



St Andrew's Church

Newsletter for 17th May 2020

Easter 6

The prayers and readings for this Sunday.

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Reading; Acts 17; 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-- though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Gospel; John 14; 15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Micheala, Xavier, and Beverley. Peter Hill, recovering from Covid 19.

Please pray for those who have recently died

We continue to remember Janice Bissell and her grieving family.

Please pray for these people whose anniversary falls at this time

Eric McIldowie, Herman Boothe

Birthdays

Audrey, Father Henley, Cece Monica Lily Northcote

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Please join us for worship on Sunday at 10.00am, Sunday School at 11.00am, a service for Ascension Day Thursday at 7.00pm. No Wednesday service this week. Chat on Tuesday and Wednesday – links on the website.

Parish Magazine If you wish to contribute an article to the parish magazine please email parishmagazine949@gmail.com by 25 May. Many thanks. Eileen. Thanks.

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 Andrew’s Ascension Day Evening Prayer on Thursday 21st May 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

