

St Andrew's Church Woodside

Sunday 6th September

Informal Communion

Today's collection will be to Christian Aid, in support of their relief efforts following the terrible floods in Nepal.

For those wishing to contribute, please use an envelope at the back of church, marking it 'Church'.

Collect for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new a living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Message from Lindsey

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 18vv15 – 20

Jesus' words here in Matthew's Gospel offer us important guidance for living together as a Christian community. Church life is not always easy: we are human beings, having differing opinions, personalities and experiences and sometimes we may misunderstand or hurt one another. Jesus encourages us not to let difficulties grow into resentment or gossip. Instead, we are invited to speak honestly and lovingly with one another, seeking understanding and reconciliation.

This is not always easy, but it is an important part of what it means to belong to the family of God.

These verses also remind us that church is not simply about buildings, numbers or programmes. Jesus says, "where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Whether we are a large congregation or a small village church, Christ is present when we gather in his name.

As we reflect on these words, perhaps we can ask ourselves: Is there someone I need to speak to, forgive, encourage or make peace with? And how might I help our church community become a place where people feel heard, valued and welcomed?

This week, may we remember that Christ is present among us, and may his presence help us to build relationships marked by patience, forgiveness, kindness and love. Amen.

Julie will be at the front after the service for those wishing private prayer. Prayers offered will include those named in this News Sheet.

*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.*

SEPTEMBER		
Sun 6th	10:30	Informal Communion
Wed 9th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thu 10th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sat 12th	The church will be open for ... The Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride Event, Plus! We will be busy with a Mary & Martha Day!	
Sun 13th	10:30	Morning Praise
Tue 15th	11:00	Service at the Care Home, next door to St. A's
Wed 16th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thu 17th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Saturday 19th September Wedding of Debbie Marlow & David White		
Sun 20th	10:30	Holy Communion
Wed 23rd	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thu 24th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sat 26th	10-12	Community Coffee Morning Made & Remade Fair to mark the Season of Creation

Anyone wishing to set up a standing order for regular giving: the bank details are:
 St Andrew's Woodside PCC,
 CAF Bank Ltd,
 Sort Code 40-52-40 Account Number 00007320

To 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=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

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=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>



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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