



Wednesday 7th April

Wishing you an Easter season full of the joy of the risen Christ and the equipping of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news to all!



We have had a really lovely Easter at St Andrew's, I hope you have enjoyed and appreciated what you have been able to join in with. I want to say a particular thank you to the 20 people who joined me at 6am for the dawn service, it was wonderful to be together in person – the first in-person service since Christmas day. Thanks too to Martyn and Karen for building our cross from the Christmas tree and to Jenny and Jim for facilitating us being able to put flowers on it – this was appreciated by many including some in the local community who joined in.

On Sunday we launched our series called 'ACT' and I want to encourage you that in this season, I feel the Lord is saying that we are to ACT, to respond to what he calls us to and to go out and make our faith count. Each week therefore, there will be a challenge I will set of something to do, to encourage each one of us to ACT.



This week, the challenge I set was to write down five names of people that you know who don't yet know Jesus. I would like you to spend some time each day praying for them and asking God to both reveal himself to them this week and provide an opportunity for you to speak to at least one of them about Jesus. If it's helpful, you can use this tear off slip to help.

PRAY FOR FIVE

My five people:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



4. _____
5. _____

Lord, please reveal yourself to these five people and I pray for an opportunity to share with them about Jesus. Amen

If you want any tips on creative ways to pray for your five, check out this website, set up for the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative (coming again this May): <https://arnoldprays.co.uk/2020/05/21/50-ways-to-pray-for-five/>

Our invitation to prayer, fasting and worship is under review at the moment so we're having a couple of weeks break from the Thursday gatherings and our worship night has paused for the time being too. We're in the process of discernment as to the pattern and rhythm of prayer and worship as a Church, and we'll share more soon as to what that's going to look like going forward. Please note that we don't take a 'holiday' from praying, but we're simply not going to be meeting to pray for a couple of weeks. Prayer is the foundation upon which we build everything else upon, and it remains a priority for us at St Andrew's. I would strongly encourage everyone to continue to pray with others informally over this time.

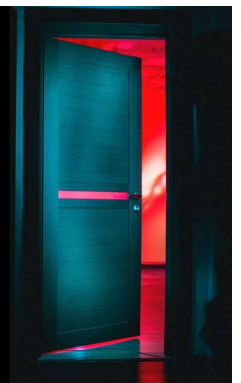
This Saturday 10th April is our next Church Quiz on

Zoom starting at 7pm led by John Potts – contact us for the Zoom link.



We're also thrilled to announce that as of this Sunday 11th April, the 9am Communion service will be resuming in the Church building. Everyone will be most welcome to join us. Please make a note of the updated Covid guidelines in the attached document.

**The doors
will be
open!**



To make the 9am services possible, we rely on a number of volunteers to welcome people to Church and in being part of the cleaning team. If you are able to help with this, please be in touch with Sue at the office@standrewssneydgreen.com

We are also planning to re-open the building on a regular basis for private prayer in the coming weeks, more details will follow.

Our 10:30am service will continue to be online only for the time being, and our after-service coffee time has been a great way to connect socially with one-another and will continue this Sunday at 11:45am. If you're unfamiliar with Zoom, do get in touch and we can help you get online. Contact us for the Zoom link.

Quick reminder to bring any donations of long-life food items to the hall each Thursday from 10-11am and if you are in need or know others who need a food parcel, do please be in touch with Pam, Sue or James.



For your prayers, please note that Matthew Parker will be ordained Bishop of Stafford on Wednesday 14 April at 3.15pm at Lambeth Palace. Covid restrictions mean only a very small number can attend but please check out the Diocese website for streaming details (<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org>)

For your diary, the next City call to prayer is on Thursday 22nd April at 8pm on Zoom. These have been greatly encouraging times of worship and prayer alongside Christians across the city and the North Staffs region, do join us if you can.

Please be in touch if we can help or support in any way, and know that we are praying for you. Zara and I are taking some time off next week but I will be back for the 18th April services.

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