



Drew's News

October 2019

Our Sunday Services

9am every Sunday: Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October 10:30am All-age Harvest service

Sunday 12th October 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 20th October 10:30am Café Church/Children's Church

Sunday 27th October 10:30am Holy Communion

The 9am is a more traditional service. 10:30am is an informal worship service with contemporary music and provision for children and young people. Please ask if you'd like to know more. Refreshments are served in the hall afterwards. **Everybody Welcome!**

If you have any questions or if something happens you don't understand, please don't hesitate to ask, there is always someone available at the back of church - look for the welcomers wearing orange lanyards.

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www.standrewssneydgreen.com

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TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS.

Letter from the Vicarage

Dear all,

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Last week in church I referenced Philippians 4:6-7 which encourages us to ask God for his help with the things that make us anxious - but the key thing we often miss in this passage is that it says 'with thanksgiving'. Paul, even though he was writing from prison, was thankful to God for so much, how much more should we be thankful to God?

Personally, Zara and I are incredibly grateful to God for the safe arrival of Theo, and for all of the love and support we've received over the last month. Thank you to all of you who have sent us gifts, cards or food - including our very generous gift from the whole church - we're so grateful to you all. We'd also like to express our thanks to everyone who worked extra hard while I've been off. Thank you to everyone involved in the garden party, to the wardens and teams making Sundays happen, and Sue in the office too.

I want to keep gratitude as the priority in my heart, each day recognising the gifts and blessings I have received and saying thank you to God, ultimately thanking Him for His adoption of me as His son - as He has adopted us all as His children - and the salvation He has given us because of Jesus. I know that day by day, there are things that distract me from God, things that take my attention and energy because I'm anxious about them. Paul says here that we should offer our requests to God with thanksgiving and he will give us peace. May you know God's peace in our anxious world.

With every blessing,

James

Community Litter Pick

Crossways Residents' Association have organised another litter pick and would appreciate your support.

Meet outside church at 10am on Saturday 5th October. Hi-vis vests, litter pickers and bags will be provided.



Due to Ani's pregnancy Giggle & Grow has a new Team leader, Natalie MacGregor. Thank you Ani for your hard work setting up the new playgroup (enjoy a time of rest before Baby arrives!) and to Natalie for taking over the reins. The team is looking to expand, if you could spare a couple of hours on a Thursday morning please speak to Natalie.



I recently had the privilege of joining a team on a mission to Blackpool for five days with the well respected organisation "Through Faith Missions". Based on Jesus sending out the twelve, we took very little money, no cards or food, just a sleeping bag and some clothes. We were well looked after by the local church and armed with God's love and lots of prayer we went door to door and into pubs and community centres to ask people about their beliefs, and to offer prayer, tracts and Bibles. Many people were open and welcoming, some people prayed to get right with God and asked to be visited again to explore their new found faith and relationship with God. It was an amazing and humbling experience which I hope to repeat. It has also challenged me to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15) I hope we are all encouraged to do the same. **Phil Dabbs**

Dates for your Diary

October

- **Wednesday 2nd, 7pm:** The Prayer Course (week 4)
- **Thursday 3rd, 6pm:** Healing in the Community, Costa Coffee, Hanley
- **Saturday 5th, 9am:** Prayer walk. Meet at church, walk around an hour.
- **Saturday 5th, 10am:** Litter Pick (Crossways Residents' Association)
- **Sunday 6th, 7pm:** Advance prayer meeting in church
- **Wednesday 9th, 7pm:** The Prayer Course (week 5)
- **Wednesday 16th, 7pm:** The Prayer Course (week 6)
- **Thursday 17th, 7pm:** PCC meeting in the hall
- **Sunday 20th, 6pm:** City Celebration Service, Longton Central Hall
- **Monday 28th, 7:30pm:** The Bible Course in church

November

- **Sunday 3rd, 7pm:** Advance prayer meeting in church
- **Thursday 7th, 6pm:** Healing in the Community, Costa Coffee, Hanley
- **Saturday 9th, 9am–3pm:** Evangelism training day
- **Monday 25th, 7:30pm:** The Bible Course in church
- **Thursday 28th, 7pm:** “PCC Tonight” for PCC members

Please keep these events in your prayers.

A number of coats, jackets, scarves etc. have been left on the pegs in the church hall for some time. Please take a look to see if any belong to you, any not claimed soon will be donated to a charity shop.



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If you have any possible contributions for the newsletter please email office@standrewssneydgreen.com or pass a written form to Sue in the office.

Thank you for all contributions.