

St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 18th October
Holy Communion

Collect for the 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life: 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 Richard

Today's readings are Exodus 33:12-23 Matthew 22:15-22

There are times when I would like to have had more certainties in my faith. Is that true of you? This can be especially true when we are going through difficult times. In our reading Moses was struggling with his calling. He faced a future that looked incredibly difficult. He comes to God with the sort of bargaining that certainly I have done sometimes. "If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways that I may continue to find favour with you, after all this nation is your people." (Verse 13). If you heal this person I love, I will be a better Christian! God, I thought you were a healer, how could you let that person die? This seems to me to be quite natural.

But notice God's response to Moses. God meets his questioning with compassion, saying, "My presence will go with you, I will give you rest and I will do the very thing you have asked because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." There is a lovely intimacy here. God knows Moses by name just as he knows you and me by name. This speaks of the relationship we have with God, that he knows us intimately. Moses pushes God further, "Now show me your glory." (verse 18). Moses wants a sign to prove God's promises are true. Don't we do that? God responds to that in verse 22. "When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by." We may not feel God is there in our difficult situations, but we can know God's faithfulness to us in the present as we look back over our lives and see how he has been with us in past situations.

Andrew 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.*

OCTOBER		
Sun 18th	10:30	Holy Communion
Tues 20th	11:00	Care Home Service
Thurs 22nd	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sun 25th	10:30	Morning Praise
Thurs 29th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sat 31st	10-2	Community Coffee (& Tea!)
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

**SUNDAY
25th 2am
DON'T
FORGET:
PUT YOUR
CLOCKS
(ETC!)
BACK
1 HOUR!**

Anyone wishing to set up a standing order for regular giving,
the bank details are:

Account: St Andrew's Woodside PCC,
CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code 40-52-40
Account Number 00007320

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!

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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