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## WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S

**Sunday 8 September, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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

**Jesus said, 'Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple'.**

**8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)**

**11:00 All Age Holy Communion with children's performance.** There is a play area for small children in the room beside the church.

Leader and preacher: The Chaplain

Intercessions: Mark Willson

Chalices: Sara Harris, Don Levens

**After Church:** Church Council meeting

**Collect:** God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Sign up for our occasional mailings:**

if you have recently joined us or have not been receiving 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'.

### **Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20**

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall

live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### **Psalm 1**

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

**4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

**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: Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,<sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.<sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.<sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.<sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.<sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.<sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever,<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.<sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or owes<sup>18</sup> you anything, charge that to my account.<sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.<sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.<sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### **Gospel: Luke 14.25-33**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them,<sup>26</sup> 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.<sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,<sup>30</sup> saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."<sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.<sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

## **Forthcoming services/events:**

*Morning prayer will be said Monday to Thursday at 8:30am in church.*

*Wednesday 11 September 19:00 Holy Communion*

*20:00 Discussion: The English Religious Tradition: The Venerable Bede and the 'Church of the English'*

*Sunday 15 September (135th anniversary of the first service at St Andrew's)*

*8:30 Holy Communion (traditional language)*

*11:00 Holy Communion with Sunday school group and play area for children*

**Confirmation:** We will be running a course for people who would like to find out more about the Christian faith and about Anglicanism, and who may wish to consider being confirmed or to be received into the Anglican church. The sessions will be after church at about 13:15, beginning next Sunday. If you would like to find out more or would like to consider confirmation but are unable to make the sessions after church, please speak to the chaplain. The confirmation service will be on Friday 29 November in the evening.

## **Other news:**

Visit to Old English Court, Sun 22 Sept 14:00. Contact Mary Kilikidi

Online bible study. Contact Liz Bearman on [outreachstandrews@gmail.com](mailto:outreachstandrews@gmail.com)

**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'.

## **In our prayers:**

- For our wardens: Don Levens and Dan Culbertson, and the Church Council meeting today.
- For the Diocese in Europe, our bishops – Robert and David, and particularly for chaplaincies affected by the uncertainty about BREXIT.
- For those considering following Jesus, those seeking to find out more about the Christian faith, and those considering confirmation
- For our Sunday school, for our teachers and helpers
- For those who grieve, especially Josie, Colin, Michael and Olga

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