

Sunday 25th October
Bible Sunday
Celebrating God's Living Word

Bible Sunday is a special opportunity for us to give thanks for the Bible and to reflect on the place God's Word has in our lives. First observed in churches during the early nineteenth century, it is a day dedicated to celebrating Scripture, encouraging its study, and recognising its importance in shaping our faith.

Collect for Bible Sunday

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Message from Lindsey

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 24:30-35

Matthew reminds us of the enduring power of God's Word. Jesus speaks of his return in glory and offers a message of hope to his followers. Using the image of the fig tree, he teaches us to recognise the signs of God at work in the world around us. Most importantly, he declares: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

In a world that is constantly changing, the words of Jesus remain constant and trustworthy. This is why the Bible continues to matter. It is not simply an ancient collection of writings but the living Word of God, speaking to every generation.

Bible Sunday challenges us to deepen our relationship with Scripture. Why not take time each week to revisit the Sunday readings at home and ask: What is God saying to me through this passage? Through prayerful reading, the Holy Spirit continues to shape us into the people God calls us to be. 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.*

Please pray for those grieving in bereavement

Sheila Watson's son Kris following his mother's passing.

Rose Brinn, whose husband Arthur passed away recently: Debbie Marlow:
Nan Philpott's family: Josie Worsley's family: Helen Wright and Deidre Smith.

Please Pray for the sick & individuals in need

- Please pray for **Angela** as she cares for her mother who needs much support following a fall.
- Pray for long-standing friend of St Andrew's, **Dot Reid**, who is now bed-bound and slowly fading. Pray too for her daughter **Cynthia**, as she cares for her.
- **Alan Buttery** is home recovering following heart surgery. Pray in thanks, as his recovery progresses.
- Pray for **Lorna Messenger**, following knee replacement surgery. Lorna is now recovering at home.
- Pray for **Julie & Del**, friends of Sue Briggs and Gill Downs. Julie is home after surgery. The surgeons are hopeful that her transplant has been a success.
- Pray for Andrew's friend **Dave**, that the right care setting is found for him. Pray too for **Andrew**, as he supports his friend.
- Pray for **Michael Plummer** recovering at home now following surgery.
- Pray for **Marion Palmer**'s recovery, having damaged tendons in her leg.
- Pray for Sue Briggs' granddaughter **Evie** recovering at home regaining strength in her legs following surgery.
- Pray for Sue's neighbour **Joy Brain** suffering pain in both legs.
- Pray in thanks for continuing healing of Gill's brother **Robert**. Pray for baby **De Gold**, taken into care by Gill's son Daniel and family.

Please continue prayer for ...

- Scott Cowell & the girls, Tony Glynos, Sue Sowley, Tammy, Tammy's sister in law Janette, Pauline Todd, Helen Wright's friend Maggie, Judy Jarvis, Steve Baird, Mary, Chris and Jon Barker, Carol Brennan, Noel Nugent, Richard & Marion Palmer's daughter Susan, Sue Briggs, Sue Sturgeon's young friend, Peng, Ita Burton, Michael Boyes, Carole Patterson, Darren Jarvis, Valerie Stokes, Eileen Crapnell's daughter Pauline, Alan's friend Bob, Andrew's sisters Claire, Rosanne and sister-in-law Coral, Claire's son Brandon and Sylvia's friends Linda and Rae.

We welcome your prayer requests which may run for extended periods. Please update or remove as required. If you are overwhelmed by the amount of prayer needs, choose one or two people to pray for or rotate weekly those for whom you pray. NB: Prayer requests received by 6pm Thursday will appear on Sunday's News Sheet: those submitted later will appear subsequently.

***Prayers for our Church,
the needs of the World and our Community***

- Please pray for the work of the Bible Society
- We pray for peace in the Ukraine, the Middle East and elsewhere in the World where there is conflict. We pray for the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
- Pray for Tearfund's partner 'REEDS' in Pakistan, empowering communal resilience to climate shocks and climate smartness. Bless their harvests and initiatives.
- Pray for the Food Bank and our ongoing support as we endeavour to ensure that no one goes hungry.
- Pray that people of all ages will feel welcome here at St. Andrew's.

Prayer for Mission

- God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning and actions and power to our witness. Help our church grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgivings

- We are thankful that, at the Churches Together in Caddington Harvest Festival service, £185 was raised for the Christian Love in Action charity for their Operation Agra.
- Sue Briggs is thankful for our prayers: Evie's physiotherapy progressing in hope it will continue at home. Sue's niece Maddie is at home now, undergoing physiotherapy to increase her lung capacity.
- Thank you to Sue and Steve Lyons for getting the plants for our harvest gifts and to the Flower Team for decorating the church so beautifully. Thanks to those who helped with the Harvest distribution on Monday. We have already heard back with messages of thanks from many of the recipients. We have donated an extra £100 to the Food Bank, and £50 each to Azalea and NOAH, following the collection at Harvest Praise.
- Thanks for prayers from Tammy, Francine, Eunice and our auditor, Sharron.
- Mary gives thanks for all the prayers for her and her family. Jon has a new (hopefully temporary) issue and ongoing prayers for his general improvement are much appreciated.

OCTOBER		
Sun 25th	10:30	Morning Praise
Sat 31st	10-12	Community Coffee (& Tea!) Fund Raiser for Shoeboxes
NOVEMBER		
Sun 1st	10:30	All Saints Day Informal Communion
Wed 4th	10:30 7:00	Little Stars – doors open at 10 Evening Prayers on Zoom
Thurs 5th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sun 8 th	10:30	Remembrance Sunday
Wed 11th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thurs 12th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom

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

Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom!

Enter the number: 878 5926 2657

Passcode: 664663

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Azalea thanks us for our Food, Toiletries Cash, Gift Aided Donations, etc.
They regularly collect our items, gratefully received.

We drop off Food items to the Foodbank monthly.

So before you leave home for church, 'Grab a Tin and bring it in!
They express gratitude for our deliveries, our financial and Gift Aided donations.

Our next drop off is October 25th.

Their needs are greater than ever!

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