

ANNUAL REVIEW 2024 - is now printed and copies are available at the back of church. Please help yourself. Also available is the agenda for tomorrow's Annual Meeting and copies of the church accounts - please bring them to the meeting!

THANK YOU - to all who gave generously to the Charity of the Month - Toybox, in March. £332 was raised. The charity works alongside street children in Latin America, Asia and Africa. Its core purpose is to help those who are marginalised and abused by those who should be protecting them.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA - with much gratitude I thank the dedicated team. Sadly, due to ill-health, we have lost valuable helpers and would therefore much appreciate others to join our team on a rota basis. Please contact me for details if you could lend a hand.
Janice H

DID YOU KNOW? - that you can now recycle used medicine blister packs. Put them into a sealable sandwich bag and take them to the Superdrug store in St Stephen's Street if you are in the city or put them in the box provided under the table in the Welcome Area when you come to church (don't forget to bag them, please).

FOODBANK NEXT SUNDAY - at the time of writing items most needed are: long-life milk, tinned vegetables, fruits and meat, instant mash, pasta sauce, chocolate biscuit bars, rice and teabags. Not needed at present: baked beans and sanitary towels. Please put your donations in the boxes provided in the Welcome Area. And many thanks for your continued support.

WANTED - someone to help Leslie M organise the games and activities at the quarterly Children's Workshops held on Saturday mornings. The next one is in July. For more information contact Leslie

SPRING COFFEE MORNING - raised £1,122.02 to support our CMS Mission Partners. Very many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the morning such a success.

Please send notices for this sheet direct to Margaret Smith,
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News Sheet for 18 May 2025

Easter 5



'a church for all - a place for you'

Welcome, everyone!

And a special welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. Whether you are here in church or joining us via live-stream at home, may we know God's presence as we worship together.



Here are the details of our services today:

10.00 am Morning Worship led by James, our Vicar, who will be continuing a series of sermons entitled "The End of the Beginning. 3: Defence".

Reading: Isaiah 53:10-12 (church Bibles p.694 OT)
Acts 26 (church Bibles p.143 NT)

There is Sunday Club for children and young people today!

Afterwards refreshments are served in the hall - do come and join with other members of the congregation!

CHARITY OF THE MONTH - Christian Aid

"We are a global movement of people, churches and local organisations. We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart." They believe that **everyone is equal in the sight of God**, and are inspired to stand together in solidarity with their most marginalised global neighbours, working in 29 countries, with people of all faiths and none. They seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes and help in practical ways to end it. They stand with the most vulnerable and excluded people of the world - both in times of crisis and for the longer term, providing survival essentials. **Christian Aid Week** this year is May 11-17 and we invite you to support their vital work - please take a Christian Aid envelope, make your donation, sign the Gift Aid form (if you pay income tax) if you wish, and put it in the collection bowl or post it in the Wall safe. Thank you very much.
David H

Foodbank Collection next Sunday - see note!

PRAYER THIS WEEK

'Trust in him at all times, O people: pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us' (Psalm 62 v.8)

SUNDAY Pray for those in need of God's healing, especially for Robin G, George I and Jennie W (all receiving cancer treatment), Audrey W (recovering from surgery) and Ivan B (currently having respite care at Ivy Court). Pray for those recently bereaved including Stephen and Ruth Thorp on the death of Stephen's father.

MONDAY The Annual Church Meeting is an important event in the life of St Andrew's. Pray for James as he chairs tonight's meeting, for a good attendance, for nominations to fill the vacancies for churchwarden and PCC members, and for the Holy Spirit to challenge and encourage us as we look at the months ahead.

Give thanks for the Spring Fair and the money raised for our CMS Mission Partners, and pray for the plans and preparations for the Summer Fair on 14th June.

TUESDAY Give thanks that Caroline and Dick Seed, our Mission Partners working from Cape Town, have received news that the final registration of the online postgraduate diploma in higher education has come through in record time, ready for start-up in January 2026. Applications are now awaited, and Dick is writing the first two units to be run next Spring.

WEDNESDAY Following the Council elections recently the political landscape in Britain is changing. Pray for all MPs, the Government ministers and leaders of local councils as they implement pledges made so that justice, equality and social care is available for all, especially those in financial need.

THURSDAY Today we pray for people living in Poplar Avenue, Purtingay Close and Pyrford Drive, praying especially for new residents as they make friends. Pray that people passing the church entrances will be attracted by the publicity posters on the boards - and give us opportunities to invite friends and neighbours to events.

FRIDAY *"Weak government and the exclusion of certain communities in East and Central Africa have allowed armed groups to seize territory, fuelling violence and mistrust. Pray for families struggling with hunger and poverty and for Tearfund's peacebuilding work."* (Tearfund Prayer Diary)

SATURDAY Pray for James and all those preparing for the Holy Communion service tomorrow morning, giving thanks for the freedom we enjoy to worship God. Pray for Christians meeting in secret in countries where to be a follower of Christ means persecution and abuse.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH LONG-TERM NEEDS INCLUDING:

Those in residential homes: Alison H, Yolanda S, Margaret P, Neil R and Jane C

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK and NOTICES

Mon. 19th

7.00 pm Annual Church Meeting (APCM) in church - electoral roll members are able to vote but everyone is welcome! See note below.

Tues. 20th

10.00 am Toddlers group meets in the Hall

Wed. 21st

10.30 am Eaton Mothers' Union meets at Christ Church - Tracey Le Gallex - "Turning a Past into a Future" (the St Giles' Trust). All welcome, whether members, friends or just interested!

7.30 pm Wednesday Evening Connect Group meets. If you aren't already in a group, why not pay us a visit? Contact Chris Smith (tel. 453010) for more information.

Thurs. 22nd

10.00 am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) led by James

10.30 am Community Café, Church Hall - all welcome!

Fri. 23rd

10.00 am Ladies' Bible Study group meets. All are welcome! Contact Jane G for more details

7.00 pm St Andrew's Singers rehearse

Sun. 25th

10.00 am Holy Communion led by James, continuing the sermon series entitled "The End of the Beginning. 4. Shipwreck"

ART CAFÉ - next session is on Saturday 31 May, 3 - 5 pm in the Hall, when you can learn how to make a Flower Crown! All welcome! For more details pick up a card from the trolley at the back of the church, and to sign up see the website: www.standrewseaton.org.uk/whats-on/art-cafe.

WANTED - plastic supermarket soup containers with lids, for an Art Café session! Please save them and give them to me or leave (labelled) in the Church Office.
Thank you. Maureen B

ANNUAL MEETING - tomorrow evening at 7 pm in church. In addition to elections for churchwardens and Church Council members, there's a chance to reflect with James on the year that's been and look ahead to the year to come. Do come if you can! Guaranteed not to be boring!