



Welcome to St Andrew's Church Quarterly Newsletter

"God's heart for the community"

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My dear Friends,

Can you believe it is Easter already? Having been ill for a while, all of a sudden, it has taken me so long to get back to normal, whatever that is! It feels like I missed half the year when it was only two weeks. I don't know you all as well as I would like but I know some people deal with enforced rest better than others. I was desperate to get back to normal as soon as I began to feel a little better. Fortunately I have some wise friends and supportive leaders at church who informed me that if I had been signed off for two weeks then that was how long I had to do nothing! Now the sun is shining and the sights of spring remind us of new life and naturally of Easter.



Mike & Lindy Taylor

I have heard several stories of people of no faith or limited faith who obediently gave up something for lent, perhaps another chance at the New Year resolution which didn't work out! Easter then becomes a weekend of indulgence after the sacrifices of Lent. Easter is, of course, more about sacrifice than indulgence for us and I love the privilege of travelling through Holy Week with those who will travel with me. In the business of life it gives me moments of thought, quiet and a chance to consider how powerful the sacrifice of God really is. I am not a sombre person but the stillness of Holy Week and the sense of the impending doom of Christ lived out through our devotions enables me to enjoy Easter day even more.

Please pray for our services over Holy Week and Easter that all we do will bring glory to God, lift high the name of Jesus and draw people to Him. Pray that our walk of witness on Good Friday is not about rubbing the community's nose in the cross but bearing witness to our faith. There is a fine line between being rightly sombre and miserable. I would rather it looked like we were enjoying the symbol of our faith than we looked like a group of miserable sinners doing something we must do.

Get involved in what you can get involved in. On Easter day a group are preparing little gifts to give out to those using the park, please pray for fine weather and for good crowds of families and individuals there that we can bless with our gifts.

Looking ahead at the next three months we have New Wine in May (4th -6th) with the return to Hautlieu and the return of John and Anne Coles (leaders of New Wine) and Steve Michenson leading worship for us again. I have a sense that this is like re-forming New Wine and I would urge you to come along and see what God is doing in the wider church. I know sometimes the music isn't to everyone's taste or too loud or too many songs we don't know but it is all about Jesus and our chance to be with hundreds of others from different churches in unity loving God, rubbing shoulders with those who see transformation all over the world and getting some prayer for those things that still hold us back. We have seen our young people grow through serving at our local New Wine and at the main UK summer events. I was recently at a meeting in Oxford of New Wine international leaders and John Coles set out the fundamentals of New Wine as being a group of Christians who seek to encounter God, be empowered for ministry and then sent out to change their communities and ultimately the world. Their new strap line is 'Local Church changing nations' and I think they have got it about right there. We are here to make a difference and to be a force for change in our community. Let's go and see what we can learn together.

A very happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Vicarmike

Due to our Newsletter being quarterly please ensure that weekly events are given to Maureen to publish in the "What's on" each Sunday. All notices events and listings for the next quarter need to be with Adrian before 24th June 2012. Perhaps you would like to write a piece or have photographs/news on your group or organisation that you think may be of interest to others.

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ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The rota for the altar flower ministry still has many vacant slots. Please consider if you can help in any way. The list is on the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you.

Janet Averty (731427)

Spring Gift Day. Sunday 6th May 2012

Our Gift Days continue to be a crucial element of our endeavours to ensure that St Andrew's Church General Accounts are reasonably balanced and you are asked to prayerfully consider making a donation.

Gift Day envelopes are available at the back of the Church along with tax forms, which apply to Jersey tax payers who are kind enough to donate £100.00 or more.

Although our Spring Gift Day is formally Sunday 6th May, donations will also be welcomed on Sundays before or after 6th May if this is more convenient.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate in speaking to John Rosser (855942).

Thank you for your much appreciated support.

St Andrews Mission Statement

We are a family that endeavours to learn together, to encourage and love one another and to pray and worship as one. We would like to see our church grow and each member build a relationship with our Father so closely that other people can see the grace and love of God through us. Our dreams as children of God are to see more people come to Christ and live in Him with the passion we have, courageously bringing this passion into the community.



Busy Bees

3rd Thursday each month at 2.15pm

April 19th
May 17th
June 21st



Monday Fellowship

April 2nd : Speaker Phil Hermitage who will be talking about his latest Walk.

May 14th : Speaker Mrs Mary Pison who will be talking about her evacuation to the UK.

June 11th : Outing to be advised

Please note that May and June are NOT on the 1st Monday due to the Bank Holidays

All meetings start at 2.30pm.
All church ladies welcome

Sidespersons Rota

If for any reason you have other commitments on the dates allocated, or you need to change because you are away, please try to swap with someone and inform Angela or Adrian

April		
	10.00am	11.30am
1st	Joan Waddington Bill Hill	Julie Burley
8th	Lynn Vautier Roy Stower	Matthew Le G
15th	Jackie Gordon David Parmiter	Kate Whittingham
22th	Karen Parmiter Wendy Wille	Billy Taylor
29th	Joint Service Angela & Sue	

May		
	10.00am	11.30am
6th	Bill Hill Lorna Purvis	Billy Taylor
13th	Roy Stower Joan Waddington	Matthew Le G
20th	Lynn Vautier Robyn Pullen	Julie Burley
27th	Jackie Gordon Kate Whittingham	

June		
	10.00am	11.30am
3rd	David Parmiter Beryl Watkins	Emma Le G
10th	Chris Sutton Betty Fry	Lorna Purvis
17th	Karen Parmiter Robyn Pullin	Patricia Vibert
24th	Wendy Wille Roy Stower	

"As well as the web site (www.standrewschurch.org.je) we now have a Facebook page. It will have updates on recent events and upcoming events so is a great way to keep informed I'd what is happening - please 'like' the page to keep in touch"

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for St Andrews Church Jersey. The cover photo is a wide shot of the church's exterior. The profile picture is a logo featuring a cross and two figures. The page has 31 likes and is categorized as a 'Church/Religious organisation'. A post from 19 March includes a video link: <http://www.standrewschurch.org.je/sermons.html>. A highlighted post from 17 March advertises a 'FREE Family Fun Day' on Saturday 31st March. The event details include: Storytelling and puppets, Crafts, Jenga, Connect 4, Hotdogs and hamburgers, Toddlers play area, and Giant Chess.

ST ANDREW'S
DIAMOND JUBILEE
CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 16th
JUNE

