

Welcome!



*Declaring their
own message!
With many thanks
to our gardeners
and flower arrangers*

- we have a stall selling Fairtrade goods
- there is a book on the table at the back of church where you can enter names of people to remember in our prayers
- there is coffee in the hall after the service – please stay!
- there is a hearing aid loop system operating



Readings

To review today's reading:

Job 38:1-7

Mark 10:35-45

To prepare for next week:

Isaiah 55:1-11

John 5:36b-47

Managing our resources

St Wind-blown's Church:

- 'We seem to be running out of money in the bank...'
- 'We haven't got anyone on the coffee rota for next week...'
- 'Nobody seems to come any more ...'
- 'We need a whip-round to fix the gutter ...'
- 'We'll get along - somehow - won't we? ...'

St Flight-plan's Church:

- We have a MAP (Mission Action Plan) and we know where we want to go
- We know the first stage (at least) of how to get there
- We know what we will need in terms of time, expertise and money
- Our congregation is on board and is rising to the challenge in a very positive frame of mind

Stewardship is **not** about begging a reluctant congregation for more of their money or more of their time. Nor is it about crisis management or managing a decline.

Stewardship **is** about purposeful and efficient use of resources. Our stewardship is grounded in the Living God's Love framework and in our MAP.

Our purpose is ministry, worship and mission.

Stewardship is not about coping; it is about good management.

A joy!

'It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.' (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Thanks?

For what?: 'All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.' (1 Chronicles 29:14)

How?: Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the good news and told them, 'You received without payment; give without payment.' (Matthew 10:8)

Joyful thanksgiving on St Andrew's day

Over the next few weeks we shall continue to think about stewardship and what we individually feel willing to commit. On 29th November at 10am we shall celebrate St Andrew with a special service of joyful thanksgiving and commitment - which will be a brilliant way also to begin Advent!

In our prayers, let us remember:

Barbara - getting over cancer.

Caoimke - suffering from bone cancer.

Salim, who has received a comprehensive 10 page letter from the Home Office re-affirming their intention to remove him to Italy.

Lloyd Burrowes - in intensive care, very poorly.

Geoff Faulkner, recovering at home.

Heinz-Gerd and Linda Reese.

Emily Millward, who is going through difficult times.

Cathy Buxton, with thanks for the success of her treatment.

Rev'd David Stapleton (Betty's friend), who is finding life difficult.
"Please pray for Edward."

Ann and all Frank Suharso's family and friends.

Carlda Lewin's Dad - Tom - that his cancer treatment is successful.

Open Focus PCC

Our PCC meeting on Wednesday, 21st October will be an Open Focus meeting and therefore open to everyone to attend. Our topic will be liturgy: the way we conduct our services. This open discussion will last from 7:30 until 9 at the latest.

Cassiobury Park gates

If you are interested in a campaign to rebuild these, please speak to Syd.

The Bishop's Harvest Appeal

Last week we celebrated Harvest and invited contributions to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. The lunch, coffee, cash collection and gift-aid came to over £450 - well done one and all!

Refresh!

Our next Refresh! day is on 14th November at Cheslyn House from 9:30am to 3:30pm. This is an opportunity for reflection, relaxation, and food for body, mind and spirit. Please come - and let Don know!

Hallowe'en - 31st October, 4-6pm plus set-up time

Please offer help to Claire.

You should have received a letter from the PCC

If you haven't received one then please speak to Ian.

Thanksgiving and remembrance - 1st November 3pm

Please invite people who might appreciate this service.

Live Nativity - 12th December, 10am-4:30pm

Similar to two years ago outside St Mary's, St Andrew's will have an hour's time slot - please offer help to Ian.

This week

Today, 18th October - The 20th Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

Wednesday, 21st October - PCC at 7:30pm

Next Sunday, 25th October - Bible Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

Monday, 26th October - Churches Together social, 7pm onwards

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