

July 2016



# ST ANDREW'S

NEWSLETTER

A photograph of the interior of St Andrew's Church. The church has a high, vaulted ceiling with a light blue color. The walls are white with stone arches. A congregation of people is seated in wooden pews, facing the front of the church. A pulpit with a blue cloth and a candle is visible on the left. The lighting is warm, coming from pendant lights hanging from the ceiling.

Christ be our light

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### **Interregnum news from Geoff Davies, Churchwarden**

Progress towards the appointment of a new vicar at Saint Andrew's may seem slow at the moment but work is going on behind the scenes. Paul Ream is working on the first stage of our Parish Profile which will be presented to the PCC on July 4<sup>th</sup>. From there it will be developed with designated members taking specific sections.

One of the questions that has to be answered is where will the new vicar live? The vicarage is nowadays thought to be much too big and is extremely expensive to keep warm during the winter. Margaret Williams and Geoff Davies have met with the diocesan surveyor and Archdeacon John Kiddle to view the property and briefly discuss ideas. The diocesan representatives then went away to talk it over and come up with firm options. Watch this space!

One item of very good news is that they both thought that whatever finally happens to the vicarage, the garden should be divided up with part staying with the house and part being transferred to the church hall as an important asset to the church family.

***Anyone who wishes to fill in a consultation form should complete one and hand it in by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Forms are available at the back of church.***

### **Forthcoming services at St Andrew's**

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 6.30pm Compline service with plainsong**

The 31<sup>st</sup> July is the fifth Sunday of the month so we will have a service of Compline. Compline is a very ancient service, originating from the earliest monastic communities. It derives its name from a Latin word meaning "completion" (completorium). As the last service of the day, it was, for the monks, the completion of their worship of God until the next morning. Some of the service will be sung to plainsong, the very earliest form of music found in the monasteries. It is gentle music and easy for us to sing. The service will be a simple, quiet reflective service, a Night Prayer before rest. Please do come if you can.

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 10.15am 30 minutes Service**

#### **Prayer Group dates**

**Wednesday 20 July** at 8 pm at 69, Lock Rd, Ham

**Saturday 6 August** 9 am in Church

#### **Reminder about Church Hall and Children's safety**

*The suggestion which is considered most practical is to continue with the reminder notice on the door. Please be aware that it is the adult/parent with the child who is responsible for their safety at coffee time once the Sunday School class has ended.*

### **VOLUNTEERS needed for POP-IN LUNCHES**

The pop-in lunches in St Andrew's hall are a wonderful way of reaching out into the local community and provide fellowship to many. To continue this welcome service we urgently need a new team of volunteers. We need someone to coordinate the lunches and others to cook, serve and clear away. The pop-in lunches take place on the first Friday of the month, except January, August and September. Could you help? Please contact Tina in the Parish Office [standrewsham@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsham@btinternet.com) / 020 8948 7374.

**BUILDING AND WORKS** Our current Chair of Building and Works, Richard Woolf, has completed his ten year tenure and we are looking for someone to continue the governance of St Andrews historic buildings and their setting. It is a rewarding, fascinating and engaging role. As custodians of such a fine church, we have a duty to those who come after us by continuing the 185 years legacy of its care. Richard will provide a mentoring role to ensure continuity and a supportive handover. If you feel this role is for you, please contact the churchwardens, Richard Woolf or the Parish Office.



## Simon's Installation as new Chaplain at Southwick

*Jonathan Cooper*

*(photos JC and Margaret Rees)*

At 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the Church of St James Without-The-Priory-Gate Southwick was full to capacity for Simon's installation by the Archdeacon of the Meon, the Venerable Gavin Collins. Along with many members of Simon's new congregation were forty current and former members of St Andrew's including Kip and Sue Waddell, and Jonathan and Ginnie Farniloe. There was a very happy atmosphere in the Church, and bell ringers on a balcony at the west end of the church welcomed all.

The chaplaincy is in the gift of the Squire,

Mr. Thistlethwayte, to whom Simon was presented by Rev'd Ian Meredith who then led the service. Simon pledged his commitment to renewal and growth (from the font), the word of God (from the pulpit), to prayer (from the body of the church) and to unity (from the altar). The support of the two parishes he will serve, Southwick and Boarhunt, was requested at each stage. The Archdeacon then licensed Simon who was then installed by the Squire. The history of St James and the estate at Southwick is fascinating: the earliest church records date from Elizabethan times, with the west end entrance (C14<sup>th</sup>), and one of the bells (C15<sup>th</sup>) older than this. The Squire's family lived in the Manor House until it was commandeered by the Royal Navy during WW2 and used by Eisenhower and his staff to plan the D-Day operations. The estate owns all the houses in the picturesque village except one, and nearly all have dark red painted doors; we saw that Simon's vicarage 'The White House' is an exception with its white door! We were made very welcome both before the service and at the reception and we enjoyed the friendly company of Simon's new congregation.

***May God bless his time there and may he find happiness and contentment.***

### ***Insight; Anne Heggarty and Daryl Betts***

On 19<sup>th</sup> June Anne and Daryl spoke about their work with Insight, a Christian organisation working in Kingston Schools to promote Christianity. Anne certainly had the children's – and adults' - attention when she set fire to a ryvita! This was to illustrate Moses' instructions from God; the message that in our brokenness God makes us strong. None of us are too small to help.

Daryl told us that Insight is a partnership formed from twelve Kingston churches and has input into 14 secondary and 40 primary schools in the Borough. With 3 full time staff and 30 volunteers, Insight reaches out to over one thousand children by offering Bible clubs, Christian Unions, and Christmas and Easter events. 'It's your move' are sessions for children in year 6 to prepare for their move to secondary school; the staff and volunteers find that the examples of David and Goliath, and encouraging the children to trust in Jesus do seem to help.



## The Amazing Balloon Journeys

Joan Smith

The furthest travelled balloon from those released on May 1<sup>st</sup> travelled successfully to France! Margaret Williams told the congregation on 19<sup>th</sup> June that we had received an email and photos confirming its travel across the channel to Saint Christopher – sur- Conde.



I'd been sent an email with these photos to make into this article, and was astonished beyond words to find it was carrying my own message, so unbelievable.

## Ham Fair, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Thanks to all who helped raise fantastic sum £933



Ham Fair face painting



### Auction results 'thank you'

A huge thank you to all those who helped make the Auction of Promises such a success. £1,723 was raised!