

St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 14th June
Today's service is a nature themed Family Service
The offering will go to 'REEDS' in Pakistan.

Collect

Creator God, you show us what love is through the beauty of the earth and the gift of your Son. For the love of animals and plants, mountain and forest, sea and city, woman and man, friend and family, those who live far from us, and those yet to be born, move us to live more simply, to protect the earth and to speak up for those in need. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from Sylvia

Our readings today are Genesis 1:26 & 2:4b-10 & 15

'Making our gardens a haven for nature'

We read in verse 15 that 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.' So stewarding creation was one of the first responsibilities which God entrusted to humanity. Sadly, men and women disobeyed God and were banished from the Garden. Their close relationship with God, one another and the earth itself was broken. We began to 'play God' by exploiting the earth's resources to satisfy our greed, resulting in harm to our planet and to our neighbours, especially the poorest.

Recent studies show that the UK is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world, due to habitat loss caused by changes in farming methods, urban spread and the paving over of gardens and green spaces. However, our gardens can play an important role in restoring nature and helping to combat climate change. They can absorb water, slow down wind, create shade, absorb pollution, store carbon, help reduce temperatures, provide food and homes for wildlife and link other ecosystems.

For example: we can help by growing plants to provide food, shelter and pollen for wildlife, providing water, creating a pond, providing nesting boxes for birds, hotels for bugs and bees and homes for hedgehogs. Even growing plants to support wildlife on a balcony or windowsill can make a big difference. The site wildlifetrusts.org/gardening has a wealth of resources for this. Our gardens can also help us to reconnect with the natural world by become places of encounter with God.



The fifth mark of mission of the Anglican church is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and transform the life of the world.' Doing our best to make our own gardens a haven for nature is an important way of fulfilling this mission.

Challenge

*Do one new thing this summer to support wildlife
in your garden (if you have one!), window sill or balcony.*

*We are here as God's family to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.*

June

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| Today | 10:30 | Morning Praise |
| Tuesday 16th | 11:00 | Service at the Care Home next door to the church |
| Wednesday 17th | 10:30 | Little Stars, doors open at 10 |
| Thursday 18th | 9:30 | Bible Study on Zoom |
| Friday 19th | 10:30 | Burial of Andrew Robinson's ashes |
| Sunday 21st | 10:30 | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 24th | 10:30 | Little Stars, doors open at 10 |
| Thursday 25th | 9:30 | Bible Study on Zoom |
|  Saturday 27th 10 - Noon  St. Andrew's Community Coffee Morning Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Good Company! | | |

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| Sunday 28th | 10:30 | Family Service |
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| Wednesday 1st | 10:30 7:30 | Little Stars, doors open at 10 Taizé |

Feeding the Garden Birds?
Refer to the RSPB to avoid the spread of Trichomoniasis
rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds



Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 passcode 664663 or by linking to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!

Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1ILL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Practical help for the Community

Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.
 They regularly collect our items, gratefully received particularly the warm gloves and mittens we have given them in the chilly times!



We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly.

Before you leave home for church Grabbatin 'n' bringi'tin!
 They express gratitude for our deliveries, our financial & Gift Aided donations: next drop off June30th. **Needs are greater than ever!**
Pick up a Food Bank 'Advent Calendar' from the back of church.
This lists items to donate throughout the year.



Recycle it!

Please drop your Medication Blister Packs at the back of church for Sue Lyons to take for recycling.

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