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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 24 March, 3rd Sunday of Lent

If you are a visitor, please do introduce yourself to the chaplain or one of our welcomers. Toilets are downstairs.

A prayer for Lent from St Ephraim of Syria

O Lord and Master of my life, do not give to me the spirit of laziness, faintheartedness, lust for power, and idle talk.

But give to me, Your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love.
O Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother or sister, for blessed are You unto ages of ages. Amen.

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday school group for children. There is a play area for small children in the room beside the church. Refreshments and a simple lunch served after the service. All are welcome to stay. Donations for lunch will go towards the work of the Church Mission Society.

Leader: The Chaplain; Preacher: Nicolette Kirk

Intercessions: Liz Bearman; Chalices: Pat Szymczak, Eskedar Degefu

13:15 Lent course in the parsonage: The Mystery of Suffering and Hope, and **student bible study** in the church

Hymns

596 - Stand up and bless the Lord
395 - Like a mighty river flowing
401 - Longing for light
569 - Rock of ages

During communion:

695 - We cannot measure
592 - Spirit of God
764 - Exaudi nos, Domine

Collect:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9 (Don Levens)

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63.1-9

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul is athirst for you.

**2 My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.**

3 So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

**4 Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.**

5 I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

**6 My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,**

7 When I remember you upon my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

**8 For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

9 My soul clings to you; your right hand shall hold me fast.

**All: 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: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 (Sara Harris)

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and

the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

¹³At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Forthcoming services

Morning prayer will be said this week in church at 8.30am on Monday - Thursday.

Monday 25 March 12 noon Memorial service for Andrew Blythe

Tuesday 26 March 17:00 Ladies bible study at the parsonage. Speak to Rachel or Alison if you would like more information.

Wednesday 27 March 19:00 Holy Communion

20:00 Anglicanism (What's the point of Liturgy). Discussion group in English

Saturday 30 March 12 noon Work day tidying up the church and grounds

Sunday 31 March (Mothering Sunday)

8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)

11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday school, followed by a simple soup lunch.

13:15 (or after lunch): Lent course in parsonage and student bible study in church

Jesus Christ Superstar – Tuesday 2 April, 7pm

Stas Namin's production of Jesus Christ Superstar will be performed at St Andrew's on Tuesday 2 April at 8pm, with a champagne reception at 7pm. The performance will be in aid of the restoration. Tickets are available at 5000 roubles, and will be available on the door, or from the Administrator's office, Monday – Thursday, 14:00-18:00 next week. Please come and invite friends to come for what should be an extraordinary evening. #savestandrewsmoscow

Work day in Church – Saturday 30 March, 12 noon

Can you help us? We're getting a skip on 30th March and having a general tidy up of the church and, weather permitting, grounds. We'd love to see you if you are able to come along, and for those who can stay we'll have soup, cakes etc!

Other Dates

Sunday 7 April after lunch, **St Andrew's Annual General Meeting**

Please make sure that you have signed up on the new electoral role register, if you are eligible. Speak to Sara Harris for more details.

Monday 15 April 19:00 **Pub Quiz**

Saturday 15 June 12 noon - 17:00 **Summer fete.**

Daily Bible Readings during Lent

Daily bible readings can be found on the **Daily Prayer app**. We also have a prayer feed on the **PrayerMate app**. Look for us under 'Churches – European'. Sign up for daily bible readings for Lent at www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim There is also a great app: **Lentpilgrim**

In our prayers:

- Pray for the performance of Jesus Christ Superstar, that it will be an opportunity to invite people to St Andrew's, to promote the building and its restoration, and to encourage people to think about the person of Jesus. Pray for the practicalities, that all will go smoothly
- Pray for the work of CMS: for Rachel Karanja working in Kenya who visits and supports prisoners, praying with and encouraging them.
- Pray for those in need: Irina, Luba, and Helen
- Pray for all who grieve the death of Andrew Blythe and Amanuel

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