



St Andrew's  
Church

# ***THE GOOD NEWS LETTER***

**Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

## **EASTER DAY!**

### **Today**

Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

We share this very ancient Christian greeting and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus – the reminder that nothing is greater than the power and the love of God, not even death itself! Alleluia!

There is no service of Evensong this evening.

### **Thank You!!**

A huge thank you to all who worked so hard yesterday to polish, scrub, sweep, decorate, flower arrange, create.... In order to make our church look so beautiful today, to greet our resurrected Lord!

And also to the many who worked hard behind the scenes and up front, to enable such meaningful and moving services over these past few days. In view of events in Egypt on Palm Sunday, we are very fortunate indeed to have the freedom to worship in safety, and we must never take this for granted.

### **Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

#### **10am Family Eucharist**

We welcome back Revd Rachel Hawes to lead our service as Revd Lesley will be on a post-Easter break.

#### **6.30pm Taize worship**

30 minutes of quiet worship, singing and reading by candlelight, in the tradition of the Taize Ecumenical Community in France.

A lovely way to end the week!

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am**

#### **Annual Meeting**

Everyone is invited to stay behind after the service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This is an opportunity to look back and celebrate the life of our church over the past year, to elect new office bearers, and to approve the annual accounts. All are warmly

encouraged to attend, but only those whose names are on the Electoral Role (ER) are allowed to vote.

**Today is the last opportunity to sign up to the ER before the APCM.**

Please complete a yellow form at the back of the church.

### **Don't forget.... the Summer Fair 2017. Countdown....**

Our annual Summer Fair is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a church family, to welcome many from the community, to have a lot of fun together, and perhaps even to make some money!

For the fair to work well and be enjoyable for ALL, it needs EVERYONE in church to play a part!

We must avoid a repeat of previous years where only 1 or 2 people have ended up with too much responsibility and working tooooooo hard. And so we need to begin NOW by enlisting a team of planners (4 people) who will plan, oversee and delegate, but NOT do all the work themselves!

If you'd like to be part of this team, please speak to Revd Lesley.

NB. The deadline for forming a team is **30<sup>th</sup> April**. If 4 people have not come forward by that date, **there will be no summer fair!!**

### **'To volunteer' or 'to wait to be asked'??**

#### **That is The Question!**

A number of folk have mentioned recently that appeals for volunteers never work and that people need to be asked directly: "You only needed to ask me, and I'd have been happy to help." But who will do the asking?! With over 200 people on the electoral role, it's impossible to know exactly who is 'just waiting to be asked' and it can take asking 9 people before 1 person is willing to say yes! Hmmm, perhaps not the most efficient or helpful use of anyone's time and energies....!

Could we develop a culture of being pro-active and *offering* to get involved? Such offers are AMAZINGLY encouraging to the person organizing and help create a positive and happy event. Think about it.....

### **Palm Sunday bombing in Egypt**

Please pray for the Christians in Egypt under so much attack. Following the bombing in Tanta last Sunday, a mother whose husband was killed in the attack was interviewed on a mainstream Egyptian news channel and spoke gently and clearly about her forgiveness for those who had carried out the attack, appealing to those intent on such violence to think again and consider their motives. After the mother finished speaking the news presenter was struggling to find the words to express his astonishment: how can this mother forgive; these Christians are altogether different to the people and ways of the world.

Another Egyptian Christian wrote: *that very church in Tanta had its Lenten evening prayers as usual, (the "Basra") attended by large numbers, including*

*Muslims who came to show their support..... `God is at work in Egypt, even in the midst of these tragedies. We want people to know that, not just the problems.'*

**Voluntary Donations for coffee**

Most of us enjoy a welcome cup of tea or coffee and cake after services on Sunday and through the week. From today onwards you will see a basket on the counter for voluntary donations. Please consider what you might pay for a cuppa in a café and support our ministry of hospitality and welcome. But if you forget to bring change with you, please still enjoy the refreshments!

**Home Communion**

If you know anyone who may be unwell, or for any other reason would like communion brought to them at home or in hospital or simply a visit, please let Revd Lesley know.

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**Welcome to St Andrew's**

If you are new, we would like to welcome you to St Andrew's, and update you by email with our news and events. Please fill in the form and hand it to a member of the clergy or welcome team

First name .....

Surname .....

Address .....

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Postcode ..... Telephone No .....

Email .....

## **WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK**

### **Sunday**

10.00am Family Communion and Children's Church followed by delicious refreshments and great conversation!

11.30am Youth Group

6.30pm Said Evensong

### **First Sunday of every month**

6.30pm Choral Evensong

### **Third Sunday of the month**

6.30pm Taize Prayer

### **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**

8.00am Morning Prayers in the Lady Chapel

### **Monday**

11.00am Parents, carers and toddlers informal communion service

12.00 noon 30 mins prayer together, followed by soup

### **Tuesday**

10.30am till noon Open Door & Gardening: Coffee, chat and fun activities especially for the over 60s.

### **Wednesday**

10.15am till 1.00pm Songs and Stories for children with refreshments.

4.30pm – 6.00pm 8-11 year olds group at Penny Stradling's house

### **Thursday**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **Friday**

10.30am – 12 noon Jewellery making group

### **Saturday**

8.00am till 12.30pm Project for the Homeless, including Eucharist at 9.30am.

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