

Update Letter – Thursday 1st October 2020

Dear all,

I mowed the vicarage lawns about 10 days ago and then realised that the grass underneath the apple tree probably got cut a bit short! In the dry weather we got last week, it turned rather brown. But since then, over the past few days with some

rain, it is gradually showing signs of green growth coming through. I wonder if this is an image of hope that might be helpful, where things look dead, there is life still and it does return. Like somebody said to me the other week, it's really quite difficult to kill grass, it pretty much always comes back eventually.



Zara spoken on Sunday about the 'now' and

the 'not yet' of the kingdom and how in some ways our experience of church is in that in-between stage, realised but not quite as it should be. So as the grass reappears in my garden, what hope do we cling onto, what thing is it we are looking forward to, that by God's grace will come eventually, however dead it seems.

#### Stories of HOPE

We are looking for stories of Hope to share with the church community each week as part of our Sunday services. This is an opportunity to share a bit of what lockdown has been like, some of the challenges each of us has faced but in the midst of it all, where God has been moving and what the stories of hope are. We would love to hear from you if you'd be up for sharing either via a recorded Zoom call or a live interview. Let's be a community aware of each other's struggles, but rejoice in the Hope we find in Jesus too!

# **Annual Meeting**

Due to the Coronavirus lockdown back in March, we had to postpone our APCM but



we are now able to hold our annual meeting at the end of October. This will take place immediately after the 9am service on **Sunday 25**<sup>th</sup> **October at 9:30am**. It will be an unusual meeting this year, we are inviting you to join us in one of two ways. Either you can come to church and be present

physically (following social distancing and with limited numbers) or you can join us on Zoom. Please look out for more details next week.

## **Harvest**

Also on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, at 3pm, we are having a Harvest festival service outside on the front lawn. This will be designed to be accessible to all ages and will be in a Messy Church format, lasting for just half an hour. Please bring a picnic rug and wrap up warm! There will be an opportunity to bring harvest food gifts across the events on the 25<sup>th</sup> which will be distributed to those receiving food parcels and to the local Foodbank.



# **Quick Notices**

- 1. Sunday morning coffee after the service each week on Zoom everyone is welcome! Please contact us for the Zoom code.
- 2. Our next two-weekly Church prayer meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm please join us as we continue to pray for the mission and ministry of St Andrew's. Please contact us for the Zoom code.
- 3. Please find the daily readings for October below. I hope many of you are continuing to find these useful. You will notice that these are the readings we preach on at the 12pm Tuesday communion and the 9am Sunday service in Church.

With every blessing,

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## Services at St Andrew's

Sunday 9am: Holy Communion IN CHURCH Sunday 10:30am: Morning Worship ONLINE Tuesday 12:00pm: Holy Communion ONLINE

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# **Lectionary readings 1st - 31st October**

Gospel	Psalm
Luke 10: 1-12	88: 1-6, 11
Luke 10: 13-16	139:6-11
Luke 10: 17-24	119: 169-end
Luke 12:1-12	128:129-134
Luke 10:25-37	111:1-6
Luke 10: 38-end	139:1-9
Luke 11:1-4	77
Luke 11:15-26	55
Luke 11:15-26	55
Luke 11:27-28	76 & 79
Luke 13:22-30	138 & 141
Luke 11:29-32	113
Luke 11:37-41	119:41-48
Luke 11:42-46	1
Luke 11:47-end	98:1-4
Luke 12:1-7	33:1-6, 12
Luke 12:8-12	8
Luke 10:1-9	147:1-7
Luke 10:1-9	100
Luke 12:35-38	85:7-38
Luke 12:39-48	98
Luke 12: 49-53	33:1-6
Luke 12:54-end	24:1-6
Luke 13:1-9	122
Matthew 22:34-end	90:1-6, 13-end
Luke 13:10-17	1
Luke 13:18-21	128
John 15:17-end	119:898-96
Luke 13:31-end	144:1-2,9-11
Luke 14:1-6	111
Luke 14:1,7-11	42:1-7
	Luke 10: 1-12 Luke 10: 13-16 Luke 10: 17-24 Luke 12:1-12 Luke 10:25-37 Luke 10: 38-end Luke 11:1-4 Luke 11:15-26 Luke 11:27-28 Luke 13:22-30 Luke 11:29-32 Luke 11:37-41 Luke 11:42-46 Luke 11:47-end Luke 12:1-7 Luke 12:8-12 Luke 10:1-9 Luke 10:1-9 Luke 10:1-9 Luke 12:35-38 Luke 12:39-48 Luke 12:54-end Luke 13:1-9 Matthew 22:34-end Luke 13:10-17 Luke 13:18-21 John 15:17-end Luke 13:31-end Luke 13:31-end Luke 13:31-end