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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 9 February, Third Sunday before Lent

If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the chaplain or one of our welcomers. Refreshments are served after our Sunday services. Toilets are downstairs.

**Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth ...
You are the light of the world'**

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with the baptism of Bala and Enewa Akor. There is a group for children aged 6 plus, and also a play area for children under 5 in the room next to the church. All children in play area must be accompanied.

Leader and preacher: the Chaplain

Intercessions: Nicolette Kirk

Chalices: Josh Cleaver, Marina Putrenko

After the service a group will meet to study 'the liturgy of common worship'

Hymns

103: Come, faithful pilgrims all

412: Lord of creation

416: Lord, the light

During Communion

260 - Here I am

393 - Like a candle flame

786- The Lord is my light

Collect: Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen

Sign up for our occasional mailings

if you have recently joined us or would like to receive occasional news mailings from St Andrew's, please sign up by visiting the home page of our website and click on 'sign up to receive our newsletter'.

Isaiah 58.1–9a (Mary Kilikidi)

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ³ ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Psalm 112.1–10

- 1 Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.**
- 5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice,
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 **Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever their head will be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

**Glorify the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen**

1 Corinthians 2.1–12 (Giles Walker)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5.13–20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Some questions for reflection from the gospel

1. How are we, as followers of Jesus, salt and light? Are there places where you are not letting your light shine?
2. People speak of a difference between an 'external righteousness' and an 'internal righteousness'. What do you think the difference might be? Do you find that helpful in understanding verse 20?
3. How do we guard against 'losing' our 'taste'?

Services/events this week:

Morning prayer is said in church on Mon – Thurs at 8:30. All are welcome

Monday 10 February

19:00 Charity Pub Quiz in aid of Mary's Meals, at Katie O'Shea's Irish Bar, Mokhovaya St 7. Tickets 500 rubles/person or 1500 for team of four. A meal is included in the price of the ticket. Tickets available on the door.

Wednesday 12 February

19:00 Holy Communion

20:00 Discussion: The Genius of Anglicanism

Sunday 16 February

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with groups for children

Other events

Sunday 23 February 12:30 Special 'Maslenitsa' lunch, with pancakes and pancake races! Also tower tours will be available.

Wednesday 26 February 19:00 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, followed (at 20:00) by a reflective bible study group, at which we will also use the Jesus Prayer.

Daily Prayer and bible readings can be found on The **Daily Prayer app**. We also have a prayer feed on the **PrayerMate app**. Search for St Andrews.

In our prayers:

- Give thanks for our children and for those who work with them. Pray for our Sunday groups, that our children will meet with God and grow in their understanding, faith and love. Pray for our leaders and helpers.
- Give thanks for the work of Mary's meals
- Pray for those in need, continuing to pray for Alexander, our chief guard.

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