

**DID YOU KNOW** - that you can now give money to St Andrew's by using the card machine, which is on the trolley as you come into church. Just put in the amount you want to give, tap your card on the machine - and it's done! The advantage? It's a very simple way of giving without cash.

**FOODBANK TODAY** - and items particularly needed are long-life milk and juice, tinned meats, vegetables and fruit, tea bags, pasta sauce and mashed potato. Please put donations in the boxes provided in the Welcome Area - many thanks for your continued support.

**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 E in church today or email your suggestion to her.



**EASTER WORKSHOP** - for children aged 5-11, will be held on Saturday 12 April, 9.30 am to 12 noon. Games, activities, crafts, drama, refreshments - not to be missed! To book a place contact [eatonchildren@gmail.com](mailto:eatonchildren@gmail.com).

An additional four helpers are needed to oversee individual games. Suitable for anyone whatever your age. Will you help? Contact Les Moore (502440).

**LENT LUNCH** - moves to St Andrew's Hall this week! Enjoy soup, bread, cheese, pate, fruit and tea/coffee from 12.30 pm to 1.45 pm. And it's free! Donations are invited for the Bishop's Lent Appeal and Tearfund's Middle East Humanitarian Appeal - two very vital charities in the current world situation. See you at lunch!

**ONE-PERSON STUDIO FLAT TO RENT** - at the Eaton end of Bluebell Road. A small-self-contained flat available for up to one year from May onwards. Single bed-sitting room, kitchen and shower room/WC. Enquiries to John Thurman, tel.07788 106594 or email: [john.thurman@btinternet.com](mailto:john.thurman@btinternet.com)

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## News Sheet for 30 March 2025

Lent 4



'a church for all - a place for you'

## MOTHERING SUNDAY Welcome, everyone!

A special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today including members of the 34<sup>th</sup> Norwich Scout group and their families. 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 service today:

**10.00 am All-Age Parade Service led by James who is also preaching.**  
Readings: Exodus 2:1-10 (church Bibles p.50 OT)  
Matthew 11:28-30 (church Bibles p.11 NT)

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

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### LAST CHANCE TO GIVE TO 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

Foodbank Collection is today! See back page.

## 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 Jack H, Sonya T and Betty B.

**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 for the ongoing conflict in Gaza, especially for the safety of civilians sheltering in UN buildings, hospitals and other places which should provide safety against drone attacks. Pray that the hearts of Israel and Hamas leaders will be softened.

**TUESDAY** Toddler group provides an opportunity for local parents to enjoy time with their children and other families. Pray for the team who prepare the hall each week with activities for the children, for those serving refreshments, for shy children to find friends, for parents who may be exhausted from childcare, and for God's love to be seen in all the sessions.

**WEDNESDAY** *"The Philippines is the world's most disaster-prone country, hit by typhoons, floods, cyclones, tsunamis and many more emergencies every year Pray for protection against disasters, particularly by people living in high-risk areas. Pray that our local partners can continue supporting communities to help reduce the risk of disasters and to prevent harm."* (Tearfund Prayer Diary).

**THURSDAY** Today we pray for people living in Merrow Gardens, Nasmith Road and Newmarket Road, praying especially for new residents as they make friends. Pray that the church noticeboards will act as a means of inviting them to St Andrew's.

Give thanks that new premises at Carrow House have been found for Norwich Youth For Christ and pray for Gwilym Davey and the team as they begin their move.

**FRIDAY** Bookings are now coming in for the Easter Workshop for 5-11 year olds on 12<sup>th</sup> April. Pray for the leaders as they plan the activities, drama, games and craft around the central Easter theme. Pray for a good response to bookings and that new children may be contacted and encouraged to come.

**SATURDAY** James is leading the Vision Day at Mulbarton, as we plan and pray for God's Holy Spirit to lead us forward in the coming months. Pray for time to listen and to share together, that we may discern God's voice. Pray for a deepening of our fellowship as we share time together today.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING:**  
Sue C-J and Janet V - both of them now confined to their home.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

**Mon. 31<sup>st</sup>**

12.30 pm Lent Lunch in our church hall (see note)

**Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> April**

10.00 am Toddler group meets in the Hall

12.30 pm Prayer Focus, Hall - bring some lunch and join us to pray.

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10.30 am Lent Course Session 4, in church

2.30 pm Old Eatonians, Hall - "Crazy about horses" with Patrick Coghlan. All senior members of the area warmly invited!

7.30 pm Lent Course Session 4, at the Vicarage

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

12 noon Mothers' Union Midday Prayers in the Jesus Chapel, Norwich Cathedral

10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**St Andrew's Vision Day at Harvest House, Mulbarton**

N.B. No churchyard work party today!

**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**PASSION SUNDAY**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James. Rev. Mike Marshall is our preacher

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". Afternoon tea served from 6.15 pm onwards. All welcome!

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**PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL** - please complete and return forms a.s.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. Thank you. Christine B

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

**DONATIONS GROUP** - representatives from St Andrew's meet with members from Christ Church twice a year to choose the Charities of the Month. We would really like some more folk to join us! If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to David H or me for more details.  
Marilyn E

**MANY THANKS** - to the 80+ people who came to the "Musical Tea" last Wednesday afternoon - we trust you enjoyed it! And thank you for all the donations - £421 was given in cash, plus some donations via the card machine - all for the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.  
Margaret, Julia and Karen