

28th. January 2018
Epiphany 4 and Homelessness Sunday

This morning's Service has been planned by the Worship Group and is led by The
Revd. Robert Beard.

Pulpit Elder: Raymond Smyth Organist: Douglas Jones
Crèche: Shelagh Beach Flowers: Seasonal decorations

Welcome to St Andrew's Church. We hope you will quickly feel at home here, enjoy the service and discover new friends.

The church has an audio induction loop. To use it, please turn your hearing-aid to its T setting.

Children are welcome to join the crèche or special activities in the Garden Room, after the first part of the service. The service is fully audible there. There is also a carpeted area in church with toys for young children.

You are warmly invited to stay for tea or coffee in the hall after the service.

You are also invited to sign our Visitors' Book, near the main door.

Our guest speaker is Coral Sanderson from NOMAD.

Order of service

Please stand when the Holy Bible is brought into church, then sit for the Welcome and Notices.

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hymn: R&S 192 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Hymn: R&S 500 Jesus, united by thy grace

The Old Testament reading: Texts relating to hospitality

The children leave for their own activities or crèche.

Psalm 84 vv 1 – 8 (please join in the words in bold type)

How dear is thy dwelling-place,
thou LORD of Hosts!

**I pine, I faint with longing
for the courts of the LORD'S temple;**

my whole being cries out with joy
to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow has her nest,
where she rears her brood beside thy altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are those who dwell in thy house;
they never cease from praising thee.

**Happy the men whose refuge is in thee,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrim ways!**

As they pass through the thirsty valley
they find water from a spring;

**and the LORD provides even men who lose their way
with pools to quench their thirst.**

So they pass on from outer wall to inner,
and the God of gods shows himself in Zion.

**O LORD, God of Hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.**

Hymn: R&S 703 How lovely is thy dwelling place

The Gospel reading: Matthew 25: 31 – 46

**The Anthem: He that is down needs fear no fall
(Christopher Tambling)**

The work of NOMAD

Hymn: CG 4 Let us build a house where love can dwell

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer: R&S – inside back cover

The Offertory and Doxology: R&S 21

Hymn: R&S 520 For ourselves no longer living

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

An appeal for help

Fatih, one of our St. Andrew's family, and his wife and baby, have to leave their temporary home by the end of this month. The Council has offered them a single room in B&B accommodation which is far from adequate. If you know of anyone who can help even on a temporary basis with better accommodation please speak to Robert Beard.

Notices

Next Sunday's service is a celebration of Holy Communion and will be led by The Revd. Dr. David Stec. There will be a Tradecraft stall in the hall.

Robert Beard is in the vestry every Monday morning, 9.00am to 1.00pm, for anyone who would like to talk to him.

The flower and coffee rotas for 2018 are on the hall notice board. Please see Jean Dickson if you can help with the flowers and Kathleen Smyth if you can help with coffee.

Jean Dickson is preparing the service sheets for February. Please let her have any notices and changes to duties.

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