

***Welcome!***

"The slave who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.



"But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money." (Matthew 25:16-18)

***Readings***

To review today's readings:

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 5:14-30

To prepare for next week:

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 5:31-46

# **We are open Sundays 10am - 12 noon for private prayer**

## ***In our prayers, let us remember:***

Sarah Sole, who has been told she has a number of incurable conditions, which put her at risk of serious illnesses: "This is really hard to come to terms with."

Newton House care home (Shireoaks, Nottinghamshire) where

Margaret Lewin's sister works, following a case of covid-19.

Lisa Rogers, who is in need of support and guidance.

Pam Hastings - undergoing ongoing treatment after her operation.

Maurice Saunders, now back home to convalesce following a stroke.

Laurie Ann Lewin, praying for her to regain strength.

Carlda's Dad, Algon (known as Tom) Lewin, with bone cancer.

Margaret Lewin's Mum, Grace Whiteman.

Care homes (our parish boasts many).

## ***Thank you!***

Thank you, all who who donated to The Blackout fundraiser that Jake and Oscar did. They raised £430 – 215% above their £200 target.

***And 'Well done' to Jake and Oscar!***

## ***The Vicar writes:***

Thank you very much for all your cards and gifts, including a lovely book token from the church as a whole, for my birthday last week.

I cannot deny it was a strange-feeling birthday, so I appreciated your care all the more.

## ***IBNA - Isolated But Not Alone***

Please - let us phone each other - frequently and often - look out for each other - let Ian know if you are worried.

## ***Updated Food Bank list***

Just a quick note to update the food bank shopping list.

The items we most need at the moment are:

Instant mashed potato

Tinned tomatoes

Long life milk

Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread

Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)

Long life fruit juice

Jars of pasta sauce

Tinned meat

Tinned fruit

Tinned rice pudding/custard

Little chocolate bars and sweet treats

Packets of jelly or sponge puddings

Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date.

The easiest way to get food to us is to pop it in one of the collection points at the local supermarkets in Watford. We currently have collection points in Asda, Sainsbury's and Tesco Extra.

Alternatively, you can drop food off at our warehouse between 10am and 1pm, Monday – Saturday. If you are able to, please give us a call on 01923 804435 before you set off so that we know you're on your way.

Many thanks.

## ***Liturgy online from the C of E***

The following links take us to Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, complete with the appropriate readings etc for the day.

Morning prayer: [http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_mp=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_mp=1)

Evening prayer: [http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_ep=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_ep=1)

Night prayer (Compline)

[http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today\\_np=1](http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_np=1)

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## ***Today's reading - Godly Play style***

With something to offer people of any age - worth a look!

Click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9K9qgVM34c>

If you would like to **give money online**, here are St Andrew's bank details for direct transfer:

Account Name - St Andrews Church

Account No - 50111169

Sort Code - 089250

Please give a reference: eg General donation, Food bank Kitchen, etc (Your name will appear automatically.)

If you would like to make out a **regular standing order** to St. Andrew's, please use a different account number:

Account Name - St Andrews Church

Account No - 50000102

Sort Code - 089250

Don looks after our standing orders. Please let him know if you set one up or alter an existing one online. Alternatively he has forms for doing these things 'offline'. Phone 01923 497189

## ***A prayer for our care homes***

Gracious God, our Father in heaven,  
please be close to everyone who lives or works in a care home.  
Be with people who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
Give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to everyone who cares for residents.  
Please strengthen, comfort and heal them all  
through your Spirit,  
and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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