

# ST ANDREW'S SPRING NEWS

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'a church for all - a place for you'

## Good news for Spring!



Photo: Richard Holcombe

### Bursting with colour – bursting with life!

Spring is here – and so are the colours. There's new growth everywhere – and these beautiful flame coloured tulips are typical of it all!

It's not just Spring, though – it's also Easter – the greatest Christian festival of all, when we remember not just the new life springing up all around us, but the new life that springs up from Christ's death and resurrection.

So give yourself a break from Brexit gloom, and get a taste of the new life that God is offering you this Easter season. Details of the special services are in the column to the right.

Maybe it's ages since you've been to church, or you think you wouldn't know what you're supposed to do? Don't worry – there's always a warm welcome and a smile, and you'll soon feel at home.

With my best wishes for this Easter time – and I hope to see you soon.

Phil Rodd (Vicar)

### Dates for Easter at St Andrew's...

**19 April – Good Friday**  
2 pm 'The Sacred Tree'  
A quiet hour of readings, hymns and time for reflection.

**Saturday 20 April**  
10 am 'Easter Fun Day'  
Join us for a morning of craft activities, games, music and an opportunity to hear the amazing story of Easter – blooming with new life!  
Finishing with an Easter egg hunt, and an Easter service for all ages at 11.45am.

**Sunday 21 April – Easter Day**  
10 am Easter Communion  
For all ages - refreshments and Easter egg hunt afterwards

**Sunday after Easter**  
**28 April –**  
8 am Holy Communion  
10 am Morning Worship

For further information, visit St Andrew's website:  
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# MOVING ON...

This summer Eaton will be saying goodbye to a much-valued friend, as Andrea Woods, the Children and Families' Worker since 2010 moves on.

When Andrea started in Eaton she quickly set about developing her role and making it her own. Over the years here, Andrea has worked with hundreds of children as they've progressed from the church Toddlers group, through Eaton Primary School and then on to high school. 'I've always had such a warm welcome at Eaton Primary,' she says, 'and it's been obvious that so many of the children identify with St Andrew's as *their* church!'



Andrea has also led the Sunday School, run the summer holiday clubs and the Easter workshops. And above all, she's enjoyed simply being with children, and helping them explore their own 'natural spirituality'.

Despite being the daughter of a vicar, Andrea had always been quite sure that ordained ministry wasn't for her, but gradually she came to realise that 'When you feel weak, or when you're just not sure the right way to go, you have no choice but to trust God to guide

you and give you strength.' She also began to realise that God was leading her to train for ordained ministry!

Andrea is now ending her training, and will be ordained in Norwich Cathedral on 29 June. That's also the date that she starts as curate in the Mattishall and Tudd Valley churches.

Andrea's last Sunday at St Andrew's will be 16 June - and there will be a special farewell for her at the 10 am service. Do come and be part of this happy (but sad) occasion, as we wish her well and pray God's blessing for her and husband Tim.

## VACANCY - COULD IT BE YOU?!

St Andrew's has a vacancy for a new part-time  
Children & Families Worker

For full details, job description and application form, see our website or contact the Vicar (details below).

Closing date: 4 May

Children & Young People  
at St Andrew's...

'Let the Fun Continue...'

## Toddlers!!!

Tuesdays (during term-time),  
10-11.30 am  
at St Andrew's Church Hall.

For parents, carers and  
grandparents too - a great  
opportunity to make friends  
while the children play!

## Summer Holiday Club

THE BIG ONE! - Our flagship event of  
the year! - and even without Andrea,  
we're delighted to announce that it's still  
going ahead - in a format that we hope  
will be even more popular with busy  
working parents!

Where: St Andrew's Church

When: 25-26 July, 8.30 am-3.15 pm

For: all children aged 5-11

Watch our website for booking details...!

## Sunday Club

Join our lovely group of children  
ranging in age 3-13...

There's always room for more!

Sundays in term time starting in  
church at 10 am.



For information about Easter, the Summer Holiday Club,  
or any of our activities for children or for anyone else, please contact:

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