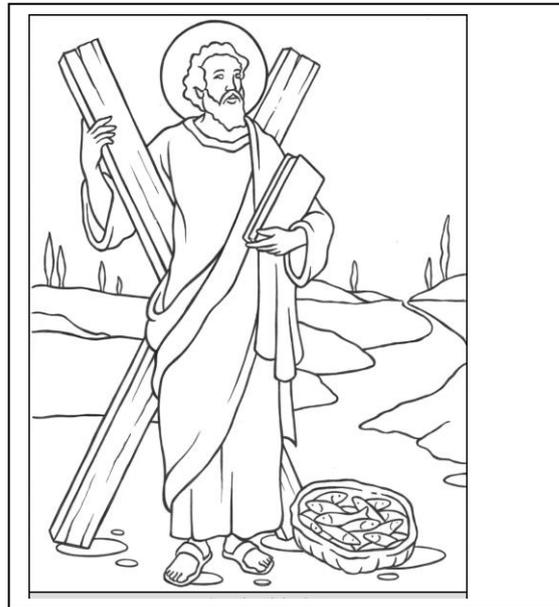


St Andrew's Church

The Feast of St Andrew



Newsletter for 29th November 2020

10.00am Patronal Eucharist on Zoom

Celebrant and Preacher; Archdeacon Jenny Tomlinson

Collect

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil the holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 52;7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 4;18-22

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of

Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: We pray for all doctors, nurses and patients in hospital at this time, and for all care workers and paramedics. We pray for students especially for first year students who are having a hard time often confined to hostels and with little face to face teaching. We remember also in our prayers Gill Ludford, Rene, Gloria James, and Andrina Bateman.

Anniversary of death: John Vivian Powell

Notices

A Zoom session next Thursday December 10th on ourselves in younger days. Please send photos of yourselves from distant times to Stuart in preparation for a guessing who's who session!

This Thursday a continuation of the Remembrance Day Session – share memories or family stories of wartime living. Thursday December 3rd at 7 – usual Zoom link.

I had very welcome messages from Margaret in Ghana – Josephine's sister. She sends love to all at St Andrew's – she is doing well at university. Good to see how God works all things for the best.

Prayers

A prayer of Alphonsus Liguori to use when we cannot physically receive the sacrament: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. I embrace You as already there and unite myself wholly to You; let me not ever be separated from You. Amen.

A prayer for those who care for the sick

Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick. When they diagnose, give them patience. When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection. When they work to heal, give them strength. When they comfort, give them consolation. When they are tired, give them rest. When they are discouraged, bring them your hope. May we welcome and respect them as we support one another in this time of trial. Amen.

For those who govern and represent us

Eternal Wisdom, guide the leaders called to serve thy people throughout the world. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated. Amen.