



# St. Andrew ♦ Holy Cross

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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**Welcome to our Worship this morning.**

## **The Collect**

**Gracious Father,**

**you gave up your Son**

**out of love for the world:**

**lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,**

**that we may know eternal peace**

**through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## **First Reading – Hebrews 5. 5-10 (Church Bible page 1204)**

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

‘You are my Son; today I have become your Father.’

And he says in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.’

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

## **Gospel Reading – John 12. 20-33 (Church Bible page 1080)**

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

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Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen**

### **Please pray for....**

The family and friends of **Rev. Tony Matty** former vicar of this parish, who died on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Pray especially for his wife **Carol** and all his family. **Len Stubberfield**, Mark's father who is recovering at home after a spell in hospital, please pray for improved health and strength.

The family and friends of **Nuala Harvey** who died recently.

**Patricia Harris** from Hanover Drive is now in a nursing home in Benfleet.

### **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).

## **Easter Services at St Andrew's and Holy Cross**

**Maundy Thursday 29th March 6.30pm at St Andrews**

**Seder Meal followed by Service of Holy Communion and Foot-washing**

All welcome as we re-enact the Passover meal and then join together for worship. Look out for signup sheets at both churches.

**Good Friday 30th March 2:00pm at Holy Cross**

**An Hour at the Cross**

A service of reflection, readings and meditation.

**Holy Saturday 31st March 7:30pm at Holy Cross**

**Service of Light and Holy Communion**

**Easter Sunday 1st April 9:30 am at St Andrew's**

**Holy Communion and Baptisms**

**Easter Sunday 1st April 11:15am at Holy Cross**

**Holy Communion**

**Parish Giving** - As we approach the APCM it is important that we consider our parish giving over the forthcoming church year. Currently, in keeping with the pattern of supporting a local, national and international charity, we provide some financial support to Schools Team Ministry, CAP and the Leprosy Mission.

While all of these are excellent causes I am keen that we are accountable as a parish for the decision to provide such support and I would therefore like to invite nominations for charities that you believe are fulfilling vital support whether that is locally, nationally or internationally and most importantly are in keeping with the Christian ethos of loving our neighbour and reflect the Gospel message of inclusivity. Dependant on the number of nominations received we can then vote as a parish on which we would like to support going forward. Please let either me or the Churchwardens know if there is an organisation you would like to nominate by Easter Sunday. ***Rev. Jane***

## **Electoral Roll 2018**

The Electoral Roll is a list of names and addresses of every person who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. A new Roll was prepared in 2013 (and a copy of the 2017 Electoral Roll is on display on the noticeboards at both churches) so most church members will not need to apply this year.

To be on the Electoral Roll you should be baptised, at least 16 years old and live in the parish or, if living outside the parish, have worshipped at the church regularly for at least 6 months. If you would like an application form, or have any queries about the Electoral Roll, please contact David Marshall (Tel: 01268 523565). Completed application forms must be returned to David by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## What's on this week

Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		3:00pm	Service at Mundy House – All welcome.
		4:00pm	Lent course at St Andrew's.
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		1:30pm	Home Group (Joyce and Tom Hancock).
		6:30pm	Youth Club at St Andrew's.
		7:30pm	Evening Home Group (Peter White).
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		10:00am	Home Group (Cyril Phillips).
		7:45pm	Home Group (Barbara Bowhill).
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		7:30pm	Course in Christian Studies at St Andrew's.
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		12:00noon	Community Lunch at St Andrew's.
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Music Group Practice at St Andrew's.
		7:00pm	<b>Street Pastors Quiz Night at St Andrew's.</b>
Palm Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's.
		11:15am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		4:00pm	Lent course at St Andrew's.

## Diary Dates

### **Street Pastor's quiz night.**

@ St Andrew's. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

From 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. £5.00 per person - Teams of 6.

Please sign on one of the lists in either church if you are coming.

Thank you.

### **Schools Team Ministry - Charity Curry Night**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

At the Maharaja Restaurant, 358 London Road,  
Benfleet, SS7 1BG

All you can eat Indian buffet. £15 per head

To book, contact David Donoghue on 07958714290 or

[Dhdonoghue@aol.com](mailto:Dhdonoghue@aol.com)

All bookings must be received by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



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 – Philippians 2. 5-11, Mark 1. 1-11.

### **Dial**

a new project "Coming Together" every Tuesday starting 13th March.  
New Adults Group 10:30 - 12:00, Basildon Library, St Martins Sq.  
New Children's Group 13:00 - 14:30, Northlands Park Children's Centre  
Davenants, SS13 1QX

**Sanctuary Furniture** - I am delighted that we have been granted a Faculty to enable us to replace four items of the sanctuary furniture at St Andrew's - the altar, credence table, prayer stool and lectern. We have been served well by the furniture that has been in place since the church opened and now it is time to replace them with new pieces that are being custom made for us and will I am sure bring beauty to the sanctuary and enhance our worship. It will take some months for these pieces to be completed and once in place we will have a special service to commission and bless them. If anyone would like more information in the meantime then please have a word with me, David or Peter.

***Rev. Jane***

### **Thank you**

Ada Pile would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and get well messages.

### **Free Canon Printer ink cartridges to anyone who can use them.**

Canon black and colour Ink nos.545 and 546 .

Please see Val Rossiter or collect from St Andrew's vestry.



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## **Priestly Pondering - 18th March 2018**

One of my “guilty pleasures” is a bit of historical drama and I am particularly partial to anything set around the Tudor period - who would have thought that despite doing spectacularly badly in my A level History exams some of that my poor long suffering teachers tried to drum in has actually stuck with me! So this week I was pleased to see in the lectionary that the church commemorates Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. Cranmer played an important part in the English Reformation and came to Henry VIII’s notice when he was involved in trying to secure the King’s divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Unsurprisingly this led to a rapid rise to success, leading to his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury and despite Henry’s fickle nature he remained in good favour and was actually at his bedside when the King died in 1547. Cranmer was at heart true to his belief in the need for the reformation of the church which eventually led to his downfall. Following the brief reign of Edward VI, the devoutly Roman Catholic Mary came to the throne and Cranmer was burnt at the stake. If you ever take a trip to Oxford you can still see the scorched cobblestones on the spot where his execution took place. Cranmer’s legacy to the Church of England was immense - it was he that first composed what is now known as the Book of Prayer and the original 42 Articles of Religion. Now while I accept that it might be difficult to relate to the life of a 16th century Archbishop, there is something admirable about a man who chose to be counter cultural and firmly stick to the beliefs that underpinned his unshakeable faith in God. Cranmer chose to accept death rather than recant and, while I sincerely hope that none of us will ever be required to make such a radical sacrifice, it is good to take a moment to give thanks for the life of Cranmer and others like him, without whom the religious freedoms we enjoy today may have looked very different.

***Reverend Jane***

## **Bishop of Bradwell appointed!**

The Venerable Dr John Perumbalath has been nominated by Her Majesty the Queen as the sixth Bishop of Bradwell in Essex. He succeeds the late Bishop John Wraw. Currently Archdeacon of Barking in East London Bishop designate John will be consecrated on 3rd July at St Paul’s Cathedral prior to his Installation at Chelmsford Cathedral later that month. Please pray for John and his family as they prepare to move to the Bradwell Area and we will look forward to welcoming him to the parish on 21<sup>st</sup> October when we host the Deanery Confirmation Service, if not before!