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Wednesday 1st May 2024

Dear folks,

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday 12th May, as usual, straight after the 10:30am service. Please do join us and cast your vote for those standing to represent you on the PCC and as Churchwardens. I am going to be using the services that day to give us some reflection on where we are at as a Church and thinking a bit about our values and vision. God has called us to seek his Kingdom and I believe there is more to come!

A blue and orange graphic for the Annual Meeting 2024. The text 'Annual Meeting' is in white on a blue background, with '2024' in white on an orange background. Below it, the date and time 'Sunday 12th May 11:45am after the 10:30am service' are written in white. A small version of the St Andrew's Sneyd Green logo is in the bottom left corner, and the address 'St Andrew's Sneyd Green Sneyd Street, ST6 2NW' is in the bottom right corner.

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Please prayerfully consider standing for election at the APCM

We have a wonderful and servant-hearted PCC and I have been incredibly blessed to serve alongside them this last year, but we do have some gaps and would love to have some new voices join us.

Martyn has served as a lone Churchwarden now for a year and although he has done this brilliantly, it is never meant to be a one-person job. The role is there to serve and lead in St Andrew's but also to be the 'chief supporter' of the vicar. It carries certain legal responsibilities too. Please do let me know if you want more information.

Being a member of the PCC is to join the governance and decision-making body of the Church. Meeting around 6 times per year, the PCC leads on the important day-to-day decisions impacting the running of the Church and supports the vicar in seeing the vision fulfilled. Again, please speak to me or somebody else on the PCC to find out more.

Nomination forms are at the back of Church!

Mavis Proudlove

I shared on Sunday the sad loss of a wonderful follower of Jesus, Mavis Proudlove who dies last week on Tuesday 23rd April just minutes after Steve and Lynn arrived back from the US. She was an incredibly faithful and faith-filled woman of God who even in her final days was constantly praying and demonstrating her closeness to her Saviour. We will be celebrating her life on **Wednesday 22nd May in Church at 1:30pm** which will be followed by a private burial and refreshments in the Church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Romans ahead!

As part of the planning for the preaching during my sabbatical, we will be using the new Bible Society course studying the book of Romans. There will be Growth Group material including some brilliant videos alongside a sermon series stretching through from June to October. Please don't panic, it's not a verse per week(!), we will be doing a parallel series looking at the parables of Jesus on the all-age Sundays including the 6 weeks of the summer holidays. In the meantime, in preparation for this (launching on 2nd June), please read the book of Romans.

If you prefer to listen to it, you can use www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/.

I'm also a fan of the UCB Bible books overview podcast here:

<https://www.ucb.co.uk/biblebooks> or

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/4iPrpHR9330xgIgjsoMuhT?si=TfjF8-6-SX6F00kGWLxrUg>

Plus the Bible Project videos are fantastic: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans/>

I'm away this weekend but don't hesitate to be in touch around it, and I'll see you soon!

With every blessing,

James