



**ST ANDREWS MOSCOW**  
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Voznesensky Pereulok 8/5



## WELCOME

*If you are a visitor, please do introduce yourself to the chaplain or to one of our welcomers. There is a group for children during part of our 11am service. Everybody is welcome to stay for refreshments after the service. Toilets are downstairs.*

### Sunday 31 December, The First Sunday of Christmas

**8.30am Holy Communion**

**11am Family Communion**, followed by refreshments.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Chaplain

*Hymns*

518 - O praise ye the Lord!  
4 - A Great and mighty wonder  
36 - Angel voices ever singing  
743 - Ye holy angels bright

*During Communion we will sing:*

384 - Let us praise God together  
1 - Abba, Father, let me be  
787 - The Lord is my song

**Collect:**

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ***Psalm 148***

- 1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.  
**2 Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.**  
3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.  
**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**  
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.  
**6 He made them fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**  
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;  
**8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**  
9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;**  
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
**12 Young men and women, old and young together;  
let them praise the name of the Lord.**  
13 For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.  
**14 He has raised up the horn of his people  
and praise for all his faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

## ***Reading: Luke 2.15-21***

- 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Services this Week

There will be no morning prayer in church this week, and no midweek communion

**Sunday 7 November**

11am Holy Communion

## Other notices

**WELCOME:** Please do introduce yourself if you are visiting us this Christmas period or if you have recently moved to Moscow. We'd love to get to know you.

**READERS AND INTERCESSORS:** We are always on the lookout for people who are willing to read or to lead our prayers on Sundays. We can offer training, and if you would like to help in this way, please speak to the chaplain.

**PUB QUIZ:** A date for your diary: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. More details to come. Please speak to Liz Bearman for more information

**RESTORATION PROGRAMME:** We're getting close to our \$8000 target that we need to find by the end of 2017. So far \$4700 has been given and a further \$1500 loaned. If you can help us with the remaining \$2800, please speak to Pat or myself.

**SPONSORED DIET:** Giles is doing a sponsored diet in aid of St Andrews and Mary's Meals. He'd love you to sponsor him!

**ST ANDREWS BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY:** St Andrew's is currently home to the St Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute's library. It is one of the best English language theological libraries in Moscow. If you would like to access the library please visit [www.standrews.ru](http://www.standrews.ru) or speak to Irina, the librarian, who is usually here on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

# Daily Bible reading and Prayer

Morning prayer and readings can be found using the 'Daily Prayer' app.  
A shorter version of daily prayer can be found using the 'Time to Pray' app

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<b>Readings from the lectionary</b>	<b><i>Sunday 31 December</i></b> Psalm 105.1-11 Isaiah 63.7-9 Ephesians 3.5-12	<b><i>Monday 1 January</i></b> Genesis 17.1-13 Romans 2.17-29 Psalms 103, 150
<b><i>Tuesday 2 January</i></b> Psalm 18.1-30 Ruth 1 Colossians 2.8-end	<b><i>Wednesday 3 January</i></b> Psalms 127, 128, 131 Ruth 2 Colossians 3.1-11	<b><i>Thursday 4 January</i></b> Psalm 89.1-37 Ruth 3 Colossians 3.12-4.1
<b><i>Friday 5 January</i></b> Psalms 8, 48 Ruth 4.1-17 Colossians 4.2-end	<b><i>Saturday 6 January</i></b> Jeremiah 31.7-14 John 1.29-34 Psalms 132, 113	<b><i>Sunday 7 January</i></b> Psalm 89.19-29 1 Samuel 16.1-3,13 John 1.29-34

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Alternative bible readings, with notes, can be found at [www.wordlive.org](http://www.wordlive.org)

## This week we

- give thanks for 2017 and pray that in 2018 God will make us more thankful to him for his gifts to us, more dependent on his word, more holy and more loving.
- pray for this nation, for wellbeing for all and for peace. Pray for honesty and integrity for all of us, and for the growth of better relationships between East and West.
- give thanks to God for his financial provision and pray that we will continue to be open to him in the future.

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If there is someone who you would like us to pray for on the notice sheet, or **for enquiries about the church**, contact [chaplain@standrewsmoscow.org](mailto:chaplain@standrewsmoscow.org)  
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