

March 2017



# ST ANDREW'S

NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to our new Vicar, the Reverend Alice Pettit,  
husband James and sons Caspar and Monty**



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**\*\*\*From St Andrew's  
PCC and  
congregation\*\*\***

'As we welcome Alice, we would like to thank Chris Ruse and our Church Wardens, Geoff Davies and Margaret Williams for supporting us so well during the interregnum and for the huge amount of additional work they have undertaken'.

**Spring Concert Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
March 2017 at 7.30pm at St  
Andrew's Church.**

Kingston University showcases a variety of instrumental and vocal ensembles, bringing together a wide range of musical genre from around the world for a wonderful evening of performance by students, alumni, staff and community members.

Tickets: £5, Concessions /NUS £2.

Contact Val Marshall Tel:

02084175430 or email

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## Upcoming Services at St Andrew's:

**Sunday 26 March 10.15am:** Mothering Sunday

**Sunday 2 April, 6.30pm:** candlelit Taizé, a quiet, contemplative service of readings prayers and chants from the Taizé community in France. Please do come along.

**Sunday 9 April, 6.30pm:** Palm Sunday Choir Service. If you would like to sing with the choir, please let Jenny Metherell know (8948 5366/ [jmetherell2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmetherell2001@yahoo.co.uk)).

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 27th April at 8pm  
in the Church Hall

All members of the parish and Congregation are invited to hear and see what has taken place at St Andrew's in the past year and to vote in the election of Church Wardens and PCC members for the coming year. All those who are resident in the Parish or on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote and nomination forms can be obtained from the Parish Office

(020 8948 7374 or [standrewsham@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsham@btinternet.com)) or the PCC Secretary ([pccsecretarygill@gmail.com](mailto:pccsecretarygill@gmail.com))

The Annual End of Year Financial Statements and the Annual Reports Magazine will be made available before the meeting. The agenda will be ready at the back of the church from Sunday 16th April for anyone who would like one. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. *Do put the date in your diary and come along!*

## Saint Andrew's Electoral Roll

Between **19<sup>th</sup> March** and **2<sup>nd</sup> April** is the annual revision period of the electoral roll when you have the chance to become a full member of Saint Andrew's by filling in an application form. If you're already on the roll you don't need to complete another form. The roll will be at the back of church, along with application forms to join, for these two weeks only. During this time names may be added, deleted and details amended. Further information is in the pew leaflets and from Kay Davies, Electoral Roll Officer on 020 8940 2021 or e-m: [kngdavies@btinternet.com](mailto:kngdavies@btinternet.com)

**The New Water Pump:** the sisters of the church in the Solomon Islands Pacific Province thank St Andrew's



*Photos show the Blessing ceremony of the water pump*

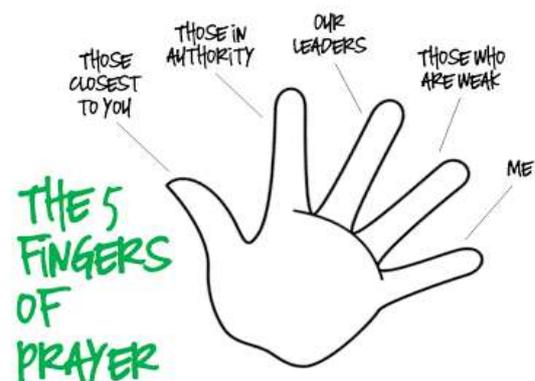
'Dear Veronica and St. Andrew's Parishioners  
The sisters of the church in the Solomon Islands Pacific Province would like to render our great thanks for St. Andrew's Church for the great support in donating money for the water pump at TNK. Thank you so much.  
We are now using the water pump for a week already. To secure the water pump, there will be a fence to be put up. The sum of 22,000 dollars was already deposited for this, but as Christmas is drawing near, probably beginning of next year the fence will be put up around it.  
With best wishes for 2017.  
Yours sincerely, Sister Emily'

**The Young Person's Corner:**  
the 5 finger prayer



The children were told about being able to say a prayer using their hands and that they can practice at home. Do ask them to show you! This is a reminder...

First, put hands together in front of you as if you are praying. The closest finger to you is the thumb, since it is the closest to you, the thumb reminds you to pray for those that are closest to you. Pray for your parents and your brothers or sisters. The next finger, the index finger is used for pointing. So this finger can remind you to pray for those that point you in the right direction such as teachers while your tallest middle finger reminds you to pray for our leaders and those in authority. The weakest finger is the fourth and reminds you to pray for those who are weak or sick. The next finger is the smallest finger, this is for us - the little finger reminds you to pray for yourself.



## PCC meeting minutes 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 by Gill Russell

The meeting began with a review of the current Parish Safeguarding Audit: all policies have now been reviewed (available in the copy of 'a Safe Church' at the back of the church), risk assessments are in progress, and all necessary training will be undertaken within the required time frame. As at all PCC meetings the treasurer, Jonathan Cooper, explained the current financial situation. At present, it is likely we will end this financial year with a small surplus against budget. The meeting discussed charitable giving; the agreed percentage of our total income to be given to charity is 5%. Do look out for information on our beneficiaries, soon to be displayed on the notice boards at the back of the church. The new West end doors were the main item under Building and Works. A faculty, required to gain approval from the Diocese, has been submitted and the meeting discussed the design for the glass. Additionally, the roof repairs are ongoing, with some additional work required. Kay Davies, the electoral roll officer, confirmed current numbers of 221 with 80 resident in the Parish. After discussing plans for the Rev'd Alice Pettit's licensing service on March 6<sup>th</sup> and future social events, Chris Ruse led a discussion exercise to consider how Rev'd Pettit would be placed in relation to the PCC. With that thought fresh in our minds, another constructive and enjoyable PCC meeting ended with the Grace.

## Mardi Gras at St Andrew's by Joanna Horner



We saw February out with a colourful splash, as the hall was transformed; colourful tablecloths and fairy lights gave a bright and welcoming background for the great variety of entertainments and activities. Margaret's table featured mask making, while Tracy's held comical items – inflatable bananas, mini palm trees, coconut shells and more to have 'in the mode' photos taken. David Metherell was an amazing host, complete with dreadlocks and giant 'herbal cigarette', and a great West Indian accent (that sometimes drifted into Irish!). The Meadlands singers sang beautifully, and the men's choir made us all laugh with their colourful outfits and bunches of bananas. Everyone joined in with a variety of well-known Caribbean songs, accompanied by

Jenny and Jan on guitar, then with the parade, bashing tambourines and drums in true (hopefully) Mardi Gras style. The 'find the treasure' competition on the map of the little known islands of 'St. Andrews and Lumbago'! provided us with another amusing distraction.

The food was wonderful – pork casserole, jerk chicken, whole salmon, washed down with rum punch and followed with exotic desserts. The evening ended with limbo dancing and hula hooping, with many impressive displays of flexibility from persons aged from 9 – 69ish! We were delighted to welcome Alice and her family to this event, and hope she enjoyed a taste of St. Andrews in celebration mode.



***A huge thank you to all who put so much effort into this great event  
– looking forward to the next one!!***