



Update Letter – Wednesday 5th August 2020

Dear all,

Zara and I have really enjoyed and be inspired by the teaching and worship from the New Wine United Breaks Out summer conference over the weekend – and we hope you have too. I felt a real sense of the theme of **hope** throughout the weekend – a hope in Jesus in this season and forever but also a hope that the Church will be fired up, prayed up and sent out into the world in a new and powerful way to share the good news of Jesus with all in our communities and world! If you missed out, there's more details on how to catch up below.

Services in Church resuming

We are delighted to announce that we'll be opening up our building for Sunday services once again for a simple 9am communion service each week from 6th September. In the lead up to this, we will be doing a full risk assessment and putting in a number of measures to keep us COVID secure.

As you may be aware, the guidance continues to change and the latest rules include the wearing of masks being mandatory. We understand if this puts you off but sadly we must keep to the guidance. Other features will include 2m social distancing, a shorter service, no singing, limited numbers and communion in one kind (bread only). Whist we will be taking every precaution necessary, we want to create a space for us to worship together as community back in the Church building - for those who feel able and willing to attend. To assist with this, we have produced a short survey which can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/KDrNYY7R7yCpBTNd7>. Paper copies will also be available. Please could you complete and return this survey by **Sunday 16th August**.

To enable us to be ready to open, a cleaning morning has been arranged for **Tuesday 1st September** at 9:30am coordinated by Jenny Plimer. If you would be available to assist with this, please contact her for more details.

Please note that we are not planning to stop our 10:30am online service and there will be some extra online provision aimed specifically at Children and families coming as well. Please do pray for us in this season as we move to physical services in the building alongside continuing the online services too.





New Wine: United Breaks Out

Many people have shared how blessed they have been by the children's sessions, worship, teaching and seminars at this year's online New Wine summer conference. We would really encourage you to take a look at some of the content which is all now available online on the New Wine website: <https://breaksout.new-wine.org/> If you have any testimonies from New Wine, we'd love to hear them, please get in touch.

Summer Breakfast Packs Project

The summer food packs project is going really well, we have a regular take-up from 11 families who are all very grateful. Pam reports some amazing encounters and conversations happening as they come to pick up the food. One family donated a sack of potatoes towards the project to share out!

We have a surplus of craft packs which were bought for the project which we would like to give away to other families in our local community. This may be a friend or neighbour or children we know locally. **Do you know any primary school age children who might appreciate one as a gift from St Andrew's living in the local area?** Contact Steve Ellis with their details.

Sue and Sarah

We are delighted that both Sue and Sarah are both now back at work full time – it's great to have them back! They can be contacted in the usual way although both are planning to take some holiday during the summer.

Couple of things from James & Zara

Firstly a massive thank you from Zara and I to all those involved in running the service last Sunday, we had a lovely time away and were grateful for the space. Secondly, we're delighted to announce that we are expecting our third child on 31st January! We're absolutely thrilled.

Quick notices

1. Our two-weekly **Church prayer meeting** dates – Tuesday 18th August and Tuesday 1st September at 8pm on Zoom. Contact us for the code.
2. **Sunday morning coffee** after the service on Zoom. Contact us for the code.
3. **Tuesday Communion services** will continue to be streamed live on Facebook each week at 12pm (except 25th August) – everyone is welcome.
4. A selection of extra **worship songs** from the worship team has gone up online either on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtaTIdFBPqM-L5tm_9VpMDB3F17mzz32j) or our website. This includes a half hour set compiled for the day of worship hosted by the Beacon House of Prayer which

includes the 'Blessing' song adapted for the whole of Stoke-on-Trent. Thanks again to Nathan and the team for these.

5. Reminder about the [Lord's prayer colouring project](#) – do send in your best pages so we can display them. If you need a hard copy printing and posting to you, let us know.
6. Thanks so much to Gordon and Steve E for their work in the [church garden](#), if anyone would like to give a hand in its upkeep, do be in touch.
7. AND FINALLY: The [Joint City service](#) on the 26th July struggled with sound issues but a shorter highlights program can be found here:
<https://youtu.be/OBmv-kvPCIk>

Please know that we are praying for you,

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Online Services at St Andrew's

Sunday 10:30am: Morning Worship

Tuesday 12:00pm: Holy Communion

To watch live, go to Facebook: www.facebook.com/standrewssg

Catch up on our YouTube Channel: [St Andrew's Sneyd Green](#)

Details and news on our website: www.standrewssneydgreen.com