



## Our Sunday Services

9am every Sunday: Holy Communion

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10:30am *Holy Communion*

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am *All-age service*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am Café Church/Children's Church

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10:30am Morning Worship

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am Holy Communion

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. **Everyone 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.

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## Letter from the Vicarage

Dear friends,

Zara and I are reading a book called “The ruthless elimination of hurry” by John Mark Comer. It’s a challenging book about how the fast pace of life doesn’t do any of us any good and how looking at the slow paced life of Jesus will help us.

If you are anything like me, my to-do list is never ending and I often feel like I am chasing my tail. Lent, the season we find ourselves in before Easter, is a time to stop, pause and prepare. Advent is meant to be the same, yet December seems to be this frantically busy month. ‘We are not called to be busy, we are called to be fruitful’.

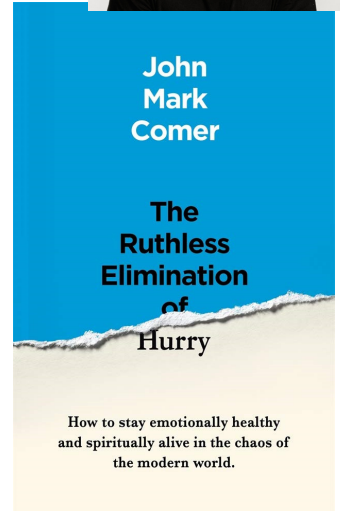
Can I invite you to join me, in stopping and being still for 5 minutes each day? Some of you will be able to do longer, for some of you 5 minutes will feel really tricky. As we stop, let’s pause and think of Easter. Allow God to speak. You might need a pen and paper to jot down anything he says - or if you’re like me, to add to the list of things to do, those extra jobs that we’re reminded of!

Let’s think about how Jesus came and walked the earth, he didn’t drive or fly and yet he had such a profound impact. Let’s marvel at how he loves us and left the wonders of heaven for us and for our community. And as we focus on the passion story, the narrative that leads us towards Easter, reflect on the significance of that suffering, punishment and death that he went through for each of us.

I believe God will speak as we pause and he will equip us for all we have to do. I look forward to hearing stories of what Jesus has said to you.

With every blessing,

**James**





Thanks to Sarah for all her hard work to make the Pancake Party happen—and to her great team without whom it would have been impossible! Around 100 people came, mostly people from the local community and not within the church.

**Crossways Resident's Association  
Community Litter Pick**

Saturday 7th March  
meeting at St Andrew's at 10am.  
All pickers and bags provided.



**Funerals at St Andrew's**

For your prayers, please remember the families and friends of those who have died recently and who's funerals have taken place at St Andrew's or by James.

Jean Young — Monday 10th February

Patricia Wheawall — Monday 2nd March

**2020 CITY PRAYER BREAKFASTS**

Praying together for God's blessing on our  
communities, our city and our nation

8.00am – 10.00am

**4th April  
St Mary's Church,  
Marychurch Road,  
Bucknall, ST2 9BJ**



# Dates for your Diary

## March

- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30am service:** Heartcry For Change
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm:** Advance Prayer Meeting—Church
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 9am:** Prayer walk
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10am:** Resident's Association Litter Pick
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm:** Growing Leaders Day Away

## April

- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 8-10am:** City Prayer Breakfast— St Mary's Bucknall
- **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 9am:** Prayer walk, meeting at church
- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm:** Advance Prayer Meeting—Church
- **Wednesday & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm:** Mark Production—Church

Please keep these events in your prayers.

## Mark's Gospel—a dramatic solo performance

We are delighted to be hosting the acclaimed one-man performance of the Gospel of Mark by Howard Jones twice during Holy Week! It will be showing both Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in Church and tickets are soon to be available for just £2 for adults, £1 for concessions. We are aware that they will sell out quickly so please email [tickets@standrewssneydgreen.com](mailto:tickets@standrewssneydgreen.com) to reserve yours.



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Thank you for all contributions.