

“**STRIKER**” - is the title for some special events for children on the first and third Sundays in February and March, open to all children aged 5-11. Information leaflets and posters are available on the table at the back of the church. Please contact me for details - phone 502440 or email: les@ayem.me.uk Leslie Moore

LENT LUNCHES - will be held again this year, with the first three at Christ Church starting on Monday 19th February, and the last three in our own Church Hall commencing on 11th March. Book the dates now!

LATEST LINK LETTER - received from Dick and Caroline Seed, our Mission Partners working from Cape Town, has been printed and copies are available on the table in the Welcome Area. Please take one to use in your prayers at home. Jane Carey

LENT BEGINS MID-FEBRUARY - and so does the Lent Course for 2024! James is looking at the lives of five early Christians to see what we can learn from them about how our lives could be radically transformed by Christ today. The course, entitled “The Gospel and the Early Church” will be held on Wednesday mornings in church, at 10.30 am starting on Wednesday 21 February. There are invitation cards available today - please take one and also invite friends and neighbours to come too.

ST ANDREW’S PRAYER NET - is a group of members willing to pray for anyone with a special need. Requests are passed by email or phone and are kept strictly within the group and not shared with others. Contact the Prayer Net Coordinator by email: prayernet@standrews.org.uk. Prayer does work - try it and see what God can do for you!

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith,
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News Sheet for 28 January 2024



‘a church for all - a place for you’

Epiphany 4

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to any visitors with us today. Whether you are worshipping in church or joining us via live-stream at home, we trust you will know the presence of the Lord and be encouraged and challenged.



Here are the details of today’s service:

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James who is also preaching, continuing a series of sermons on 2 Timothy: “Passing on the baton.”
3. Be fit for service!”

Readings: 2 Timothy 2:14-26 (church Bibles p.210 NT)

Matthew 5:43-48 (church Bibles p.5 NT)

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

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Wycliffe Bible Translators

Its aim is to ensure that everyone has access to the Word of God in the language they understand best. Last year more than one new translation was launched every week but still 1 in 5 people are waiting for the Bible in their own language. Wycliffe Bible Translators’ mission is to serve local partners worldwide as they bring God’s word to their local communities. The founder of the Alpha Course said: “We need to get the Bible available in every language so that everyone has the opportunity to read it and to discover the person of Jesus.” For more information please look at the display stand in the Welcome Area.

You can use the blue envelopes on the display stand and post them in the wall collection box or put them in the offertory bowl in church.

FOODBANK COLLECTION - is today! Most needed items are pasta sauce, soup, tinned meats and vegetables, tinned fruit and shampoo. Please put donations in the boxes provided in the Welcome Area.
Many thanks for your continued support.

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 the 18-year-old grandson of church members who has been diagnosed with leukaemia and is now starting chemotherapy. Pray too for those recently bereaved.

MONDAY The back-biting and personal insults flying between people in leadership, whether in government, industry or other areas in the public domain seem to increase and are a bad example to young people growing up. Pray for all in positions of leadership to show respect and integrity with people of different persuasions and beliefs, that we might become a kinder, more respectful society, caring for the needs of others around us.

TUESDAY Today we pray for people living in Greenways, Hardwick Close and Hurd Road, praying especially for new residents as they seek to make friends. Please pray imaginatively for these residential areas in our parish. Pray too for local businesses, some struggling to stay afloat financially.

WEDNESDAY Continue to pray for James as he leads the course on “Hymns we love” on Wednesday afternoons, giving thanks for the number of people attending week by week. Pray for the Connect groups this term - for the leaders and members, for the material being studied to be relevant and helpful.

THURSDAY *“The local church is the hub of many communities across Nigeria. Tearfund and our local partners are supporting churches as they take action to meet local needs in areas such as food production, water supply and sanitation, healthcare and education. Praise God for how local Christians are stepping up and being catalysts for transformation.”* (Tearfund Prayer Diary)

FRIDAY With Easter being early this year, preparations for Lent are well in hand. Pray for James as he prepares to take the Lent Course, for those setting up the Lent Lunches week by week, for those preparing extra services at Ash Wednesday and all the Easter service preparations, that in the busy-ness we will not lose sight of Jesus and his stand against Satan in the wilderness. Pray that we may encourage each other to stand firm in our faith in an increasingly secular world.

SATURDAY There are many “behind the scenes” areas of service at St Andrew’s. Pray for those who tend the church grounds and burial ground regularly so that these areas are tidy and pleasant for worshippers and residents to enjoy.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WITH LONG-TERM CONDITIONS INCLUDING:

Those in residential homes

WHAT’S ON this week and NOTICES

Mon. 29th

2.00 pm Mission Focus meeting at 6 Penshurst Mews - all welcome. It’s vital to pray for our Mission Partners Dick and Caroline Seed and for Mirna Paolo working in Norther Argentina, so do come if you are free. Jane Carey

Tues. 30th

10.00 am Toddlers meet in the Hall

10.00 am Community Cafe at Ryrie Court - all welcome!

Wed. 31st

2.30 pm “Hymns we love” led by James, in the hall

Thurs. 1st February

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James; Ros Wright is preaching

10.30 am Community Café in the hall - all welcome!

Fri. 2nd

10.00 am Ladies’ Bible Study group meets at 12 Greenways. Any lady welcome - just bring a bible. For more details contact Jane Gascoyne, tel. 451885.

Sat. 3rd

10.00 am Work party tidying the church grounds - do come if you’re free and help remove the debris from recent storms

Sun. 4th

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; Diana Timms is preaching, continuing the series of sermons on 2 Timothy: “Passing the baton”

10.00 am “Striker!” for children, in the hall

6.30 pm Informal Evening Worship led by James (see note), preceded by afternoon tea from 6.15 pm onwards. Do join us!

INFORMAL EVENING WORSHIP - this Spring will be focussing on “Proverbs - Wisdom for the whole of life”. James will be starting the series on Sunday 4th February with a look at Proverbs 1:1-7 - “A Lord to Honour”. Do plan to join us! Afternoon tea is served from 6.15 pm onwards and this café-style service is informal, relaxed and an encouragement to all who come along. See you there!

MONTHLY CHARITIES - £250 was raised in the collection for Revelation Christian Resource Centre last December, which brings the total for 2023 for all monthly charities to £5,215.46 - grateful thanks to everyone who supports the monthly charity so generously. St Andrew’s and Christ Church now have a combined Donations Team which will be selecting the same charity for both churches each month.