



# St. Andrew ♦ Holy Cross

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Welcome to our Worship this morning.

## **First Reading – Romans 10. 5-15 (Church Bible page 1137)**

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 14. 22 – 33 (Church Bible page 981)**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### **The Collect**

**Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### **Well Done St. Andrew's & Holy Cross!**

We have received a letter from Archdeacon Mike Lodge congratulating the parish on fully meeting the parish share which is a fantastic achievement by all involved in making that happen. By responding with such generosity you are securing the future of the church not only in this community but across the Diocese and enabling many ministries, including training, children and young peoples work and other outreach to be fulfilled. I am so proud of you all - you are making a terrific difference in the lives of others. *Reverend Jane*

### **Course in Christian Studies**

There are places still available on the next CCS which is due to commence in September at St. Gabriel's Church, Pitsea. If you think you might be interested in the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, enjoying fellowship with others as you do so, come and have a chat with me and I will pass on all the details. *Reverend Jane*

Items for news and prayer to Jackie Stubberfield on 01268 288930 or [jmstubber@gmail.com](mailto:jmstubber@gmail.com) by Thursday afternoon, please.

Next Sunday's readings are – Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32, and Matthew 15. 21-28

### **An appeal for help**

Again this year Judy Emmerton is preparing shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse appeal and will be grateful to receive donations of gift items for them. For more information contact Judy on 01268 533396.



### **Please Pray for....**

**Joan Bates** in hospital.

The **MakeLunch** team as they make lunches during the summer holidays.

### **Prayer**

If you have a particular need for prayer, please approach a member of the prayer ministry team who will be pleased to help you. If you prefer to write down your prayer request, cards are available in the entrance lobby in St Andrew's and on the welcome table in Holy Cross. Place your completed card in the box: these prayers are offered during daily Morning Prayer. For urgent prayer requests please contact Richard (01268 520688) or David and Marion (01268 523565).

### **Thank You**

**Sue and Keith Fisher** would like to say thank you to everyone for their cards, get well messages and prayers.



## Church diary

Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		1:30pm	Home Group (Joyce and Tom Hancock).
		6:30pm	<b>No</b> Youth Club at St Andrew's.
		7:30pm	<b>No</b> Evening Home Group (Peter White).
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		10:00am	Home Group (Cyril Phillips).
		7:45pm	<b>No</b> Home Group (Barbara Bowhill).
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		7:30pm	<b>No</b> Course in Christian Studies at St Andrew's.
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		12:00noon	<b>No</b> Community Lunch at St Andrew's.
		7:30pm	<b>No</b> Home Group (Cate and Dave Lambert).
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Music Group Practice at St Andrew's.
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's.
		11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		3:00pm	<b>Service at Mundy house – all welcome.</b>

## Bishop John Wraw 1959-2017

“It is with great sadness that the death of Bishop John was announced on 25th July. As many of you will be aware Bishop John had been diagnosed with malignant myeloma three years ago but despite his illness he continued to deliver an energetic ministry until the last few weeks. He was a truly godly and inspirational man who touched many lives. From a personal perspective I will always be grateful to him for his guidance and support - I know that if it weren't for his influence and affirmation in my life I would not be among you now. Please remember his wife, Gillian, his four children, family and all those who mourn him in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory”  
*Reverend Jane*

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