

St Andrew's Church Woodside

21st July 2024

Informal Communion

'Before & after miracles'

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from Nick

Today's reading is Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

This week's gospel text is unusual. Nothing remarkable seems to happen! There a good reason why this is so. There are two separate parts, which are missing a chunk of verses in the middle. They are actually the verses immediately preceding and immediately following two consecutive miracle stories, the feeding of the five thousand and walking on the water. And those two miracle stories are the text for next week. Today the lectionary forces us to treat these introductory and summary verses as our focus. They are not words many readers would normally look carefully into for lessons. If we were talking about a movie, then today we get to pay attention to the lives of Jesus and the disciples, away from the main action sequences.

We are reminded that the Lord will speak to us even in the dry, dull, unremarkable parts of scripture. The kind of passages we might normally skip past, or give little attention to as we look for the impactful stuff, the dramatic, or the parts that seem profound to us. A journey of faith is not simply lived or experienced as one great highlight to the next, but more often in the quiet in-between, the every-day. Even in the inconspicuous, the repetitive, the monotonous, Jesus, as the gospel shows us here, is still Jesus; offering us rest, urging us to remain rooted in him. While at the same time showing himself to be always and ever compassionate. He wants us to care deeply as he does for world.

Prayer Ministry

Andrew will be at the front of church after the service for those wishing private prayer.

Prayer will be offered for all those named on this News Sheet.

For those not in church, 10.30 Sunday services will be available on Zoom:

Meeting 878 5926 2657, passcode 664663 or click on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

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**We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.**

Practical help for the Community



Azalea sends thanks to all those who contribute in various ways, which include our regular Gift Aided donations. They regularly collect our offerings of food, toiletries, etc; always gratefully received!



We continue to deliver food items to the Foodbank monthly as needs are greater than ever. Your generous support provides aid to both adults and children: our offerings are thankfully received. Please donate high protein food items: e.g. tinned beans, dry pasta, long life milk, etc. dropping your items in the Foodbank trug at church or at 7 Crawley Close. We plan to drop off at the Food Bank on Tuesday July 30th.

The Foodbank appreciates regular Gift Aid donations where possible.

See <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk>

Items for Asylum Seekers

Adult toothbrushes, Shampoo, Body Moisturiser, Shower Gel, Spray deodorants, Baby's toiletries, Baby oil/moisturiser. New T-shirts & Joggers S/M/L, Crop tops, Bras, Socks. Please place items into the box in church.

Blister Packs Recycling

We have a collection box at the back of church for used blister packs, which Paula has kindly volunteered to take for recycling.

Church Diary July

Sun 21st	10:30	Holy Communion
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St. Andrew's Community Coffee Morning
SATURDAY 27th JULY, 10 to noon
Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Good Company.
Come and see Paula's lovely Artwork!

Sun 28th	10:30	Family Service
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August

Sun 4th	10:30	Informal Communion
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Sun 11th	10:30	Morning Praise
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Sun 18th	10:30	Holy Communion
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Tue 20th	11:00	Service at the Care Home, next to the church
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Sun 25th	10:30	Family Service
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September

Sun 1st	10:30	Joint Service at St Paul's
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Sun 8th	10:30	Joint Service at St Andrews: Morning Praise
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Wed 11th	10:30	Little Stars: doors open at 10
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Gift Day

If you choose to give by cash or cheque please mark your envelope 'Gift Day', with your name and whether able to be gift aided.

To make a bank transfer, bank details are

St Andrews Woodside PCC CAF Bank Ltd sort code 40-52-40, account 00007320.



Monthly Prayers on first Wednesdays & Weekly Bible Studies ...
Zoom on 589 233 412, passcode 090636 or use:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?>