

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Whether you are new to St Andrew's or worship here every week, it's great to see you today. We hope you will feel at home here. Please introduce yourself at the Welcome Point by the door as you enter church to find out how we can help you settle in and where you can find details of various church activities. Do register on our website or fill in a welcome bookmark which you can find in the Bibles in the chairs.

TODAY AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Please join us to pray for the services half an hour before each service in the Prayer Room.

8am Holy Communion

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20 *David Wright*

9.30am Holiday Club Service *Dan Heyward*

11.15am Morning Worship

Repentance and Renewal

Hosea 14 *Paul White*

Cotteslowe Connected

3.30pm at Cotteslowe Community Centre

6pm Evening Worship

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DIARY: 27TH AUGUST-3RD SEPT 2017

Sunday 27th August

10.30am International
Visitors' Coffee

Monday 28th August

Bank Holiday

Friday 1st September

7.30am Half Hour Prayer

Sunday 3rd September

Children and Youth Work
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St Andrew's Church

NORTH OXFORD

Sunday 27th August 2017
Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

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Please submit items for the
bulletin by Tuesday
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LINDA DOLAN'S 70TH BDAY TEA

Please join us to celebrate Linda's big day with her family and friends in the Main Hall in the Jubilee Building at 3.30pm on Sunday 10th September. All welcome. If you would like to attend, please sign the sheet on the welcome table.

OPEN DOORS

Open Doors is looking for passionate, talented people to help meet the growing needs of the persecuted church. Develop your skills as you use them to support persecuted Christians around the world, and take the next step in your career. Visit www.opendoorsuk.org/careers.

CHARITY SALE

A big thank you to all who visited my stall - a total of £70.90 was raised for the brilliant children's charity Compassion UK. Thank you, Ruby Valler (aged 8).

FROM THE DOWNINGS

Thank you St Andrew's for welcoming us back amongst you this summer. We appreciate your support and encouragement, your friendship and prayers. Greetings to you all from Tirana, Albania and may God bless you as you seek to serve Him each day.

MISSION FOCUS: LAURA KYTE DE GONZALEZ, VERITÉ SPORT, ARGENTINA

Dear family, we are in the final countdown here in Argentina; on 5th September we arrive in the UK for an extended stay of six months.



Fabio will be undertaking a term of English study from mid-September until mid-December in the centre of Birmingham, which we pray will be useful for him not only in learning the language but also in gaining some more independence in getting about and learning more about the British way of life. We also pray that this may be a time during which we can reflect on our current projects and think about the future, where we see ourselves in the short, medium and long term.

We will be based primarily with my parents in Alvechurch, just outside Birmingham, until Christmas at least, however, there will be frequent trips to Oxford throughout this time, and perhaps we will base ourselves in the city after Christmas.

We are grateful for your prayers and support over the last year in particular, having navigated some difficult moments in marriage, ministry and sport. There are still challenges to overcome, and our prayer is that the Lord would be preparing our hearts to receive from Him and that we would boldly obey His call over our lives. We pray for love, grace and unity to abound, and to fully make the most of this time to be blessed and be a blessing.

WHAT'S ON ...

Waiting for Children Course Thursdays 8-9.30pm starting 21st September for 4 weeks in Oxford

Infertility brings mixed emotions and thoughts, and can be a lonely time for many couples. We aim to offer support and some teaching on various areas, recognising every journey is unique. Led by Rachel and Phil Allan. All couples welcome. See the flier or for more information and to book a place contact

Oxfordwfc@gmail.com

A Presentation from ZANE: Zimbabwe A National Emergency Friday 6th October 6-8pm at St Andrew's

Tom Benyon OBE, Founder and CEO of ZANE, will chair a presentation on 'Zimbabwe and Southern Africa: Hopes, Dreams and Fears'. ZANE's staff from Zimbabwe will report on the charity's work with Pensioners and in the High Density Areas and speakers will include The Hon Tenai Biti, Former Minister of Finance, Zimbabwe 2009-2013 and Senator David Coltart, Human Rights Lawyer and former Zimbabwean Minister of Education. Tickets are £15 to include refreshments. To book see flyers at the back of church or call 020 7060 6643. Tickets also available at www.zane.uk.com

SIERRA LEONE EMERGENCY APPEAL: THANK YOU FOR £5K RAISED TO DATE!

We have spoken with Pastor Yatta who lives near the site of the floods and he is working at the scene of the disaster in Freetown. Pastor Yatta Samura leads the Christian Community Church in Sierra Leone. We have learnt that 2 members of his congregation are homeless but inevitably it will take some time to fully assess the impact and numbers of missing or homeless. Pastor Samura has requested help for food, water and shelter. He will distribute to those affected both within his church community and beyond. Those of you moved by the flooding and landslides in Freetown, Sierra Leone, may wish to donate to provide immediate relief and shelter for those affected via www.lovesierraleone.org or cash/cheque.

We will pass all funds collected to Pastor Yatta. The Trustees, Love Sierra Leone (Richard Bayfield, Ian Gill, Norm Robins, Rev David Bendor-Samuel and Diana Snape).

CHILDCARE

Childcare needed in Summertown Area. The Saunders family need someone to help with childcare from 3pm-8pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays from September onwards. The children are 12, 10 & 6. No specific qualifications needed (other than enjoying children) non-driver acceptable, spare bike if needed. Contact 07771 347838 emily@saundersfamily.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Weekend Away 23rd-25th Feb 2018. More details to follow. Email Carrie for more information carrie.heyward@standrews.oxford.org

HYMNS OF PRAISE

On Saturday 23rd Sept at 7pm we will host an evening of Hymns of Praise at St Andrew's presented by the well-known Christian broadcaster Pam Rhodes. We hope you will join us for this great opportunity to sing your favourite hymns and be blessed by their background stories. Tickets £5 per adult [concessions available] in aid of the Jubilee Building. On sale from the church office or after church services. Also available on the door.

HOUSE SITTING JAN-MARCH

A mature Christian couple are looking to house sit from early January to the end of March. They will be coming over from Canada to visit family who attend St Andrew's. Looking after animals would not be a problem. If you can help, please contact John Montgomery (Centre Manager) at the church on 01865 311212.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Thank you to everyone who helped in making holiday club a lively and exciting week for so many children to learn about and encounter Jesus.

B&B FOR MISSION AGENCY LEADERS

40 leaders and board members from over ten mission agencies will be meeting again at St Andrew's to explore how they can cooperate to help to expand the global mission agenda. OMF, OM, Interserve, SIM, CMS, European Mission, and Arabic Mission are amongst those represented. Mission leaders need accommodation (twin or single) on Sunday 17th and Monday 18th Sept. They will have all meals except breakfast in St Andrew's. Any offers will be greatly appreciated. Please email jill.ireland@sim.org or text/ call 07802 740178.

HOUSE GROUPS AUTUMN TERM

House groups at St Andrew's will be starting up again after the summer break in September. House groups are at the heart of our discipleship life at St Andrew's. We see them as the principal place for growth in faith and support through the challenges we all face in life. We therefore encourage everyone to be a part of a house group. If you are interested in joining a group contact Paul White (paul.white@standrewsoxford.com; 01865 314862). Morning and evening groups meet on most days of the week and details can be found on the website under 'Get Connected'. This term our studies are following our morning sermon series in Mark's gospel. A new group is starting up on Cumnor Hill, West Oxford, and has room for new members. It will meet on alternate Tuesdays at 8pm. If you are interested in joining this group, do get in touch with Paul.

RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 9th September is Ride and Stride Day to raise money for The Oxfordshire Historic Churches' Trust, which gives grants to churches needing repairs and facilities. Please sponsor Carolyn McCrum on her walk round many city churches via Just Giving/Carolyn McCrum. 50% of what she raises will come back to St Andrew's and 50% to OHCT. The church will be open all day for other sponsored walkers and cyclists from other churches to record their visit; if you are interested in helping with this please contact Gillian Argyle gillian.argyle@gmail.com.

P R A Y E R F O C U S

Please pray for:

The family and friends of Lois Foster-Carter, especially her sister Felicity. Lois' funeral will be on Tuesday 5th September at 2pm

The family and friends of Brenda Good

John Wolstencroft

Yvonne Carpenter

Sarah Maidment, for healing after an accident

The Scott-Hunter family

James Bastin

David Keene, for miraculous healing

Jane Finnerty

Richard Turnbull

Give thanks for a wonderful week of Holiday Club

Our young people as they spend a few days away at Soul Survivor