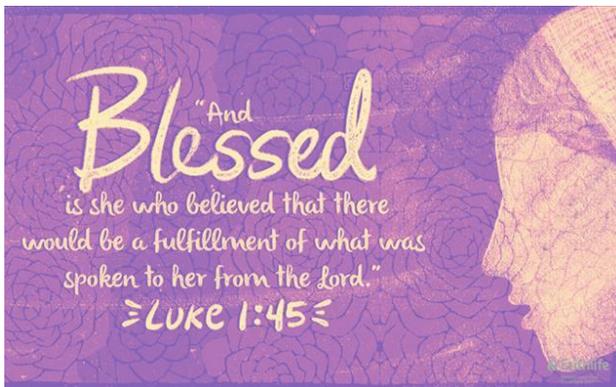


Welcome!



Readings

To review today's readings:

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55

To prepare for next week:

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Today's hymns

If you would like to follow today's hymns in the hymn books, they are:

- 21 - All people that on earth do dwell
- 221 - God is working his purpose out
- 631 - Tell out, my soul
- 429 - Love is his word, love is his way

In our prayers, let us include:

Ivan Got, beloved grandfather, who left us recently and is dearly missed.

Janet Lewis, recovering from surgery.

Sarah Sole, with a number of health issues.

Becky Hastings, with thanks for her progress so far.

Don's friend Julie, who has been diagnosed with serious cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Viv's sister Veronica, who is seriously ill.

Colin, who has dementia but is in hospital following a stroke.

Peter Culverhouse (Elizabeth's nephew) who has been diagnosed with cancer.

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

Care homes (our parish boasts many).

Times of services

Private prayer: 9:30

Service of the Word: 10:00

Service of Holy Communion: 10:30

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

Account Name: PCC St. Andrews Watford

Sort Code: 089250

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If you would like to make out a **regular standing order** to St. Andrew's, please phone Don on 01923 497189

OMC - O My Cron ...

I have heard of several cases where the omicron variant of covid-19 has spread ferociously. Along with most other local churches, I have decided to keep St Andrew's open with the precautions we have in place.

On the other hand, the Mayor of London has declared a "major incident" due to the rapid spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant in the capital. Holland has gone into a Christmas lockdown over the Omicron wave.

I will Zoom all our services over the Christmas period, so that if you are at all unsure whether to come to church in person, you have that option to attend online. (I won't Zoom the crib service, which is outside.)

We will continue to put recordings of the Sunday services (but not Christmas Eve or Christmas Day) on the website as usual.

Christmas at St Andrew's

Carols by candle light - Sunday 19th December at 4pm
followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Please take a lateral flow test before you come.

Crib service - Friday 24th December at 4pm

This year's service will be outdoors, so come prepared!

It will be a bit different from previous years, but it will still set the scene for Christmas for all the family.

Midnight Communion - Friday 24th December at 11:15pm

Christmas Day - Festive Holy Communion at 10am

Sunday 26th - we are open as usual, for simple services.

Carols by candle light

Sunday 19th December 4pm

A chance for a sing,

and to hear again how and why Jesus came to be born -

followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

We are now especially mindful of the need to behave sensibly regarding covid-19, and request you to take a lateral flow test beforehand.

Video recordings of our Sunday services

Video recordings of both parts of our Sunday worship are on our website, or 'A Church Near You', or our Facebook page, hopefully by the Sunday evening.

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=H-FPwqF1oHw>

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

Evening prayer: http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_ep=1

Night prayer (Compline)

http://daily.commonworship.com/daily.cgi?today_np=1

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