



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for 3rd May 2020

Easter 4

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 2;42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel John 10;1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again, Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for these people who are sick or in need of prayer

Gill Ludford, Matt Ludford, Hazel Smith, workers and residents in care homes, hospital laboratory staff, delivery drivers, the friends and family of Janice Bissell and June Banner, Barney Thorne, Ady Thorne, Enid Hart, Glen, Linda.

Please pray for these people who have recently died

June Banner.

Please pray for these people whose anniversary falls at this time

Bernice Blake, Betty Buet,

Here are some other prayers you may like to use.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

St Andrew's needs your financial support at this time when although expenses are less many overheads continue and no rents are coming in. Insurance alone for our beautiful church building costs £130 per week! If you normally give through the bank your contributions will of course be continuing. But if you are not spending much just now, perhaps you could consider donating over and above your regular giving. If you usually give in a white envelope on the collection plate, please contact Carl to arrange to have these safely collected from your house. If you usually give in cash on the collection plate, would you be willing to consider changing to giving through the bank? Fr. John (johnausten151@hotmail.co.uk) can give you details.

Carl can be contacted on 07967 410 155 or at carlhart999@gmail.com

Services online – Service of the Word St Andrew's 10.00am Sunday; Eucharist St Mary's 11.00am; St Andrew's Sunday School 11.00am. Links available on the website.

Everyone is welcome to join the following live services for this coming week

St Mary's Sunday Eucharist from St Mary's rectory, live from 11.00am this coming Sunday by clicking this link - <https://t.co/CINox41n9G>

St Andrew's Wednesday of Easter Week Evening Prayer at 7.00 pm, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

St Andrew's Sunday Morning Service of the Word at 10.00 am, online by clicking this link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5426466030>

Religious programmes on Radio

BBC Radio 4 - Something Understood - Sunday 06:05

BBC Radio 4 - Sunday Worship - Sunday 08:10

BBC Radio 4 (Long Wave) - Daily Service - Monday to Friday - 09:45

BBC Radio 4 - Prayer for the day - Monday to Saturday - 05:43

BBC Radio 3 - Choral Evensong - Wednesday -15:30 (repeated Sunday at 15:00)

BBC Radio 2 - Good Morning Sunday - 06:00 - 09:00 (A mixture of popular music and religious themed conversation)

TV religious programmes are -

BBC 1 - Sunday Worship - Sunday - 11:45

BBC 1 - Songs of Praise - Sunday 13:15

