

Dear St Andrew's,

I love the fact that we are a community of welcome, a community of invitation and openness desiring to reach out to our community and share the incredible welcome of Jesus. We are included in a family of God which has a destiny of riches, blessings, and everlasting hope because of Jesus. We are welcomed into the almighty throne room of the King of Kings to sit at his right hand, even though we are unworthy, sinful, broken people because of the redemption of the cross. We are given access behind the curtain of separation by the power of the Holy Spirit to come into the direct and immediate presence of the almighty to encounter him, meet with him and receive from him.

We are then *commissioned* to welcome others into the fellowship. Each one of us is given the remit of invitation, the encouragement to welcome those who don't yet know the promise of hope in Jesus.

We have welcomed...

almost 250 people to our **garden party and village show** on September 9th which was a brilliant day – **thank you** to everyone for pulling together to make it happen and providing large amounts of food too!



- numerous folk to our Star Café which has run throughout the summer including on a Thursday morning while Giggle & Grow has taken a break
- a bunch of blokes to our *Men's meal out* which I was sad to miss!
- a fantastic number of local people to our new *Zumba class* run by the Residents Association every Monday night in our church hall (7:15pm, £3 per week, first 2 weeks free!)



- toddlers, babies and their parents and carers to *Giggle & Grow* as it re-started on a Thursday morning at 10:00am-11:30am
- young people to our *Friday night Youth groups*, Encounter (years 4-6), Vision (year 7) and SuperNova (years 12-13), which began last week.
- many people into our homes and lives through growth groups, meals, conversations and times of prayer with those in need.

As we come to the end of September, there's loads going on in the coming weeks and months leading up to Christmas – please get inviting!

Welcome...

to *Harvest*! This Sunday 1st October, across both services, please bring along food towards our own community larder, especially:

Squash Sugar Coffee Long-Life Milk Canned Fruit Canned Veg BBQ /Tomato Sauces Herbs & seasoning Salt & Pepper

Pot noodles Soups (tins & instant) Pasta Sauces (Not Tomato) Canned deserts (Rice Pudding etc) Rice Curry Sauces or powders Canned beans (Not baked beans) Cereal

 Crossways Residents' Association Open meeting on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm – for anyone who lives in the immediate locality

CROSSWAYS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING





Please join us at our Open meeting and AGM where we will discuss a range of local issues including the trees on Sneyd Street, local planning applications, school and residents parking, policing and anti-social behaviour. Our local councilors and council officers will be in attendance. ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL SNEYD STREET, ST6 2NW





- the next United Celebration at Swanbank Church, this Sunday 1st October at 6:15pm.
- safeguarding training, Saturday 7th
 October 10:30-12:30 or Tuesday 10th
 October 7:30-9:30. This is for anyone who volunteers in any ministry and has not yet attended an in-person safeguarding training. Please speak to Beckie or email safeguarding@standrewssneydgreen.com with any questions.

Stoke-on-Trent



Sunday 1 October, 6.15pm Swan Bank Church, Swan Square, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 2AA





Tearfund Quiz. Saturday 7th
 October at 7pm in the church hall.
 In aid of Tearfund, tackling
 poverty in the world's poorest
 countries. You can take part as a
 team or an individual, invite your
 friends and family, all welcome!
 There's no entry fee, just give as
 you feel able on the night, cash or
 online donations. Refreshments
 available.



 CHURCH! We're here every Sunday!!! 9am and 10:30am, with children's groups twice a month.

As always, please get in touch if there's anything you'd like to chat about,

James

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