

ST ANDREWS MOSCOW

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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 16 February, Second 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.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with group for children. There is also a staffed play area for children under 6 in the room next to the church. Older children are not permitted in the room during the service.

Leader and preacher: the Chaplain

Intercessions: Liz Bearman

Chalices: Daniel Wamriew, Louise Nanchen

After the service there will be a simple lunch with donations to the Barnabas fund

Hymns

6 - All creatures of our God and King Every second, every minute (on sheet)

64 - Be thou my vision

479 - O God beyond all praising

During Communion

222 - God, whose love is all around us

70 - Blest Creator of the light

477 - O give thanks

Collect: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Genesis 1.26 – 2.3 (Kirill Karpenko)

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' ²⁷ So God created humankind in his

image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ²Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136.1-9,23-26

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 4 Who alone does great wonders, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 7 Who made the great lights, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures for ever
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble,

for his mercy endures for ever;

- 24 And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures for ever;
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures for ever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures for ever.

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

Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning

in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6.25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Some questions for reflection

- 1. What do you think it means to be created in the image and likeness of God?
- 2. What do you think it means to exercise 'dominion' over creation? What difference should this make to how we live?
- 3. How do you understand Genesis 1-3?
- 4. Should we obey the fourth commandment? How do you obey it?

Services/events

This week, morning prayer is said in church on Mon – Wed at 8:30. All are welcome

Wednesday 19 February 19:00 Holy Communion

20:00 Discussion: The Genius of Anglicanism

Sunday 23 February

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with groups for children. Followed by a Special 'Maslenitsa' lunch, with pancakes and pancake races! Also tower tours will be available. Please bring sweet and savoury toppings/fillings for pancakes and ready Lenten/Pre-Lenten/Maslenitsa snacks from our different parts of the world.

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'.

Concert in aid of the restoration

Students from the Conservatory will be performing 5 Beethoven piano sonatas in St Andrew's on Monday 24 February at 19:00. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the restoration

During Lent at St Andrew's

26 FEBRUARY @ 19:00 Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Those who wish may bring last year's Palm Crosses to church next Sunday.

ON SUNDAYS @ 13:15

Exploring the Anglican Liturgy. A Study group on 1, 15, 29 March, 12, 26 April, 10, 24 May.

The youth group, for those aged 18-35, will meet on the intervening Sundays.

A Lent course: Exploring the Beatitudes. Weekly beginning 1 March.

ON WEDNESDAYS @ 20:00 (beginning on Ash Wednesday)

A contemplative bible study group at which we will use the Jesus Prayer and Lectio Divina.

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 to God for his creation. Pray that governments, businesses and individuals will not let our desire for profit or a comfortable life mean that we forget our calling to be responsible for this planet.
- Pray for Josh as he goes to a Bishop's selection conference this week to explore whether he should be recommended for training for the ordained ministry.

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