



**St Andrews Church**  
**Taunton**

Reaching lives for change and hope

*Registered Charity no: 1196804*

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist**

*Welcome to St Andrew's; we hope you enjoy the service.*

*Pre-school children are welcome to use the Children's Area in the South Aisle during the service but must be looked after by their parents or carers.*

*School age children will have their own activities led by today's helpers.*

*Tea and coffee will be available from the servery after the service. If you need help with anything, do ask one of the welcomers.*

**Collect (Prayer):**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Bible Readings:**

Genesis 1.1-2.3, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end

**Prayer After Communion:**

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Zoom Morning Prayer - Tuesdays at 9am**

The joining details for this week are below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5262118289?pwd=bkJtYzhPK0JEcnhJWVZMN0q2SXZsZz09>

Meeting ID: 526 211 8289

Passcode: rrCZ1p

**Thank you** to everyone for organising the presents, for donations of food and the preparation of the food in making Robin's retirement service and lunch such a lovely occasion.

## **Prayer Station**

As you may know, I will be setting up a prayer station in Church for the rest of the year for the Vacancy and The Diocesan Year of Prayer. My plan is to use the Jesse Tree and to hang prayer ribbons on. Does anyone have any ribbon? Ideal width for people to write on. Many thanks, Darren.

## **Children's Society Blue Box Appeal**

I am collecting the annual Children's Society Blue Boxes.....needed by end of February please. You can bring them to church for me c/o choir or church office, or contact me to arrange collection:

email....edpuss@icloud.com, Text...07951 792917

If anyone would like to make a donation I am happy to accept at anytime, with or without a Blue box. I have spare boxes if anyone would like one....just ask me.

All donations are most gratefully received by the Children's Society who do such good work with young people in times of need or crisis.

Thank you, Joycey

**Taize Service – 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm** at St George's Church, Billet Street, Taunton

All welcome to attend. Please see the poster on the Narthex notice board.

**Deanery Service of Reflection - 15<sup>th</sup> February 6pm** at Cheddon Church

A service of quiet music and reflection led by musicians from across the Deanery. All are welcome.

**\*\*\* Light up the Spire Sponsorship \*\*\***

If you would like to sponsor the illumination of the church spire for a month, please contact Lesley in the Parish Office.



**February Light up the Spire**



In memory of my dear Mum, Marjorie Hearne.  
Always loved and missed.

<b>Church Diary</b> The Church will be open during office hours Tuesdays to Fridays 8.30-11.30am		
Tuesday	February 10	<b>9.00am</b> Zoom Morning Prayer
Wednesday	February 11	<b>10.00am</b> Parish Eucharist, <i>followed by coffee</i> <b>7.30pm</b> Lectio Divina, <i>Church</i>
Thursday	February 12	<b>1.30pm</b> Talk and Tea, <i>Church</i>

**For Your Prayers...**

**Those who are unwell:** Joanna, Neil, Paul, Julia, Catherine, Gilly, Les, Sheila, Dave, Frida, Chidimma

**Those who have died recently:** Alan Woods, Priest

**Years Mind:** **11/02** Dorothy Trott, Kenneth Oaten  
**13/02** Marcella Smith

- For peace with justice for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza and the West Bank
- For stability across the international community
- For world leaders that they may act with wisdom and integrity

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**The Sunday next before Lent**

**10.00am** Parish Eucharist

**Readings:** Exodus 24.12-end  
2 Peter 1.16-end  
Matthew 17.1-9

## **Parish Directory**

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