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ST ANDREW'S

NEWSLETTER



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Our Thoughts and Prayers *from Geoff Davies, Churchwarden*

We are grateful for the thoughts from The Reverend Tim Marwood, Vicar at St Peter's who preached at St Andrew's on Sunday 29th May. He spoke of Jesus' compassion, and that praying for others as well as ourselves is one of the most important roles of a Christian. He asked for prayers for Simon and his family and for Jan, ahead of her funeral on Friday 3rd June. He also asked for prayers for the Churchwardens and PCC during the interregnum' and recommended use of the prayer card produced to support Simon and our parish in the months ahead.

WELCOME to Ursula Hodges

Ursula is the new Reader at St Andrew's. She was first a Reader at St Mary's in Putney, and moved to Kingston last year with her mother after her father's death and joined St Andrew's.



Services at St Andrew's

1st Sundays in each month are 30 min services:

Sunday 3 July

10.15 am 30 minutes Service

Forthcoming events at St Andrew's and Ham

Saturday 11 June Ham Fair

****Help would be greatly appreciated to set up the Marquee****

Saturday 2 July 12.30 – 4 pm Sunday School Sports & BBQ, Church Hall for Sunday School children and families

The July Pop-in lunch has been cancelled.

Vacancy Update: the Parish Profile *Message from Geoff Davies*

One of the first tasks on the road to appointing a new vicar is to put together a Parish Profile, which is a realistic description of the parish as we see it.

To enable you to have your say about our strengths and weaknesses and what you would like from our next vicar we have prepared some **Parish Profile Consultation forms**.

These are available at the back of the church : **please do fill one in and put in the labeled box, or give it in to the Parish Office**. We have also prepared a leaflet briefly explaining the whole procedure of appointing a new vicar and copies of this are also available at the back of the church

Saint of the month

St Alban the first Martyr of Britain, 22 June

Sister Veronica



Alban was a citizen of the Roman city of Verulamium (now St Albans in Hertfordshire) who gave shelter to a Christian priest fleeing from persecution, hiding him in his house for several days. Greatly influenced by the priest's devotion to prayer, Alban received instruction and was converted. When the priest's hiding-place was discovered, Alban dressed

himself in the priest's cloak and was arrested in his place. Tortured by the Roman authorities, Alban refused to renounce his faith. He was beheaded on 22 June, probably in the year 250, and so is acknowledged as the first British martyr. The remains of his shrine stand today as a place of pilgrimage in the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban.

Sidesmen's Bookstands



At his last 10.15 service Simon unveiled and blessed the two new wheeled sidesmen's bookstands that are the first arrivals of the third stage of our west end development. These oak bookstands were designed by Richard Woolf with sympathetic references to other fine woodwork already in the church. They were

made by John Beavan, a bespoke furniture maker who leads a small team of craftsmen and two apprentices in a workshop in the Worcestershire countryside. The improvements we are making are only possible because of the generous responses we have received to our 'Acorns to Oak' funding appeal. Should you wish to add to this to help finish the work, please hand your donation in at church or send it to the Parish Office.

Young People's Corner

'No matter what size you are, how big or small you are, you all have a job for Jesus'.

This was the message from Rev'd Tim Marwood who spoke at St Andrew's on Sunday 29 May.

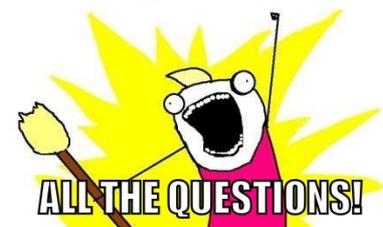
He spoke of Jesus as a fisherman calling all different kinds of people, and how important it is to try and understand other people. 'Put yourself in other people's shoes'.

On that topic, thinking of others, prayers and best wishes from the congregation to all our young people sitting examinations this term.



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For those moving schools at the end of term, we'll keep you in our prayers in September.



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