



Our Sunday Services

9am every Sunday: Holy Communion

Sunday 5th January 10:30am All-age service

Sunday 12th January 10:30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th January 10:30am Café Church/Children's Church

Sunday 26th January 10:30am Morning Worship

The 9am is a more traditional service. 10:30am is an informal worship service with contemporary music and provision for children and young people. Please ask if you'd like to know more. Refreshments are served in the hall afterwards. **Everybody Welcome!**

If you have any questions or if something happens you don't understand, please don't hesitate to ask, there is always someone available at the back of church - look for the welcomers wearing orange lanyards.

This newsletter is also available on our website:
www.standrewssneydgreen.com

OUR VISION IS TO SEE PEOPLE'S LIVES
AND THE COMMUNITY OF SNEYD GREEN
TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF JESUS.

Letter from the Vicarage

Happy New Year!!

2020 is set to be an exciting year and we are aiming at St Andrew's to begin on the right foot! We'll be gathering with Christians from across the city and beyond in prayer and worship at Swanbank Church on Sunday 5th January at 6:15pm – seeking the kingdom in our lives and communities in the year ahead – please do join us if you can! As we continue in a season of prioritising prayer at St Andrew's, we've got a weekend being led by 'Heartcry for Change' (see heartcryforchange.com for more info) on 29th February – 1st March (put that in your diary) and we are going to be looking in our Growth Group material at the topic of evangelism and how we can better share our faith with others – if you're not in a growth group, please do speak to either of us to see which group might be best to join. It is our deepening relationship with God through the new born Jesus that empowers and equips us to go out into the community to share His love with others. We pray that we might see people's lives and the community of Sneyd Green transformed by the love of Jesus.

With love and every blessing for the year ahead,

James & Zara

Thank You!

Massive thanks to everyone who contributed to making our Christmas services and celebrations go so well. Special mention to Martyn and Karen for putting up the Christmas trees, Jenny, Sue and Golden wonders for their contribution towards the stars and beautiful windows, Sarah and the children for their work adding stars into the mix, including Sneyd Green Children who made stars to go outside on the railings. Thanks too to all the service teams and extra helpers who did welcoming, refreshments and all the other jobs to make sure things ran smoothly, a particular mention to our musicians - including guests who supported us. Thanks as well to Sue

for so much behind the scenes work (like the Christmas PowerPoints) that often goes un-noticed. A personal thank you to everyone who gave us cards or gifts over the Christmas period, we were overwhelmed as always by your generosity.

James & Zara

The Love of God

The first love that was given
Was God's great Love for us;
And so that we may be forgiven
He did upon the Cross

The second is our LOVE to Him,
Our Love which cannot fail;
For all who give their Love to Him
Will strive and will prevail

The last Love that is given
Is to our friends around;
And after each of us has striven,
God's Love for us is found.

The greatest thing of all is LOVE,
Its worth is more than gold;
The dearest Love is found above,
That Love which shone of old

A new commandment says that we
Must LOVE one another;
So makes friends with you enemy,
And treat him as your brother

So let us end our little rhyme,
With just a little prayer;
And so we pray that in our time
God's Love be everywhere

This hymn was written by the grandfather of a good friend of mine, who had worked locally as a sign-writer, including painting the iconic "Price's National Teapots" sign along the Price and Kensington pot bank building in Longport, which was sadly demolished late last year. Unfortunately we don't know the tune, but the lyrics work well as a poem, or a prayer, so I'm sharing them with you here. The part about treating your enemy as your brother is particularly challenging, I'm sure it was for Mr Brown as he fought in WWII, yet he still urged us to do the same—it's amazing what the love of God can do. **Sue**



Ewart Brown, 1911-1963

Dates for your Diary

January

- **Sunday 5th after church:** Spring clean children's work cupboards with lunch in the hall. See Sarah for details.
- **Sunday 5th 6pm:** City Celebration Service, Swan Bank Church, Burslem (no Advance meeting this month)
- **Thursday 9th 7pm:** PCC meeting in the hall
- **Friday 17th 7-9pm :** Greenhouse Conference in church
- **Monday 27th 7:30pm:** Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Centre information and prayer evening, Christ Church, Cobridge.
- **Monday 27th 7:30pm:** Apologetics evening

February

- **Sunday 2nd 10:30 am:** Theo Gandon's dedication
- **Monday 24th 7:30pm:** The Bible Course in church
- **Thursday 27th 7pm:** PCC meeting in the hall
- **Saturday February 29th - Sunday March 1st:** Heartcry For Change Training Weekend

Please keep these events in your prayers.

James' New Mobile number

James has a new mobile and can now be contacted on 07579 795328

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If you have any possible contributions for the newsletter please email office@standrewssneydgreen.com or pass a written form to Sue in the office.

Thank you for all contributions.