



Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear church family,

This update is brought to you by the wardens and admin as James is currently on paternity leave. As you will have seen in a previous email, Emmanuel Jonathan arrived on 31st January, weighing in at a very respectable 8lb 15oz – well done Zara! Emmanuel we welcome you in to the Church Family and I am sure that we are all eager to meet you in person. We thank you God for the Safe arrival of Emmanuel and we pray for James, Zara, Samuel and Theo that Your protection, strength, peace and most of all your love will be with them all. As is customary we are organising a collection to purchase a gift for the Gandons to celebrate the arrival of their third musketeer, donations can be made in cash to Pam Littler or by [PayPal](#) to Sue using the office email address: office@standrewssneydgreen.com



The usual rhythm of worship at St Andrew's continues while James is on leave, Sunday services hosted by John Potts via Facebook live each Sunday followed by coffee time chat with Sue on Zoom, worship via Zoom on Sunday evenings, prayer on Thursday mornings and communion on Thursday evenings, the codes for each can be found at the end of this letter. However, there won't be a communion service next Thursday (18th February) as we are joining with the City Gathering call to prayer (see below).

Captain Sir Thomas Moore 1920-2021



We were incredibly sad to hear of the recent death of Captain Sir Thomas Moore. What a shining light Sir Tom was, always appearing so humble with what he achieved in the war and also his fundraising. Sir Tom was a shining light in these dark times and brought a smile to everyone. In his 100th year he raised over £32million (£39million with Gift Aid) and reached number one with Walk On, there is hope for us all and we are never too old to try something new. Our prayers are with his family at this sad time. Thank you, Sir Tom, for being such an inspiration to so many and leaving a legacy that will go on for generations to come

ENCOURAGING NEWS

Stoke-on-Trent council announced last week that every eligible care home in Stoke-on-Trent has now been offered the COVID-19 vaccine, with 93 per cent of residents in care homes across the city receiving their first dose. The remaining residents were to be vaccinated over the following days as they may have previously tested positive for COVID-19 or were in homes where there were small outbreaks. We thank you Father that the rates for Covid in our City continue to fall daily and that the vaccinations are being rolled out so efficiently. We pray Lord for an end to Corona Virus and we lift up all those who have been touched by the virus. We pray your peace to be with them.



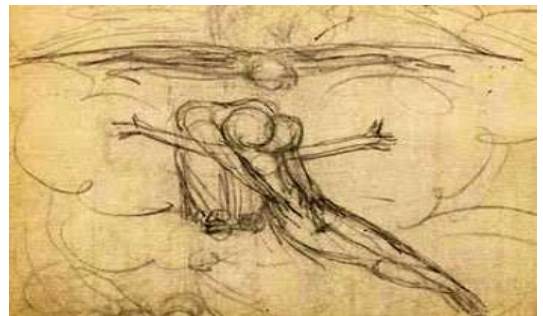
PANCAKE PARTY



Sarah is hosting a pancake party suitable for all ages, not just families with young children, via Zoom. If you would like to join in please contact Sarah on 07888 669233 or email sarah@standrewssneydgreen.com for a resource pack and the Zoom code.

LENT AND EASTER RESOURCES

Also coming your way is a booklet of resources for use during Lent and Easter, including readings, prayers, and links to online resources. We hope you find this useful.



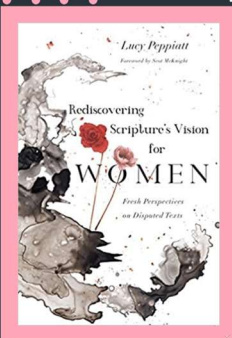
FOOD DONATIONS

As a church we support the local food bank, in addition to helping local families who have fallen on hard times with food parcels. We appreciate it is difficult to donate at the moment with the church and office buildings closed but the local schools are asking for our help. If you are able to donate long-life food (tins, jars, packets etc) please contact Pam Littler or Sue in the office to arrange drop-off. Please pray for our families in our community and this opportunity to help.



DDADI BOOK CLUB

Ladies you are invited to join!



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DAUGHTERS

Join our new Whatsapp group so we can read together, discuss, share and pray about the issues raised in the text.
With ad hoc (optional) Zoom Meetings

We will be reading Rediscovering Scripture's Vision for Women by Lucy Peppiatt together.

Please source your own copy of the book. The Church Office can provide assistance if required.

Contact Nicola to be added to the group: 07816503400

An exciting new book club for ladies is just starting. The first text is Rediscovering Scripture's Vision for Women by Lucy Peppiatt. Please contact Nicola on 07816 503400 if you would like to join the group.

With love and prayers,
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A CALL TO PRAYER

An opportunity to join with Christians from across North Staffordshire to pray together for our communities, conurbation and nation

Thursday 18 February - 8.00pm - 9.00pm

Zoom : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5844886699>

Meeting ID: 584 488 6699

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city.... Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper"

(Jeremiah 29v7)

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