

Notices

Morning Prayer now available

Please contact Helene on 07847 796665 in advance. You will be required to complete a 'Track and Trace Form' to comply with government guidelines

If you prefer not to mix just yet, that's OK, you can still join for

Private Prayer every Wednesday 11am- 12noon

(by **appointment only**, 15 minutes per booking)

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NEW Newsletters Do you have an email address? Would you like to receive the Church on The Wood monthly newsletter to keep up to date with everything happening in and around the Church? Why not pop over to www.standrewschelmsleywood.com and sign up?

St Andrew's YouTube channel: have you checked it out yet?

NEW Service coming in September 2020: The Pioneering Team are launching their first service on Sunday 20th September at 4pm. Further details to follow.

Foodbank - St Andrew's is a registered referral agent for Trussell Trust Foodbanks. Please, if you or someone you know are struggling to put food on the table, get in touch! Our nearest Food Bank is Kingfisher, Auckland Hall, Sunbeam Close, Smiths Wood B36 9JR. Nearest bus-stops are for the 94 and 966.

Prayers - do you have someone or a situation you would like us to pray for? Drop us an email to standrewscw-2@btconnect.com

Rev'd Peter Bates will be joining us from August and will Minister at St Andrew's on the second Sunday of the month, beginning 13th September.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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St. Andrew's Church, Chelmsley Wood Sunday 23rd August - The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

St Andrew's Church, Chelmsley Wood



Paul's letter to the Romans

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Helene's Reflection of Romans 12: 1-18.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this everyone will have received their letter from me letting you know that we are reopening the church for worship on Sunday 6th September at 10.30. It will have been over 6 months since we were last able to worship together as a church family and although our way of praising God together will have changed, who we are as Gods people has not changed. During our period of lockdown we do seem to have managed to keep in contact with each other if not by phone calls then by emails, letters, our news-sheet each week or even through our new website. In many ways over the last twenty years or so letter writing has become rather old hat and not many of us now bother to put pen to paper when we want to contact our loved ones. However, during lockdown writing a letter seems to have made a bit of comeback. Those that have received a letter from a friend or family member have been really pleased to receive them. There is always something rather special about a personal letter from those we know and love.

Paul's letter to the Romans is a letter that was meant to be shared amongst a whole community. During Romans times any form of written communication was revered and to receive a letter was often the only way that people ever got the chance to hear of what was happening in the world. So you can imagine the excitement that this letter would have been met with and how avidly everyone would have crowded round to hear it being read out.

In it we find Paul telling us how important it is to offer everything that we do in our lives to God. Whether it's waking up, going to work, stroking the cat or mopping the floor. We really ought to be thanking God for the chance to do these things and that when we do actually do anything we always ought to try to do it to the best of our ability. God loves it when we offer him 100% of ourselves. In a way, it's allowing God to bring out the best of what lies within us as he supports and cares for us. We won't all be able to do everything the same way as others can but as long as we know we have given our best in whatever we do, we can become the person God really wants us to be.

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This is where Paul uses that clever analogy of us being like different parts of the human body - where each separate working part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way round. And the body that he is talking about isn't just any old body but the body of Jesus. This being the case, Paul says since we find ourselves working within our Lord's body all those different things that we set ourselves to do allows us, through the love of God, to become Jesus shaped ourselves. When that happens everything that we do is done with love leaving no room for envy or pride in our lives. Paul says it's easy to get carried away and become big headed, bossy and stroppy when we work with others. He's well aware of our fickleness as human beings. I love the way this passage ends with Paul touchingly reminding us that in offering encouragement and kindness to others when we work alongside them we actually end up sharing in community God's love, not just with each other but with God too. How lovely to think that come September 6th we too at St Andrews are once more being given the chance to share in community our love for each other as we offer thanks and praise to God for all that he has given us. Amen.

Rev'd Helene Horan

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at 10am-10.45am

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Services set to resume

Sunday 6th September at 10.30am

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Date	New Testament Readings	We pray :
23rd August Sunday <i>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i>	Isaiah 51: 1-6 Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20	For nurses and healthcare workers across the globe as they spend their working days and nights looking after our loved ones, sometimes doing and seeing the unimaginable and still continue to give the care required
24th August Monday <i>Bartholomew the Apostle</i>	AM: John 1: 43-end PM: Matthew 10: 1-22	For Barry, Shirley and the family as Barry continues to have further investigations; we pray for the medical teams in charge of his care, we pray for strength and comfort for the family
25th August Tuesday	AM: Acts 7: 1-16 PM: Mark 5: 21-34	For ourselves, as we learn to adapt to the new way of life; for confidence that we only do what we feel comfortable with and accept that each of us have our own limits. We are still in this together.
26th August Wednesday	AM: Acts 7: 17-43 PM: Mark 5: 35-end	For ourselves; that we reflect upon the principles of what it means to be Jesus Shaped; how we might live and work together as the 'St Andrews Team' in the love of Jesus Christ
27th August Thursday	AM: Acts 7: 44-53 PM: Mark 6: 1-13	For the young people who have recently received their exam grades; that they realise this is not any reflection of who they truly are, whether or not they achieved what they had hoped for
28th August Friday	AM: Acts 7: 54- 8: 3 PM: Mark 6: 14-29	For volunteers to come forward to help maintain and repair the Garden of Remembrance to enable those who visit their loved ones memorial to feel at peace
29th August Saturday	AM: Acts 8: 4-25 PM: Mark 6: 30-44	For those who are battling with their mental and physical health, we pray for strength and comfort, may you always know God is present
30th August Sunday <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i>	Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Romans 12: 9-end Matthew 16: 21-end	For Jay as he continues to undergo investigations; we pray his sight returns to normal and he is able to continue to rebuild his carpentry business