

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.

LENT LUNCHES - THANK YOU! The six Lent lunches held at our two churches raised the huge sum of £1242 to be shared between Tearfund and the Bishop's Lent Appeal. Thank you all for your generous support. Over 150 lunches were served (and some people came more than once!)
Ruth V, Jane S and Vivien H

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA - with much gratitude I thank 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. Please contact me for details if you could lend a hand.
Janice H

SAD NEWS - please pray for Ruth Thorp, our administrator, and her husband Stephen, who is Rector of Necton. Stephen has recently lost his father, which follows the sad death of his mother last autumn. As they navigate this period, Ruth will be working from home more often. Please bear with us if this means parish administration takes a little longer than usual.
Patrick Richmond

TOOLS WITH A MISSION - we will be collecting tools for this charity next weekend. Donations may be left at the back of the Old church from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and between 1 pm and 4 pm on Sunday. TWAM will refurbish donations when necessary and send them to developing countries. Please look in your garage and sheds to see if you have any tools to donate. We are particularly looking for garden tools and DIY tools. To donate larger items, please contact the TWAM website: www.twam.uk. Thank you.
St Andrew's ECO Team

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News Sheet for 4 May 2025

Easter 3



‘a church for all - a place for you’

Welcome, everyone!

A special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today and to Jonathan Mason, Lay Reader at Holy Trinity, who will be leading and preaching at our 10 am service this morning, as James, our Vicar is on holiday. Whether you are here 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:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by Sheila Nunney
10.00 am Morning Worship led by Jonathan Mason, who will be starting a new series of sermons entitled "The End of the Beginning. 1: Arrest".
Readings: Acts 21:17-36 (church Bibles p.139 NT)
John 15:18-25 (church Bibles p.106 NT)
There will be Sunday Club for children and young people this morning!
Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

N.B. Café Church this month will be next Sunday evening, 11 May, not today.

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. **Christian Aid Week** this year is May 11-17 and 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

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 cancer treatment), Audrey W (recovering from surgery) and Ivan B (currently having respite care at Ivy Court). Pray for those recently bereaved including the family and friends of Ian D (funeral in church on Friday afternoon).

MONDAY World news is dominated by electrical blackouts in Europe, the elections in Canada and here, the Roman Catholic cardinals as the conclave to choose a successor to Pope Francis begins on Wednesday, the possibility of a 3-day ceasefire in Ukraine. Make one of the headlines a prayer topic today - and for this week.

TUESDAY Give thanks for James and Stephanie returning from their holiday and pray for James as he takes up the reins again at the beginning of this term. Pray especially for preparations for the APCM on 19th May, that people will be willing to serve in the various roles on the PCC.

WEDNESDAY *"Vitamin A deficiency causes eye diseases in 5 - 10 million children in Afghanistan each year. Zarina became blind in both eyes at the age of four. She would sit in the corner of the house and cry. Lord, we pray today for the most vulnerable families in Afghanistan, whose lives are being shaped by lack of access to basic needs. Amen."* (Tearfund Prayer Diary).

THURSDAY Celebrations of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day will be held across the country today. Pray for the Community Café having a VE Day theme this morning, that many will come along to celebrate, reminisce and give thanks for the freedom we enjoy in our everyday lives.

FRIDAY Give thanks for the Connect Groups starting up again this month and pray for the ladies' group meeting this morning. Pray that more church members will join these fortnightly fellowship groups for encouragement, support and learning. Pray for the leaders and the hosts who open their homes so readily for meetings.

SATURDAY Pray for the Spring Fair taking place today, thanking God for the hard work put in by those in charge. Pray for a good attendance, particularly from those with no connections to our church, that they will find a welcome and be aware of the love of God and the depth of friendship and fellowship at St Andrew's. Pray too for James as he prepares to preach at both services tomorrow, and all those taking part in any way.

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

David G - coping with long-term health problems, and Robina caring for him, and David G - coping with several health problems, and his wife Trevis who cares for him

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Today

4.00 pm "Small prayers" concert by Libricini choir, in church. Reflective programme of European music by Poulenc, Britten and many more. Free entry, donations to charity. All welcome!

Tues. 6th

10.00 am Toddlers group meets in the Hall
12.30 pm Prayer Focus, Hall, led by James. Do bring some lunch and join us to pray for our church, our city and our world.

Wed. 7th

2.30 pm "Norwich Castle: royal palace reborn" with Hannah Jackson. All senior members of the area warmly invited.

Thurs. 8th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James
10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome! There will be a VE Day theme today as we celebrate the 80th Anniversary.
7.30 pm Julian group meets for contemplative prayer

Fri. 9th

10.00 am Ladies' Bible Study group meets. All welcome! Contact Jane G for more information
3.30pm Funeral Service for Ian D, in church

Sat. 10th

10.00 am to 12.30 pm **SPRING FAIR**
...in aid of Eaton Parishes CMS Mission Partners (see note below)

Sun. 11th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James
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 present Kingdom (Luke chapter 1)". Afternoon tea served from 6.15 pm onwards. All welcome!



SPRING FAIR

Saturday 10 May, 10 am to 12.30 pm in the Church Hall
Entrance £2 including tea/coffee and biscuits (children free)



Stalls with homemade cakes and produce, crafts, books, gifts, bric-a-brac, plants, puzzles ... and a raffle! All welcome! Cash only, please!