



Our Sunday Services

9am every Sunday: Holy Communion (Morning Prayer on 1st)

Sunday 1st September 10:30am All-age service

Sunday 8th September 10:30am Café Church/Children's Church (note change of week)

Sunday 15th September 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd September 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 29th September 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.

This newsletter is also available on our website:
www.standrewssneydgreen.com

OUR VISION IS TO SEE PEOPLE'S LIVES
AND THE COMMUNITY OF SNEYD GREEN
TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS.

Letter from the Vicarage

Dear all,

I write this newsletter to you, waiting to see if the doctors can turn baby around to avoid a Caesarean section. I'm reflecting that baby needs to be flipped around to enter the world and how Jesus came to turn the world upside down and calls us to do the same. Neither what I'm about to undergo or what Jesus calls us to do are without difficulty but they both bring hope and new life.

We are excited for the term ahead and believe that if we seek God, we will find Him and He will do wonderful things. Seeking God and doing what He calls us to do isn't easy, but it is worth it. We believe the Prayer Course will help to equip us as a community to pray and seek God as well as do what he calls us to do. Do sign up to be a part of it.

We also believe that the appointment of Sarah Baker as our Youth, Children and Pioneer Minister is crucial for us as a community to see the transformation of Sneyd Green. We look forward to welcoming Sarah and her husband Ted in early November. For more info on Sarah, check out her letter.

James and I are unlikely to be around much in the coming weeks as we adjust to being a family of 4. We look forward to re-joining you towards the end of September and introducing you to our new addition. We leave you in the very capable hands of Rob and Nicola, our wonderful wardens. We will miss you and be praying for you, the start of the new term, the garden party, and that God will equip us all to turn the world upside down for Him.

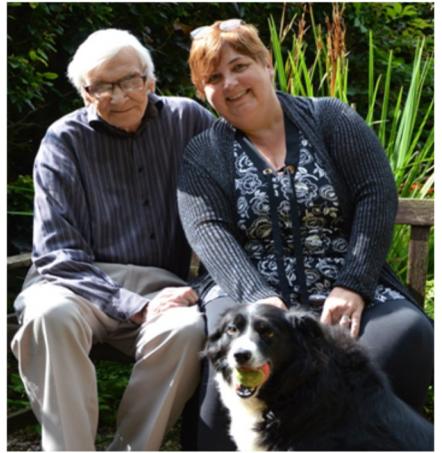
Blessings,

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Hello everyone at St. Andrew's!

My name is Sarah Baker and this is my husband Ted and our wonderful Border Collie 'Joy'.

We are looking forward to moving to Sneyd Green and joining you at St. Andrew's in early November to take up the exciting position of Youth, Children and Pioneer Minister.



Ted and I have been married for 30 years. We originate from N.W. London, which is evident as you listen to Ted's 'cockney' accent. Both Ted and I are very much Kingdom focussed; mission, evangelism and seeing the Holy Spirit move in the church and into the community around us has always been important to us. Ted will be 80 in April, although he will not thank me for saying that.

I began working as a nurse before Ted and I attended the Elim Theological College in Nantwich. I then worked in a school for the physically handicapped for 12 years, before serving with London City Mission for 7 ½ years. I worked briefly for Christian Witness to Israel, before spending the last 9 years working as a Children and Families Worker in the Church of England.

We are looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you, and we are especially interested in developing the new ministry that the Lord has opened up for us with you.

Please keep us in your prayers and thoughts as we seek to find suitable 2 bed, rented accommodation in Sneyd Green, and that we have a smooth transition from our current parish in Cheshire. We are praying daily for you all.

May God bless you all.

Sarah & Ted Baker

Dates for your Diary

September

- **Sunday 1st, 6:30am and 2:30pm:** Radio Stoke broadcast
- **Sunday 1st, 7pm:** Advance prayer meeting in church
- **Thursday 5th, 6pm:** Healing in the Community, Costa Coffee, Hanley
- **Friday 6th:** F@6 and Fusion restart after summer break
- **Saturday 7th, 3-5pm:** Garden Party
- **Wednesday 11th, 7pm:** The Prayer Course (week 1)
- **Thursday 12th:** Giggle & Grow restarts after summer break
- **Wednesday 18th, 7pm:** The Prayer Course (week 2)
- **Wednesday 25th, 7pm:** The Prayer Course (week 3)
- **Saturday 28th, 11am:** The Big Weekend Walk, Tittesworth Reservoir. Meet at the visitor centre, see Phil & Debbie Dabbs for more info.
- **Saturday 28th, 10am-4pm:** Greenhouse launch, St Paul's Church, Longton Hall Road

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.
- **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

Please keep these events in your prayers.

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

Thank you for all contributions.