

***St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 2nd August
Informal Communion***

Collect for the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day and make her holy, strong and faithful. For your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Message from Lindsey

The Gospel for today is Matthew 14 vv 13 – 21

The feeding of the five thousand

The reading this week reminds us that God can do great things with what we place in His hands. When the disciples saw a problem, they focused on what they lacked. Jesus, however, focused on what was available and used it to meet the needs of many people.

We may often feel that we do not have enough time, money, skills, or resources to make a difference. Yet Jesus teaches that even small offerings, when given with faith, can have a powerful impact. An example might be checking in on a lonely neighbour or sending an encouraging message to a friend who is having a difficult day. These actions may seem small, but they can make a significant difference in someone's life.

Just as Jesus multiplied a small amount of food to bless many people, he can use our small acts of kindness to have a greater impact than we realise. Trust God when challenges seem too big. God is able to multiply our efforts when we act in faith. Instead of asking, "What can I do with so little?" we should ask, "What can God do with what I have?" When we offer our lives, skills and resources to God, he can use them to bless more people than we could ever imagine. Amen

*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.*

August		
Today	10:30	Informal Comunion – Feeding of the 5000
Sunday 9th	10:30	Morning Praise – Jesus walks on water
Sunday 16th	10:30	Holy Communion – The faith of the Canaanite woman
Sunday 23rd	10:30	Morning Praise - Peter's confession of Christ
Sunday 30th	10:30	Family Service – Moses & the Burning Bush

Anyone who still wishes to give via the envelope scheme can do so by using the blue envelopes at the back of church. Please take a handful and remember to complete with name and date. (It had become uneconomical to print individual sets of numbered and dated envelopes.)

Thanks in advance for your understanding and continued support.

Julie



**Butterfly
Conservation**

We are in a Butterfly emergency, needing your help more than ever before.

By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count, a UK wide survey, you can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies. Deadline for the Big Butterfly Count is 9th August, so there is still time to participate.

For details refer to butterfly-conservation.org

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 **Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom** 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!

Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1ILL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQT09>

Recycle it!

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



Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.

They regularly collect our items, gratefully received.

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 August 25th. **Needs are greater than ever!**



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