



St. Andrew ♦ Holy Cross

25th October 2020 – Bible Sunday

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The Collect

**Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

First Reading – Colossians 3. 12 – 17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 24. 30 – 35

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

‘Now learn this lesson from the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Post Communion Prayer

**God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen**

All Souls - Remembering our loved ones

Given the current circumstances we are unable to hold our usual Service of Memories and Thanksgiving at which we remember those we have loved and lost. However, Holy Cross will be open on Sunday 1st November from 1.00pm until 4.00pm and you are invited to come and light a candle and say a prayer to celebrate the lives of the people we hold in our hearts and who have gone to take the place that Jesus has prepared for them in his Father's kingdom, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Intercessions for Sunday 25th October 2020 by Marion Marshall

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Loving God we pray for your church here in Basildon and around the world. Be with those who are part of the process of appointing a new Bishop of Chelmsford and for all those who are working so hard to keep the Diocese heading in the right direction in the interim. We pray for Revd Jane, Revd Shirley and all the ministry team as they lead and guide us.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the peoples of the world that they may enjoy justice whether they are poor or rich. We pray that those who use violence and terror to bring about their desires and those who then so readily seek revenge following acts of terrorism may instead pursue all that makes for peace.

We pray for the leaders of the world that they may find ways of working together for peace, prosperity and health for all.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for our world that you would instil in all of us the need to care for our wonderful planet. Make us aware of its beauty and fragility and guide those in positions of power to make decisions which will help sustain rather than deplete resources.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we thank you for our families and friends. We thank you for modern technology which enables us to hear and see them and to keep in touch even though separated by great distances. We especially pray at this time for those friends and family members we cannot currently welcome into our homes. We pray for our children as they enjoy a half-term break from schools and colleges.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has loosened our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift before you those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world especially in these difficult times with the ongoing Pandemic. In a moment of silence please name in your hearts or aloud anyone on your mind in need of healing.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

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Loving God of all consolation, look with compassion on those bereaved and grieving at the loss of a loved one; give to their troubled hearts the light of hope and strengthen in all of us the gift of faith, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, at the start of this new week, recognising your trust in us to live and preach the Gospel, make us always more ready to please you rather than to seek the praise of the secular world.

Merciful Father Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Please Pray for....

...Our plans for Make Lunch over the October half term school holiday. See the poster over the page.

...and Nicola Firth's Halloween-Sharing the Light in our community project for the end of October, pray for the families and children that receive them.

Prayer

If you have a particular need for prayer, please contact David or Marion Marshall on 01268 523565 or Rev. Jane Richards or Rev. Shirley Pearce using the contact details on the first page of this News Sheet.

Thank you.

"I would like to thank you all for the welcome you gave me to St Andrew's and Holy Cross during my placement with you in August and September. Even though we mostly had to talk from behind our facemasks, it was soon very clear to me what a warm and supportive church you are, and how much you care about doing anything you can to show God's love in your community. I've had some great conversations and eaten some lovely cakes! Thank you again, and wishing you every blessing for the future. May you go from strength to strength!

With love, Hayley"

Priestly Pondering Sunday 25th October 2020

As I write this, the weather outside is grey and it's pouring with rain! Had I been writing this at the same time yesterday, the sun would have been shining and it was unseasonably mild! The joy, or perhaps the frustration, of British weather is its unpredictability. We can never be sure if we're going to open the curtains to blue skies and sunshine or black clouds and torrential rain! One of the difficulties about this constantly changing climate is that it's not always easy to make plans, especially if they involve any outdoor activity.

As the old joke goes - if wet, in church hall.

Except, of course, in this pandemic season, we can't even guarantee that we can use the church hall, or indeed any other indoor space. Over the last few weeks, what we thought was the "new normal" has been turned upside down and we are once again faced with a barrage of constantly changing and confusing regulations. Just like the weather it is impossible to predict what the future is going to bring, as far reaching decisions are published day by day and even hour by hour.

In our current circumstances change often feels difficult to cope with and has negative connotations. But change need not always be the harbinger of doom! In fact, if you consider the history of Christianity, from the very start it has brought immeasurable change to both individuals and indeed to the whole world, which I guess is true of the pandemic.

When we come to faith, we realise that to be true followers of Jesus we need to make big changes in our lives, some of which at first may just feel a step too hard. Yet gradually the changes we make become an integral part of our lives and eventually we realise that actually our lives are so very much better because of the changes we've made and we would never want to go back to how we lived before.

Now I'm not saying that this is true for all the changes that we have had to make to our lives because of Coronavirus. I for one will be overjoyed when our churches can be full once more, when we can sing with gusto, when we can embrace each other as we share the peace. I will also be very glad when I don't have to wear a face mask all the time!

But I am also aware that there are some changes that I hope we will continue to include in our lives and most especially that we uphold the commitment to the kindness that has abounded and the respect that has been given to those who do the jobs that keep our country functioning, not just those in the NHS but those who deliver our post, ensure that the supermarket shelves are kept well stocked, dispose of our rubbish ...the list goes on!

On a wet grey day when hope seems in short supply and change feels overwhelming, let's remind ourselves of the transformative love of our Father in Heaven and be thankful for the changes that belief and trust in Him has brought to some many millions of people over thousands of years. ***Reverend Jane***

Halloween-Sharing the Light in our community.

Some of you may be aware that before Covid-19 we had plans in place for a Light Party on October 31st. Due to the current restrictions sadly this is not able to go ahead. Over 95% of children in the UK do not know Jesus and we are all called to share the good news in our community. Halloween is normally a great time for us to do this, what other time do members of our community come and knock at our front doors?

This year may be different, possibly the amount of families knocking will be reduced, but there will probably still be some. I have put together 'Bags of Light' that can be given out to children in our community. These have a small magazine in them along with some activities, to help children to discover and explore the Good News.

I would like to ask you all to pray for this outreach project too, pray for all of those that will be gifting the bags and especially for those that will receive them.

Thank you

Nikki





Pick up some Autumn Fun and Food!

**Monday 26th and Thursday 29th October
10am – 12 noon**

**St Andrew's Church,
The Fremnells, SS14 2QX.**

- **Recipe Box*** (all the ingredients and a recipe for a warming meal)
- **Activity and Games Pack***
- **Choose groceries from our stock of fresh and store cupboard items***

*Subject to availability

Booking is not necessary, those with specific dietary requirements please let us know in advance so that we can cater accordingly, 01268 289771 (answerphone).

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Filling the holiday hunger gap



Karen's lock down project/challenge

Karen would like to “thank” everyone who has so far donated to this challenge, your contributions have been inspiring.

Way, way back in April (I think it was April) Karen delivered a package containing amongst other things a piece of cloth and a request for us to use our imagination, inspiration and skills to decorate the cloth.

Many of us have now returned these clothes to Karen, but some still haven't. **If you have not already given Karen your art work could you please get it to her by the end of October**, if you can't get to church to give it to her please call me on 01268 288930 and I will get Karen to contact you to arrange to collect it. ***Thank you.***

This is **NOT** Karen's finished project, but when she has put hers together it **MIGHT** look similar.



Items for news and prayer to Jackie Stubberfield on 01268 288930 or jmstubber@gmail.com by Thursday afternoon, please.

Next Sunday's readings are – 1 John 3. 1 – 3; Matthew 5. 1 – 12.

What's on this week

Sunday	25 th	11:15am	Service at Holy Cross.
Monday	26 th	7:30pm	Evening Home Group (Peter White).
		7:45pm	Home Group (Barbara Bowhill).
Tuesday	27 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
		10:00am	Home Group (Cyril Phillips).
Wednesday	28 th	9:30am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
Thursday	29 th	9:00pm	Night prayer or Compline Service on line.
Friday	30 th	9:00am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's.
Sunday	1 st	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's and on line.
		11:14am	Holy Communion at Holy Cross.
		1:00pm	Holy Cross Church open for All Souls - Remembering our loved ones. See second page for more details.

Re:Store Latest Update

This September we provided 90 parcels to over 25 families. Some of these were regulars, others emergency or short-term provision. Your generosity provided 346 items over the month, thank you. **We currently require breakfast cereal and longlife milk**, although all items whatever they are, are gratefully received.

(Please do not give us fresh food or items requiring refrigeration)

As we move forward the Re:Store team have some exciting plans to encourage our recipients to collect their parcels and choose which foods they can best make use of. This will mean we get to know everyone better (hopefully over a socially distanced coffee) and will also take the pressure of the wonderful delivery team. We will be trialling some of this in half term for MakeLunch. **Thank you, The Re:Store team**

Math Quiz for 25th October 2020

How many fours are there in 44?

What type of angle has between 90 and 180 degrees?

37.39×300 ?

What is the next number in the sequence: 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ...?

A rectangle has a long side of 17cm and a short side that is 4 times smaller. What is the perimeter of the rectangle?

Can you place these measurements in order beginning with the lightest first: $\frac{5}{9}$ kg, 0.75kg, 500 grams?

How many sides does a quadrilateral have?

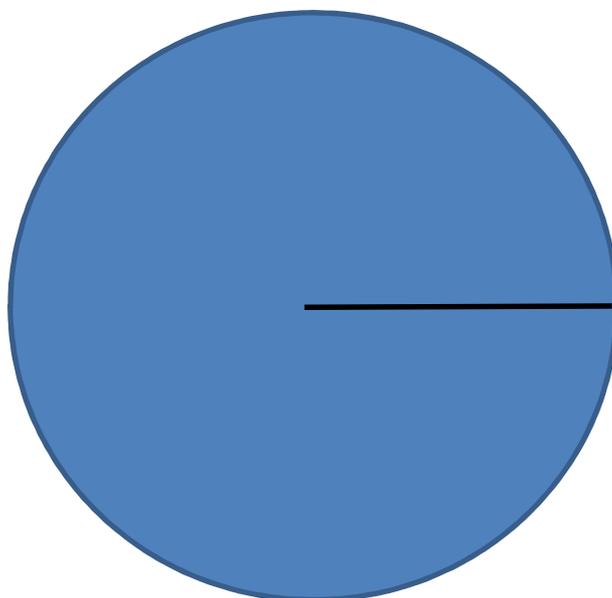
How many degrees does a straight line have?

Can you work out the resulting fraction using the simplest form: $2 \times \frac{7}{8}$?

What is twenty-five minutes to eight in the evening in 24hr time?

Which one of the following numbers is a prime number: 12, 15, 17, 21, 27?

What word describes the distance from the centre of a circle to the circumference?



Answers for the Fun Quiz for Sunday 18th October 2020

What is the number three in German?

Answer - Drei

Which British TV soap is based on the residents of Weatherfield?

Answer – Coronation Street

Which three-wheeled vehicle did the character Delboy from the famous sitcom Only Fools and Horses drive?

Answer – Reliant Regal

True or false: The small intestine is longer than the large intestine?

Answer - True

What colour jacket is worn by the dog in trap one in British greyhound racing?

Answer - Red

Macaroni, Yellow-eyed and Chinstrap are all species of what?

Answer - Penguin

Which bingo number is associated with the phrase 'unlucky for some'?

Answer - 13

What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet?

Answer - Omega

From which make of vehicle did Dr Emmet Brown build a time machine in the Back to the Future movies?

Answer - DeLorean

Which body part can be placed before the following words: drum, ache, ring?

Answer - Ear

What is a ham and pineapple pizza typically known as?

Answer – Hawaiian Pizza

Who played Michael Knight in the TV series Knight Rider?

Answer – David Hasselhoff

