

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 entrance to find out how we can help you settle in. Fill in the Newcomer Form on our website so we can get in contact with you.



TODAY AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Please join us to pray for the services half an hour before each service in the Prayer Room (the 9am prayer is in the vestry).

8am Holy Communion

Matt 2:1-12, Eph 1:3-14

Dan Heyward

9.30am All Age Worship

Surrender What You Cannot Keep

Mark 10:17-31

Paul White

11.15am Holy Communion

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Mark 10:17-31

Paul White

3.30pm Cutteslowe Connected

Cutteslowe Community Centre

6pm Evening Worship

Jesus: A Better World

Hebrews 1:1-4

Dan Heyward

No children's groups or SAYGO youth group today. Groups start up again on Sunday the 12th January 2020.

WEEK OF PRAYER 6TH–11TH JANUARY

Monday 6th

8pm P2 – Prayer
and Praise

Wednesday 8th

8pm Prayer for
Cutteslowe

Friday 10th

6am-10pm
24/7 prayer

Tuesday 7th

8pm Prayer for
the persecuted
church

Thursday 9th

6am-10pm
24/7 prayer
4pm Family
prayer and dinner

Saturday 11th

6am-10am
24/7 prayer
10am Parish prayer
walk and brunch

Daily prayer Monday–Friday: 7.30am, 9am, 12pm, 3pm

Full programme: www.standrewsoxford.org/prayerweek

St Andrew's Church

N O R T H O X F O R D

Sunday 5th January 2020 Epiphany

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Paul White
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Curate Tel: 314855

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Please submit items for future noticesheets **by Tuesday** of the preceding week.
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OXFORD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Help rough sleepers this winter – you can support OWNS in a number of different ways:

Donate in-kind goods:

We are in particular need of: Juice (small individual bottles), Pot porridge, Tea, Pot noodles, Instant Coffee. Bring donations to church or take them directly to the OWNS office at St Clement's Centre, Cross Street, Oxford OX4 1DA. Please mark that they are donated to OWNS.

Donate money:

OWNS are voluntarily aided, so donations are greatly appreciated. Donate online at ownsoxford.org or if you wish to send a cheque, please make it out to Oxford Winter Night Shelter and send it to: The Secretary OWNS, c/o St Michael at the North Gate, Cornmarket, OX1 3EY

For questions contact: anne.allen07@gmail.com.

MY CHURCHSUITE

This online platform is an ideal way for church members to stay connected to one another and to the church. Log in to keep on top of your rotas, to sign up for events more easily and to manage your personal data. If you are a church member and you would like access to My ChurchSuite please contact

admin@standrewsoxford.org

MISSION FOCUS: LOVE SIERRA LEONE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



This Christmas, Pastor Yatta provided a Christmas meal, entertainment and games for children in Freetown and Koidu in Sierra Leone. Christmas has passed, but you can still donate to support the 'Love Sierra Leone Christmas Appeal 2019'. In 2018, £2,000 was raised and over 400 children came along. We hope to raise more this year and any excess funds raised will go towards our educational work.

Please donate at <https://lovesierraleone.org>

In 2018 Pastor Yatta and his team organised a meal in Freetown and one in Kono. He wrote, "I am sending you this report to say thank you, thank you and thank you again for putting SMILES on the faces of the children. This is the 2nd year we have undertaken this wonderful project of Feeding the Children within this Christmas holiday in our community. We ask them to come at 2 pm they started coming at 9 am. You can see the excitement on their faces. We planned for 100 kids and we had 123. Many more were standing at the gate wanting to come."

There is too much hunger in this country, parents cannot afford to feed their children. We also bought some training equipment and gave them gifts. You can make a small donation at <https://lovesierraleone.org>

Likewise, David Sandi organised a meal in Kono for about 300 Ahkom Tech school pupils and poor local children. He said, "We thought it would be over in an hour or so, but they kept on coming. Fortunately, there was ample food for even those remaining poor kids who gingerly made their entrance over three hours later."

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Lunch Club, Thursday 16th January 12.30pm

This is mainly for the retired but all are welcome. A two course cooked lunch is served in the Jubilee Hall, followed by a short talk. Jane Benyon, Director of the Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank will speak about the work of the Oxford food bank. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or phone Elizabeth Gittins on 553 100 or Sarah Burton on 556 400.

Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water Saturday 18th January 9.15am

This is the next 'STAR retired network' workshop. Jonathan Lamb will speak on maintaining spiritual growth as we grow older. Please register online standrewsoxford.org/starworkshop, sign up at church, or call 01865311212.

Big Questions in Life: Am I Just My Brain? Sunday 19th January 6pm

Invite your friends and neighbours as we consider with Dr. Sharon Dirckx the big question of who we really are - is there more to us than our brains? This is the first of a new series in 2020 where we will take some time out of our usual sermon series in the evening service to consider topical questions. Great for those who might not normally come to church.

Annual Childrens, Youths and Families Training Day Saturday 25th January

For all leaders and helpers involved in children and young peoples work. Come and be refreshed and pick up some great ideas for your ministry. The day will start at 9:30am and finish at 3:30pm. Safeguarding training is available in the afternoon if needed. Refreshments and a light lunch is provided. Speak to Lesley for more information. You can also read more and sign up through My ChurchSuite.

Barn Dance, 8th February 6pm Save the date. Details to follow.

Women's Weekend, 28th February—1st March Will take place at Walton Hall Hotel in Warwickshire. Book online at standrewsoxford.org

Ash Wednesday and Lent Course, March—April A Lent course will be held on the six Wednesday evenings following Ash Wednesday, 26th February.

MONDAY MUMS

Monday Mums is a friendly group of Mums at all stages who meet weekly in term time for coffee, cake, chat, Bible study and occasional talks. There is a crèche staffed by helpers for those with children not yet at school. We meet in church from 9.30-11.30am. All Mums are warmly welcomed. We start back on 13th January. If you would like to know more, please email mondaysmums@standrewsoxford.org.

JOIN A HOUSE GROUP

Are you a part of a house group? If not, the new year is a good opportunity to join one.

What is a house group?

House groups are one of the main ways in which we can be encouraged and supported by others in our Christian life and discipleship. They are a vital part of our church family life. The groups meet in homes of our church members on different days of the week (usually in the evening, but a few groups meet in the morning).

How do I join?

New members are always very welcome. Contact Paul White paul.white@standrewsoxford.org, 01865314862 if you would like to know more.

CHINA TOUR REPORTING BACK

Friday 10th January at 2.30pm (for a 2.45pm start).

Godfrey Stone will be 'reporting back' on a month long tour of China, including visiting churches and seminaries, undertaken in October and November 2019.

This open meeting takes place in the Jubilee Hall at St Andrew's church. All welcome. For questions please contact stonegodfrey03@gmail.com

RHYTHM OF HOPE

The Rhythm of Hope is a retreat for couples facing infertility. The day takes place on Saturday 11 January. For more information, please see www.rythmofhope.co.uk

OPERATIONS TEAM VACANCY

St Andrew's is looking to hire a Facilities Manager, full time (40 hours a week). Advert and job details are available on the church website.

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF

We are delighted that Anne Dorman started as our part-time administrator this week.

We are also excited to have Ryan Torrie as our new youth pastor. A greeting from the family follows below:



"We are the Torrie family – Ryan, Jackie, Joshua and Caragh. We are very excited to have immigrated to Oxford from Zimbabwe. We have a love for the outdoors and have already enjoyed exploring this amazing city on many a long walk. I am so looking forward to taking up my new role as Youth Pastor and getting to know you all and being part of the St Andrew's family."

P R A Y E R F O C U S

Becky Hudson	For elderly or frail people who can no longer get to church.
Judy Coates	
Daniel Maughan	For all those recently bereaved.
James Bastin	
David Keene, for miraculous healing.	
David Cundy	