

† St Andrews

Proclaiming Christ in Clewer

Pews News: August 2017

Welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, to this house of prayer.

Ramblings

Well August is here again – a time for holidays and relaxation. As Rosie is having some well-deserved time off the ramblings this month will be more rambling than usual!

It is not just Rosie who is off – all the schools have broken up and the children are at home. This makes August not just a time for holidays but also a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to what the future may bring.

August begins with a hopefully appropriate festival – the Transfiguration of Jesus where Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus and he ‘shines like the sun’ – we can only hope that the British weather brings us some sunshine. The Transfiguration is the point at which the disciples see that Jesus is the bridge between heaven and earth, much as this month is a bridging month between old and new school years.

We are exhorted to listen to Jesus and it is noteworthy that two important Old Testament prophets appear with Jesus but after God speaks it is Jesus who remains. God is exalting Jesus above all other powers and creations and giving him a special honour and glory.

If you are lucky enough to have some time off in August, why not use some of it to reflect on where you are as we head towards September when everything starts back to normal.

God Bless. Church Warden Rob & Parish Administrator Sharon

Services for the Month of August

1st Sunday – 6 August – Transfiguration of Our Lord

8am Said Eucharist

10.30am All Age Family Eucharist

readings Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1. 16-19; Luke 9. 28-36

5pm Said Evening Prayer: Ps 72; Exodus 34. 29 to end; 2 Corinthians. 3

2nd Sunday – 13 August – Trinity 9/Proper 14

10.30am All Age Family Eucharist

readings 1 Kings 19. 9-18; Romans 10. 5-15; Matthew 14. 22-33

5pm Said Evening Prayer: Ps 86; 1 Kings 11. 41-12.20; Acts 14. 8-20

3rd Sunday – 20 August – Trinity 10/Proper 15

10.30am All Age Family Eucharist

readings: Isaiah 56. 6-8; Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15. 21-28

5pm Said Evening Prayer: Ps 90; 2 Kings 4. 1-37; Acts 16. 1-15

4th Sunday – 27 August – Trinity 11/Proper 16

10.30am All Age Family Eucharist

readings: Isaiah 51. 1-6; Romans 12. 1-8; Matthew 16. 13-20

5pm Said Evening Prayer: Ps 95; 2 Kings 6. 8-23, 3.16-28; Acts 17. 15 to end

Midweek Services in August

Fridays 9.30am Prayers & Bears at St Andrews Church

For your prayers

Healing Prayers: Peter Dennis, Jack Trigwell, Blake, baby Creed, Jim Allen, Alfred Tardif, Sam Evans, Margaret Andrews, Al Brewer, Susan Hines, Julie, Jasmine, Phoebe, Roy Taylor, Caroline, Reuben, Vivien Fletcher, John Taylor. The Homeless, Refugees and Prisoners and all who mourn.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for all those who live or work in Shirley Avenue, Rutherford Close, West Crescent, East Crescent, Hatch Lane and Firs Avenue.

Community prayers: Clewer Green School, the head teacher Martin Tinsley and all the staff and governors.

Weddings: Sam and Jess, Alexander and Carla.

Those who have died

Notices

August Holidays – Rev Rosie will be taking a leave of absence for the whole of August. If you have any urgent issues, please contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 7 August until Monday 21 August, however emails will be monitored on a regular basis. Please email rather than phone the office during this time.

Little Lambs Stay and Play – this new toddler playgroup and coffee morning is held at St Agnes Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30.

Choir Practice – There are a couple of changes to choir practice. Children's choir practice will be held in the church on Tuesdays from 18:00 to 18:45 and the children will sing at the 10:30 first Sunday of the month service

Adult's choir practice will now be on Thursdays from 19:00 to 19:45 in church

Bell ringing – Tuesdays at 7.00pm and Fridays at 7.30pm

Sunflower Sunday 17 September – Please wear something yellow! All the sunflowers planted after Mothering Sunday will be used to fill the church.

School Uniform Bank – we are collecting second hand school uniform from any school in the area. Please bring the clothes to St Andrews church where there will be a box for collection. The clothes will be washed and mended and be made available to families who access the food bank. This will help them with school uniform ready for the new term in September.

Celebrating Summer Weekend – Well we managed to pick the wettest and coldest weekend for weeks for our summer celebrations! It didn't matter though as all the events were a big success and we raised nearly £600. Thank you to everyone who turned up and to all those who helped out, especially at the fun day at the Rectory garden where we all got soaked!

St Agnes – If you are looking for a space to meet, conferences, parties etc please contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Website – the website contains up to date information at www.standrewsclewer.org

Bible Challenge – takes place every Wednesday at St Andrews at 7.30pm.

Back to School Service – the Back to School Service will be held on 3 September at 10:30. Don't forget to bring your school bags to the service for a blessing.



Ride and Stride – This event will be taking place on 9 September. The church will be open and refreshments will be provided for the participants. Please see Stuart Cockman who is the co-ordinator for Ride and Stride at St Andrews if you can help with refreshments on the day.



Date for your diary – Our Harvest Supper and Quiz Night will take place on 30 September at St Agnes. More details to follow.



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