



Thursday 24th June 2021

Dear all,

Welcome to another update letter. I hope you are doing well, and enjoying the somewhat warmer weather. We are beginning to prepare for the summer break in the weeks ahead where we try and facilitate a gentle 'slow-down' once the schools break for holidays in particular. Do take the opportunity to come and visit the café during the summer, we are hoping to expand the days to include a Friday but need some more volunteers to make that possible – more details below.

As we look forward to the lifting of restrictions on July 19th (or whenever it can happen), I'm conscious of the variety of emotions going on in each of us. Some might feel great elation, relief and joy whilst others feel anxiety, fear and distrust. My encouragement to those who were at or watched Mick's funeral on Monday was to cry a lot, laugh a lot and talk a lot. We should allow ourselves to be sad, if that's how we're feeling. We need to laugh and remember times or moments of joy in this season (we've not had many jokes online recently) It's OK to laugh in seasons which are tough too. And finally we need to talk – talk to each other and to God about what's been going on, to help us process and to enable us to journey this together. I'd be delighted to chat to anyone who wants to in the weeks ahead – over the phone (or over a tea and cake at the café!) Do be in touch.

Tom's Ordination

Our new curate Tom Owen and his family have arrived safely in Stoke-on-Trent, Tom will be ordained as a deacon on Sunday 27th June at 10am at Lichfield Cathedral.

As numbers are limited at the ordination ceremony the service will be live-streamed instead. There will therefore be no online service of our own that week but you can

watch on the Diocese Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/LichfieldCofE> or on the Diocese website here: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training/ordained-ministry/ordination/ordinations-2021/ordinations-2021.php>

We had planned to have a welcome picnic for Tom, Robyn and the children the following week on 4th July. However, as lockdown restrictions have not been eased as previously expected, we have sadly decided it is best to postpone the celebrations for now. We will show Tom a true St Andrew's welcome (with food!) when we can. He will be at both the services on 4th July to say hello!

A call to Prayer

The 8th virtual prayer gathering for North Staffs which will take place on Thursday 24th June from 8-9pm. Zoom details:

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

ID: 5844886699

No passcode is required.

A CALL TO PRAYER

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

Thursday 24 June 8.00pm - 9.00pm

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

Meeting ID: 584 488 6699

'Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus'

(Acts 4 v 30)

Organised by Saltbox and City Vision Ministries with help and support from North Staffs Christian leaders

**CITY VISION
MINISTRIES**

SALTBOX
Strengthening Our Communities

The Star

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY -
THURSDAY

9AM - 12PM

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH,
SNEYD STREET, SNEYD GREEN



The Star Café is now fully open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and has been a great success so far, providing a great place for people to meet and relax over a drink and a slice of delicious home-made cake.

The current team of volunteers are doing a great job but there are still opportunities to serve if you would like to be involved, please contact a member of the café team (Pam Littler, Lynn Proudlove and Steve Ellis) or Sue in the office if you would like to join in.

Josie Gravano

On Tuesday, a number of people, including many members of the Golder Wonders club for senior ladies, gathered at the café to say farewell to Josie, who flies out to Sicily next week to live with her daughter. It was a special time sharing memories together, I hope my message to Josie in Italian was OK! Josie's last Sunday in church is this week, 27th June. We wish her every blessing and good wishes for a safe journey and hope she settles quickly into her new home.

Giggle & Grow

Giggle & Grow playgroup has restarted outdoors on Thursday mornings, alongside the café. The children have built a 'bug hotel' in the garden near the hall and last week they planted seedlings – lets hope we see plenty of fruit from both the plants and the ministry. Well done to Sarah, Natalie and the team for all their hard work.



Giggle & Grow

Thurs 10-11.30

Opening 10th June. Bring a picnic rug!

Lots of out-door play facilities and craft activity around the back garden. Story & music time at 11.15.

St Andrew's SNEYD GREEN

The poster features a vibrant rainbow arching over the text, a smiling sun, a green plant with leaves, and a yellow smiley face emoji. The text is in a mix of bold, colorful fonts.

Plant Swap

Have you got green fingers? Need some variety in your garden? Come along to the plant swap on Saturday 3rd July, 1-2pm in the church garden. Bring any plants, seedlings, cuttings or seeds to share and swap.



CROSSWAYS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OF SNEYD GREEN

PLANT SWAP

St Andrew's SNEYD GREEN

SAT JULY 3RD . 12PM-2PM

SNEYD STREET, SNEYD GREEN, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST6 2NW.

The poster is set against a light green background with a white grid pattern and is surrounded by various green leaves. The text is in bold, orange and white fonts. A logo for St Andrew's Sneyd Green is prominently displayed in the center.

Safeguarding

As mentioned in my previous email, Rebecca Poole is our new Safeguarding Officer. We are very grateful to Beckie for taking on this important ministry. If you have any concerns about any issue regarding safeguarding, you can contact Beckie by emailing safeguarding@standrewssneydgreen.com or via the office on 01782 209871. If the situation is urgent, you can call James, or the diocese Out-of-Hours Emergency Safeguarding number 0303 003 1111 (option 2). These details can also be found on the St Andrew's website. If someone is in immediate danger then call the emergency services on 999. As a heads-up from Beckie, safeguarding training is required for anyone in a position of perceived responsibility and must be repeated every 3 years, Beckie will be in touch so please make sure your contact details are up to date (contact Sue in the office with any changes). Training has been streamlined recently so those that have done it before should find it easier this time.

With every blessing as always,

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#NewRevs 2021 meet the curates ordained at Lichfield Cathedral this Petertide

