

28th April 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter

A warm welcome to our worship services today.

If you are new or visiting today, please make yourselves known to the clergy, churchwardens or sides people.

SERVICES TODAY:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Holy Communion with guest speaker
Matt Hyam from World Vision
3.30pm Chocolate Church
6.30pm Evensong

10am Service

Reader: Jane Ireland **Intercessor:** Mary Cramer
Hymns: 16, 408, 54, 337 during Communion 475 & 552

The Listening & Prayer Team are available after the 10am Service

6.30pm Evensong

Reader: Bob Macvie **Reading:** Isa 60.1-14
Hymns: 80, 129, 394 & 220

INTRODUCTION

In this passage, Jesus stresses the need for his hearers (the branches) to abide, to dwell deeply, in him (the vine). This is in order that they may be fruitful. But an additional condition is that fruitful branches must be open to being pruned by the vine-grower (God the Father) to enable yet more fruit. There is a wonderful picture here of God continually tending, shaping a re-shaping us over time, in order that our lives bear as much fruit as possible. This is God's work not ours, but we must stay 'rooted and grafted' into Jesus the vine.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For those in need of our prayers: Jill & Simon Yarwood, Penny Rayner, Daphne Lowther, Dorothy Unitt, Peter, Ruth, The Henbest family, Luke, Michelle, Mia & Reece, Sarah Edwards, Geoff McLoghry, Melinda, Denise Kelly, Kate Snowden, John Livingston, Paul Woolner, Ann Kinchin & Pat Wade.

For those who have recently died: Sheila Godfrey.

Year's Mind:

Robert Reader, Ronald Ingram, Lilian Grant & James Mills

Please pray for the residents of: Holbrook Road, Holly Walk, Lea Close, Lloyds Way & Lodge Road.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Holy Communion : Tuesday at 7.30pm & Thursday at 10am.

Next Sunday, 5th May 2024 : Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-Age Family Service
6.30pm Holy Communion

TODAY: We warmly welcome Matt Hyam from the charity **World Vision** as our guest speaker at the 10am service.

Electoral Roll Update: Between 14th-28th April the roll is being updated and the list can be found on the notice board in the welcome area. Anyone who has worshipped at St Andrew's for the last six months and wishes to sign up, please fill in a form that can be found on the shelf below the list. Please then return to Anne Challis **no later than TODAY, 28th April.**

Please note there **will** be a service at 10am Holy Communion service on **Thursday, 2nd May** (local elections being held in the Parish Centre).

Thursday Lunch: 9th May at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Ascension Day Service : Thursday, 9th May at 7.30pm.

Please note the next Fairtrade Stall will be on **Sunday, 12th May** in the hall after the 10am service as the following week is the APCM.

Prayer Shawl Meeting : Friday, 17 May 2pm at 2 Bell lane.

Annual Church Meeting : Sunday, 19th May after the 10am service.

Chocolate BINGO!– Friday, 31st May at 7pm, raising funds for Church. Tickets: Adults £10, Under 16s £2.50. Includes bingo card, chocolate counters, hot dog, chocolate dessert. Tickets available at church coffee mornings, after 10am service or by calling 07921 774404. Booking essential. More details in May Searchlight.

St Andrew's Bereavement Café : We are looking to initiate holding a Bereavement Cafe here at St Andrew's once a month. If you feel you would like to be part of the group for this initiative, to work with Rev Sarah on getting this started, please do get in touch with Rev Sarah via email sarahlcushing@gmail.com or speaking to her in church. This is very much in its infancy at the moment, but together we can work on getting this set up here to commence later in the Summer months. If you are interested in working on this with Rev Sarah as a team, please do let her know.

Sally away: Monday, 29th April
Bank Holiday Monday : 6th May – office closed.

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