



Update Letter – Tuesday 7th July 2020

Dear all,

In my update at the end of May, I shared with you the values of St Andrew's as described in our vision document. I have been reflecting a lot on what our values are as we have sought to prayerfully move forward with a number of things which you will read about in this update. Apologies that it is a little long but I'd encourage you to read it all through so you can pray into what we feel God has called us to.

Summer Breakfast Packs Project: VALUES: Generosity, Partnership, Cross-generational Ministry, Hospitality and Outreach

Introduction:

We felt that during the Coronavirus pandemic, we are being called to serve those most vulnerable in our community with a summer breakfast pack project. This followed a time of prayer and discussion as to how God is calling us to spend our time, money and resources.

The summer breakfast pack project aims to serve the most vulnerable children and their families in our community by providing a simple breakfast and healthy snack food selection to a small number of families in partnership with our local primary schools, Sneyd Academy and Holden Lane Primary School. The main aims are to:

1. Target those most in need – as identified by the local schools
2. Target those in our immediate neighbourhood – where possible

The project:

The plan is to give away breakfast packs each week of the summer holidays to 50 families and their children. The pack would contain a selection of breakfast foods, snacks and other items each week plus some craft or activity packs as well. Parents will be invited to contact the church using a dedicated mobile number each Friday to order a pack to be collected the following Tuesday from 10-12pm.

Food will be sourced and packed by volunteers in the Church hall each Monday and Sneyd Academy have offered a number of volunteers to support the project. We have made enquiries with a number of local supermarkets to support the project with food or finances. Pam Littler is leading the project with the support of a number of others.

How can I help?

There are three main ways that you can support this project.

1. **Pray** – We are inviting 50 families to come and visit us in the Hall to receive a food parcel each week; our desire is to get to know them, support them and pray with and for them where appropriate. Please pray for our encounters,

for the children we meet and are helping to feed and for the truth of the gospel to filter through in all that we do and say week by week.

2. **Give** – St Andrew's has some money in a specific fund which we are going to use towards this project however we would love to invite you to sponsor a children's food pack. Each pack is costing approximately £15 each and therefore funding a child for the whole summer comes to £90. If you feel that you are able to support the project in this way, please let us know. You can give by cheque, cash or direct into our bank account or alternatively give directly to our Covid19 fund through JustGiving here:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/standrewssg-covid19

We are also looking for some spare plastic bags – preferably bags for life – to pack the food into. These can be dropped off and left in the blue recycling bin next to the hall door or brought to the bagging sessions (see below).

3. **Volunteer** – We are looking for some help with the shopping, bagging and giving out of the packs.

- **Shopping:** Mondays from 7:30am
- **Packing:** Mondays from 9:30am in the Hall (social distancing and precautionary measures will be taken)
- **Distribution:** Tuesdays from 10am-12pm in the Hall

Please contact Pam Littler if you are able to help on any of these sessions. The project goes live on Monday 20th July.

The Prayer Garden: VALUES: Hospitality and Outreach, Believing in a God who heals, Gathering to pray and meet with God

In the coming weeks, please look out for the opportunity to come and pray using the space out the front of church, and invite others to use it too. More details will follow.

Church Prayer meeting: VALUES: Gathering to pray and meet with God, Believing in a God who heals

This is TONIGHT, 8pm.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21st July at 8pm.

Sunday morning Coffee on Zoom: VALUES: Hospitality, Gathering to pray and meet with God

Please contact us for the Zoom meeting link for coffee time after Church.

Gardening: VALUES: Hospitality, Blessing others as we are blessed

We can't arrange a group gathering to do some trimming and tidying in the front garden but we'd love it if anyone could spare an hour here or there to trim some of

the fast-growing bushes or do some weeding. There's a brown bin round the back by the hall that can be filled.

Sue and Sarah are back! VALUES: Multi-generational ministry, and lots more!

Sue and Sarah officially returned to work on July 1st, Sue just one day a week and Sarah for 50% of her hours. A quick reminder of their contact details:

Sarah: sarah@standrewssneydgreen.com

Sue: office@standrewssneydgreen.com

The office will remain closed for the time being as Sue will be working from home.

My Lighthouse – we need your help! VALUES: Multi-generational ministry, gathering to encounter God in worship and praise

The worship team have put together the worship song 'My Lighthouse' and are looking for videos of people doing the actions to put together with it. If you are interested, please email james@standrewssneydgreen.com for more details.

Bible readings for July: VALUES: Trusting the Bible as true and relevant
Please find these attached.

Please know that we are praying for you,

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Services at St Andrew's

Sundays at 10:30am: Morning Worship

Tuesdays at 12pm: Holy Communion



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