



Newsletter for Spring 2019

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Ham Priory

Is for anyone wanting to commit to a rhythm of (1) daily personal prayer; (2) weekly prayerful reading of Scripture; (3) meeting monthly for prayer and discussion.

On Tuesday 4th June, 8pm, there will be a Service of Holy Communion and Commissioning for all those wishing to commit to this way of life for a year.

Everyone is welcome to this service, whether being commissioned or not, to celebrate and support this new ministry.

For more information about Ham Priory, please speak to Revd James Pettit.

We celebrate St Andrew's work - update *Chris Ruse*



Our hall refurbishments continue with the recent installation of new sound baffles, LED lighting and stable block renovations. The new toilets will be installed in July / August.

Forthcoming services and events

Saturday 18th May

3-6pm **Tudor Revels**, church garden

Tudor music, craft table, games & sideshows. Bring a picnic, a rug or folding chair & some spending money.

Sunday 19th May

11.30am **wildflower planting**: *please join us after Parish Communion to plant native primroses and violets. Tools provided.*

Sunday 26th May

10.15am **Morning Prayer** (*Common Worship service with hymns*)

1pm Mary Seager's **90th Birthday party**, church hall

Tuesday 28th May, 2pm

Memorial Service for John Isaac

Thursday 30th May, 8pm

Ascension Day Holy Communion Service

Sunday 2nd June, 10.15am **30 Minute Service**

Tuesday 4th June, 8pm

Ham Priory Service of Holy Communion & Commissioning

A big thank you this month to Pat Moyle, Pat Adams and Valerie Pritchard for the regular work they have done over many years in maintaining the churchyard and especially to Denis Roser for all the pruning, mulching and planting over the past few months which has transformed the planting around the church.



30 Minute Service, 7th April

On April 7th, Reverend Alice first spoke of the symbols we use in prayer - the cross pointing upwards symbolising the love of God, and the arms of the cross as reminders that we should love our neighbours as ourselves.

Alice then spoke of the achievements within St Andrew's over this past year: the Mission Action Plan to identify our values and goals as a church, the Youth group, the 5th Sunday all age communion service, Baptisms – the net is filling up as can be seen in the photo below – and Welcome Wednesdays. Also, the practical achievements of the Hall refurbishment, and the improved acoustics within the Church. We also thought of the continuing developments such as the formation of the Pastoral Care Team, and future baptisms.

Cake Sale

The cake sale was held to raise funds for Sister Veronica. We hope that she will be able to take up the prestigious invitation to present her paper at a conference in Kenya in May ahead of the Lambeth Conference in 2020.

Thank you to all those who baked and bought the wonderful goodies for sale.



St Andrew's Tapestry group

Christiana Cogswell shows the painstaking work of her two kneelingers, a magnificent stag in Richmond Park and Primroses, very topical for Spring.

Ham Fair, Saturday 8th June

St Andrew's presence at Ham Fair relies on volunteers: please consider if you could help with our refreshments stall, particularly in the physical setting up and packing away at the beginning and/or end of the day and contact Liz Dean (dean_ea@hotmail.com).

If you can help by baking sweet treats, there are sign-up sheets in church to indicate what you can provide and how many! Alternatively if you can help with face painting on the day, please contact Margaret Rees (margaret@galdor.co.uk).

Many thanks for your support.

Easter at St. Andrew's 2019 by *Richard Barber & Margaret Rees*



Throughout Easter 2019 we all basked in glorious weather, indeed with temperatures well over 20 degrees it was rated to be the warmest Easter in the UK on record.

On Good Friday there was a short and very moving morning service for young people, attended by 15 children and their families, and the accompaniment by the music group made this a very special service. It was followed by the children accompanying Rev. Alice to the back of the church to make and decorate

imaginative Easter 'candles' with paper and cards.

The three-hour service in the afternoon, interspersed with appropriate readings and hymns, was a solemn and moving experience for all who attended, as befits the dramatic events on which we were reflecting.

Easter morning broke to more wonderful weather and a church stunningly decorated with flower displays prepared by Rachel Lipscomb and her helpers, while the lilies in the Lady Chapel were given by Mary Harris in memory of her late husband Chris. A packed congregation of 168 adults and 45 children greeted the Risen Lord in an uplifting service, begun by Alice's reminding us how the Resurrection smashed through the darkness and despair of Good Friday and the Tomb by symbolically smashing some chocolate Easter eggs and handing the results to an appreciative congregation! She then preached about the inspiration of finding that Jesus was no longer in the tomb but risen, the profound meaning that that holds for everyone's lives today and she invited us to reflect in a few minutes of silence at the end how the message of Jesus's resurrection would impact on all our lives.

Small hands have been busy over the Easter break with a Craft and Art Morning on the first Tuesday of the holiday. Two children joined us from St Peter's and a very calm few hours were spent making baskets, bookmarks, suncatchers and other beautiful items. Icing biscuits (made by Lynette) was popular but the lovely shapes of rabbits, chicks and crosses were hidden by the amount of butter icing and decorations which the children piled on!

Our special Sunday School on Easter Day saw the children take home really lovely Easter gardens after hearing the Easter story. Despite being quite difficult for little ones to cope with, we had enough help from teachers and ex-Sunday School young people to ensure all went home with something to be proud of.

Our thanks go to all who helped in so many ways to make this an especially memorable Easter time at St. Andrew's.