

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SANDFORD ON THAMES

July 2021

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St Andrew's Annual Meeting:

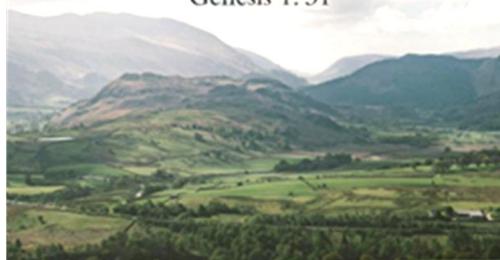
will be held in church after the 10.0 service on Sunday 11th July, at 11.15 a.m..

All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, Laudato si

God saw all that he had made,
and indeed it was very good.

Genesis 1:31



Green things

St Andrew's has registered as an Eco Church, which involves doing an extensive audit of our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and to demonstrating our understanding that we are all responsible for nurturing God's good creation. At the end of the process we may get a gold, silver or bronze award. Definitely aiming at gold! There is a moving video of a Christian Aid event at St Paul's cathedral:
Song of the Prophets: A Requiem for the Climate, which includes an address from Dr Rowan Williams. www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/events/song-prophets-event-page

Sandford Village Fete

will be on September 4th this year. It seems a long way ahead, but we will be holding our usual raffle for St Andrew's, which is an important part of our fundraising and which we of course missed on last year. So please keep it in mind if you have anything you could donate as a raffle prize.

Littlemore church host an enjoyable **Weekly Quiz** on Zoom on a Thursday morning. It's a fun and informal event, open to all! Details on our noticeboard in the church porch.

Watch Wimbledon at Dorchester Abbey!

On the weekend of 10th/11th July, the Cloister Garden will be turned into an outdoor cinema with a HUGE screen showing live Wimbledon finals, with cream tea hampers and a bar. On the Saturday evening there will be a bbq and showing of *The Great Showman*. Tickets £6-£25. See www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/event/dorchester-big-

Bishop Steven's blog

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

We meet for the Sunday services with all the recommended Covid precautions and hygiene in place. Some are waiting a little longer before joining us and joining Littlemore church's Sunday Zoom service (or looking further afield): get the link by emailing admin@littlemorechurch.org
Also for Zoomers - more information on joining in: <http://www.littlemorechurch.org/whats-on.html>
Silent Prayer Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 7.0 a.m.
Contemplative Prayer Thursdays at 7.0 p.m. fortnightly

SUNDAYS in July 2021 Year B

Sunday 4th July Proper 9 Trinity 5

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10 *The tribes of Israel invite David to be their king after Saul and Jonathan have been killed in battle against the Philistines. He makes Jerusalem his new capital city*

Or Ezekiel 2.1-5 *The prophet is commissioned by God to speak out – whether or not the people will listen.*

2 Corinthians 12.2-10 *Paul's visionary experience – but he will not boast of that. Instead he will rejoice in his weakness and ill-health because it reflects the cross. God's power works through human weakness and hardships.*

Mark 6.1-13 *Jesus returns to Nazareth and is not welcome. The locals are amazed at the wisdom of the carpenter's boy – a prophet without homnour in his own country. He sends the 12 out on a mission, calling on all to turn to God (repent) and anointing the sick and healing them.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 11th July Proper 10 Trinity 6

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Samuel 6 *The ark is brought back to Jerusalem with dancing and singing and feasting. One misery guts thought her husband was overdoing it and lacked gravity.*

Or Amos 7.7-15 *Amos prophesies the destruction of the state (which followed in 721BC when the Assyrians invaded). The established religion resists him and gets a raspberry.*

Ephesians 1.3-14 *God is praised and his action for us through Christ celebrated. The good news of rescue or salvation from God is now extended to non-Jews (you Gentiles who trust God and so get baptized).*

Mark 6.14-29 *The martyrdom of John the Baptist – another prophet murdered for speaking the truth to power.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 18th July Proper 11 Trinity 7

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion *David prospers so considers building a Temple in Jerusalem. But that will be his son's job (Solomon) foreshadowing a greater Son whose rule or kingship will be established and he will be God's son.*

Or Jeremiah 23.1-6 *Bad shepherds are attacked. God will be a good shepherd for his people. A son of David will finally rule, bringing justice and righteousness to the land. There will be justice in Palestine – eventually.*

Ephesians 2.11-22 *The Gentile recipients of this letter are reminded of their sinful past, separated from God. But now they have been brought near to God through Christ Jesus who brings peace. His followers are knit together in a new community.*

Mark 6.30-4 and 53-6 *Jesus looks for peace and quiet to pray, but the crowd follows him everywhere. He has compassion on these sheep without a shepherd – and continues to cure people.*

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Sunday 25th July Proper 12 Trinity 8 St James the Great

10.0 a.m. Parish Communion

2 Samuel 11.1-15 *The sad story of David and Bathsheba. Nobody's perfect.*

Or 2 Kings 4.42-44 *Elisha's feeding miracle foretells Jesus' feeding of the 5,000.*

Ephesians 3.14-21 *Paul prays for these Gentile converts in exalted language of worship.*

John 6.1-23 *Jesus feeds 5,000 and the people want to make him king.*

He withdraws and then appears to the disciples on the lake.

6.30 p.m. Evening prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered
by thy governance,
that thy Church may joyfully
serve thee in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer collect
Trinity 5*

Among the many people who need our prayers, please especially keep in mind

those we know who are unwell, especially Jayne, Jean Lee, Gwen Beaver, Catherine Lamiot;
all those in care, including Joan Inston, Tom Dalton, Betsy Livingstone and Brenda Graham,
and residents of Vale House, especially Gwyneth, Father John Bagley and the staff who care for them.

Rest in peace

Malcolm Bourner, Lynn Turner, Violet Mandilova, Geoff Rudman, Bob McCall