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.

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 the office to be forwarded.

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. An additional four helpers are needed to oversee individual games. Suitable for anyone whatever your age. Will you help?

LENT LUNCH - is in 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

FREE OFFER - 2-seater settee with two matching soft cushions, terracotta fabric, excellent condition (owner down-sizing). Collect from Eaton. Contact via Margaret Smith (453010) who has photos!)

BOOK GROUP - will meet on Thursday 1^{st} May, 7.30 pm to discuss "When God was a Rabbit" by Sarah Winman. More details from Ann C

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith, tel. 01603 453010, or email; margarethjsmith@btinternet.com by 12 noon on Tuesdays.

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News Sheet for 6 April 2025

Lent 4



PASSION SUNDAY Welcome, everyone!

A special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today and to Rev. Mike Marshall who will be preaching at our 10 am service. 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 services today:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James; Mike Marshall is preaching.
Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 (church Bibles p.682 OT)

John 12:1-8 (church Bibles p.102 NT)

There is 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!

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!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - The Magdalene Group

... a local charity working with women and girls who experience sexual violence, exploitation, grooming, sex work and coercion. These women face additional challenges of isolation, poor physical and mental health, homelessness. The charity provides friendship, specialist support, access to professional services and advice to women who are unable to break free from their traumas.

Please use the blue envelopes and put your donations in the wall safe or the collection plate in church. Many thanks

John 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 regular cancer treatment), Audrey W (recovering from surgery) and Jane C (now at home). Pray for those bereaved including the families and friends of Jack H, Sonya T and Betty B.

MONDAY

News of the devastation and deaths in Myanmar following the massive earthquake last week is limited but the need is obvious from pictures in the press. Pray for the country's leaders to show compassion and operate relief work fairly to all residents. Pray too for the people living in Thailand who experienced the earthquake and are mourning the loss of loved ones, their homes and business. Pray for Tearfund, Christian Aid and other agencies working in these devastated areas.

TUESDAY Schools have broken up for the Easter holidays. Pray for staff to have time to rest after a busy term and all the Christian events, camps and houseparties planned over the Easter season, and especially for our Easter Workshop for children on Saturday morning.

WEDNESDAY "Mukuru is an informal settlement in Nairobi, Kenya, with a population of around 700,000. Residents face challenges such as poverty, crime, insecurity, child abuse and limited access to healthcare and sanitation. Pray that Tearfund's partners and local churches can reach people in greatest need.". (Tearfund Prayer Diary).

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Norgate Road, Norton Drive and Norvic Drive, 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 the move has already begun! Pray that the alterations needed to the rooms being used will be ready in time for the beginning of next term.

FRIDAY Pray for the distribution of the church Easter card to homes in the parish, that people will be attracted to come along to our services over the Easter season. Pray particularly that any conversations on doorsteps will yield fruit in bringing people into our church.

SATURDAY Pray for the Easter Workshop this morning, that the children will enjoy the activities and learn the truth of the Christian message of Easter. Pray too for our Palm Sunday service tomorrow, and especially for James as he leads and Diana Timms as she preaches. Pray that we may all come to worship prepared to listen to God's voice and to be challenged by His Holy Spirit.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDING: Ivan B: now a widower and coping with increased frailty at home

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 7th

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

Tues. 8th

3.30 pm Westfield View Service led by Sheila Nunney

Wed. 9th

10.30 am Lent Course Session 5, in church

7.30 pm Lent Course Session 5, at the Vicarage

Thurs. 10th

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James
 10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!
 7.30 pm Julian Group meets for contemplative prayer

Fri. 11th

7.00 pm St Andrew's Singers rehearse

Sat. 12th Easter Workshop for children aged 5-11 (see note overleaf)

Sun. 13th PALM SUNDAY

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James. Diana Timms is our preacher

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PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - please complete and return forms a.s.a.p. 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

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

AND MANY THANKS - to those who supported February's "Charity of the Month". Our two churches raised £515 for the work of Emmaus Norfolk and Waveney.

CHURCH EASTER CARDS - are now ready for distributors to pop through letter-boxes! Please take your pack from the table in the Old Church and deliver, if possible, some time during the next week.