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ST ANDREW'S

NEWSLETTER

Licensing Service for Reverend Alice Pettit



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

'Thank you very much to all those who helped at the Licensing service for Reverend Alice on 6th March.'

In this edition of the newsletter we are giving thanks and honouring all mothers and those in mothering roles. Please do see the account of Mothering Sunday Service. On Sunday 19th March we also honoured Joyce and Chris who recived their certificates for 60 years' membership of the Mother's Union.



Annual Parochial Council Meeting

St Andrew's APCM will take place on Thursday 27th April at 8pm in the Church Hall. Copies of the Reports Magazine are available at the back of church.

Easter 2017
join us at St. Andrew's Church
Church Road, Ham Common

The Parish of St. Andrew's
Ham
in the Diocese of Exeter

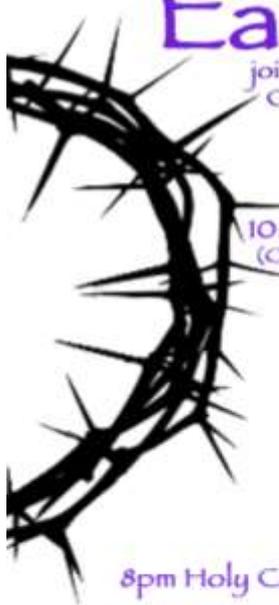
Palm Sunday – 9th April
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:15am Parish Communion with Sunday school.
(Optional meet 10am at Church Hall to join Palm procession)
12noon Morning Prayer.
6:30pm Palm Sunday Choral Service.
Hymns, music, silence and readings
which tell the Easter Story.

Wednesday 12th April
10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Maundy Thursday – 13th April.
8pm Holy Communion followed by Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday – 14th April.
10am Family service, 30-minutes for children and families.
12-3pm 3 hour devotion. (Join us at any time for as long as you can,
or for the full 3 hours. Readings, meditations, music and silence – time to reflect
on the events of Good Friday.)

Easter Sunday – 16th April.
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10:15am Easter Celebration of
Holy Communion,
with Sunday school.
12noon Holy Communion (BCP)
6:30pm Evensong



WELL DONE LIZZIE



Lizzie has raised £2548 by 22nd March by abseiling down Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth in aid of Princess Alice Hospital in memory of her mother Jan.

Mothering Sunday Service: *by Charlotte Beugelink age 15*



Vicar Alice welcomed us to Mothering Sunday with a lovely concept of giving yourself a hug and to think: the left arm representing the love for your mother or motherly figure and the right arm to give thanks to God as a mothering spirit; caring, loving and always being there for you. The readings were beautiful and moving. The first was about Moses and his brave and caring mothers (Exodus 2: 1-10). The second told the story of Jesus when he was being crucified and how he expressed the love he had for his mother (John 19: 23-27). In the sermon Vicar Alice talked about all mothers: biological or not, spiritual or non spiritual. How depending on your relationship this



day –mothering Sunday- makes you feel- joyful, loving, grateful, sad, angry, upset – how everyone has their own experiences on this day of celebrating mothers. As we walked out, the Sunday School children handed everyone a bunch of sweet posies, which Margaret and others had made, and Stella gave out these Mothering Sunday cards.

I feel that Vicar Alice, being a mother herself, brought different elements to the Service creating an insightful and moving aspect to the Mothering Sunday service this year. Thank you.



In Memory of Sheila *by Margaret Rees*

Many of us remember Sheila Isaac with great affection. She undertook so many roles at St Andrew's and worked tirelessly, and with great enthusiasm, in all of them. One very close to her heart was her role as Sunday School teacher for very many years, including helping at all our social events, and advising on correct diction and voice projection when rehearsing for our nativity services. She really loved and rejoiced in the company of children and we as Sunday School teachers and helpers wanted to remember her with love and appreciation by putting in some plants in the beds in front of the west door of the church. You will find there some new lavenders, a sarcocolla (flowering box), a rosemary - for remembrance - and a hebe. Many thanks to all who contributed and to Caroline Ewart who organised us and is seen here at work.



Licensing of the Reverend Alice Pettit *by Joan Smith.*

Photographs by Michael Broad; also front cover photograph



On 6th March 2017 the Reverend Alice Pettit was licensed as the Priest -in-charge of St Andrew's. The licensing was led by the Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark with a sermon by Canon John Kiddle. This photo shows Alice with her presenter, Hanna Weibye of King's College, Cambridge before the service.



Many of St Andrew's parishioners were present to welcome Alice, as were the civic representatives, local statutory and voluntary organisations. Churchwardens Margaret and Geoff welcomed Alice on behalf of the Parish. The occasion was a thankful one, and we rejoiced with Alice, husband James and the Bishop Christopher, pictured here after the service.



We are thankful that Alice has chosen St Andrew's and that Alice has been chosen for us.