H

Foodbank Collection is today! Most needed items are: long-life milk, tinned vegetables, fruits and meat, instant mash, pasta sauce, chocolate biscuit bars, rice and teabags. Not needed at present: baked beans and sanitary towels. Please put your donations in the boxes provided in the Welcome Area. And many thanks for your continued support.

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, Jennie W and Jennie N (all receiving cancer treatment and care). Pray for those recently bereaved including Stephen and Ruth Thorp on the death of Stephen's father and for Ruth's mother in hospital.

MONDAY Give thanks that Caroline and Dick Seed, our Mission Partners working from Cape Town, have received news that the final registration of the online postgraduate diploma in higher education has come through in record time, ready for start-up in January 2026. Applications are now awaited and Dick is writing the first two units to be run next Spring.

TUESDAY Give thanks for last week's Annual Church Meeting, and pray for Chris S, elected as churchwarden, for Trish H, Barrie C, James R and Leslie M elected to the PCC, and for Sue D, James O-B, Christine B and Adeolu A elected as Deputy Wardens. Pray for wisdom for James as he seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead our church over the coming year, and for us all to be willing to play our part and to encourage one another.

WEDNESDAY World affairs are dominated by the sufferings of the people of Gaza. Pray that the convoy of aid trucks from the UN will be allowed into Gaza, and that the threats of the UK, France and Canada to take action against Israel's current offensive will mean that a ceasefire can be achieved. Lord, have mercy on those who suffer.

THURSDAY ASCENSION DAY

"O God of earth and sky, as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven, so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places. Though he is hidden from our sight, enable us to abide in him by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen."
(From: "The Daily Office", vol. 3)

FRIDAY Today we pray for people living in Ramsey Close, Rosslare and Rugge Drive, praying especially for new residents as they make friends. Pray that people passing the church entrances will be attracted by the publicity posters on the boards - and give us opportunities to invite friends and neighbours to events.

SATURDAY The monthly Art Café has brought many along from outside the church. Pray for today's session, that people's creative gifts will be appreciated and an encouragement to those who come along, and that God's love and presence will be evident as friendships are established.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM NEEDS INCLUDING:

Sue C-J and Janet V - both of them now confined to their home

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 26th BANK HOLIDAY - Church Office CLOSED

Tues. 27th

10.00 am Church Office reopens

N.B. **No Toddlers this week because of half-term**

10.30 am Tuesday Morning Connect Group meets (coffee served from 10.15 am). Visitors welcome!

Wed. 28th

2.30 pm Wednesday Afternoon Connect Group meets

Thurs. 29th ASCENSION DAY

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by Sheila Nunney

10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!

7.30 pm Deanery Ascension Day Holy Communion at St Mary The Virgin, Swardeston. Preacher: Rev. Alastair Gledhill. All welcome

Sat. 31st

3.00 pm Art Cafe, Hall (see note below)

Sun. 1st June

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James, concluding the sermon series entitled "The End of the Beginning. 5. The End?"

6.30 pm Café Church led by James, continuing the series on "The Story - seeing the Bible as the story of everything with Jesus at its centre. 8. The Proclaimed Kingdom (2 Corinthians ch.4)". Afternoon tea served from 6.15 pm onwards. All welcome!

ART CAFÉ - next session is this Saturday 31 May, 3 - 5 pm in the Hall, when you can learn how to make a Flower Crown! All welcome! For more details pick up a card from the trolley at the back of the church, and to sign up see the website: www.standrewseaton.org.uk/whats-on/art-cafe.

WANTED - plastic supermarket soup containers with lids, for an Art Café session! Please save them and give them to me or leave (labelled) in the Church Office. Thank you. Maureen B

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA - and my thanks to the dedicated team. Sadly, due to ill-health, we have lost valuable helpers and would therefore much appreciate others to join our team on a rota basis, currently once a quarter. Please contact me if you could lend a hand for this much-valued ministry. Janice H