

## Welcome to St Andrew's!

Welcome to St Andrew's. If this is the first time you are joining us please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or someone with a name badge. Members of all Christian churches are most welcome to receive Holy Communion. We have an audio loop in the church and large print versions of our service booklet are available. Please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope if you would like to make a donation. There is a WC in the corner of the church, just past the organ. We hope you enjoy the service.

### Children's and Young People's Activities

**Today:** Kids' Church meets at 10am in Church Gate House. We have a group for preschool children (aged 2-4), an infant group (aged 4-8), junior group (aged 8-11) and a group for (12+). At the back of the Church there is an activity space for very small children. The children join their families at the Eucharist to worship together for the last part of the service.

**SAY It's Sunday youth group** for year 6 and above meet at 6pm in Church Gate House.

**14+ Youth group** is not meeting over Christmas, they will meeting again on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Refreshments

Tea & Coffee will be served after the 10am service in Church Gate House by Lyn Sahami and Jill Newman. We would be delighted if you could stay and join us.

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### 8am Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching:

Folli Olokose

Intercessor: Richard Hollington

Reader: Dominic Combe

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### 10am Parish Communion

Presiding: Robert Jenkins

Preaching: Folli Olokose

Intercessor: Dave Greenwood

Readers: Ayobamo Babatunde and Ed Bowen

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### 6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Presiding: Robert Jenkins

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### Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> Dec)

#### 10:30 Holy Communion

Presiding & Preaching:

Robert Jenkins

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# This week's prayers and readings:

## Service Booklets:

8am & 10am Advent Booklet  
Eucharist Prayer E

## Readings:

8am & 10am

Isaiah 7:10-16 (OT 663)

Romans 1:1-7 (NT 162)

Matthew 1:18-end (NT 1)

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

The Prayer Team is available to pray with you during and after communion. If you would welcome prayer on an individual concern for yourself or someone else. Or to give thanks for prayers answered. Please do join us in the back corner of the Church.

## Praying For:

- Folli and Robert as they lead our services here. Pray that God will speak to us through their words as we worship together.
- All those reading and leading the prayers during the services.
- Everyone involved in the Kid's Church.

## Pastoral/Church

- All those within the congregation battling physical or mental illnesses or loneliness.
- Shelia Roberts who is very unwell at home.
- We remember all those who will be or who will have already attended Carol Services and heard once again the story of the birth of Jesus that the true meaning of Christmas may be made known to all.
- The invitation to the Christmas Day lunch will reach those most in need.
- Give thanks for the generous donations to the lunch given during the collection at Waitrose on Thursday.
- The humanitarian crisis in the Yemen after 4 years of conflict.
- The suspension of fighting in Aleppo, allowing people to leave the city.

## The Collect

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# This week's notices:

## **END OF ISOLATION AT CHRISTMAS – Christmas Day Lunch.**

Please do encourage people to come to the lunch. Invitations are available on the desk.

Please also have a look at the sign up sheets in the porch. Help is needed on the **24<sup>th</sup> to setup**, on the **25<sup>th</sup> to serve** and before hand to help pre cook larger items.

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## **ESTHER'S TRIP TO NEPAL**

If you kindly pledged to sponsor Esther on her recent trip to Nepal please can you ensure your donation is paid to Folli.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -GREETERS and SIDESPEOPLE**

If you are willing to help at the following services please see or contact Judy Brickett (876425): Crib Service, Midnight Communion and Christmas Day Family Service.

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## **"TOGETHER"**

has achieved 14th place out of over 600 entries in the 2016 National Parish Magazine Awards (A5 Category). The publishers, Edna Tipping and David Greenwood, and the Editor, Daphne McFarlane, are very pleased with this move up from 67th in 2014 and 31st in 2015. We thank all our contributors – just keep on writing and taking photographs!

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## **SPECIAL ISSUE of "TOGETHER"**

You are invited to send reflections for the February magazine in appreciation of the ministry of Canon Robert Jenkins. (max 200 words) The early deadline is Wednesday 4th January. Contact the Editor, daphne.mcfarlane @care4free.net tel. 01932 864521.

## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**FORUM.** There will be a meeting of the Social Concerns Forum in the lounge after Parish Communion on Sunday 8 January at 11.45 am or as soon as practicable thereafter. Everyone who is interested in our faith and social action projects or other social action is very welcome to attend.

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## **ST ANDREW'S SOCIAL**

**MEDIA** please do join us on Twitter and/or Facebook.

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## **PIGEON HOLES**

if you are on the electoral roll please do check your pigeon hole.



### **Christmas Services:**

Nine Lessons and Carols – Today @ 6:30pm

Crib Service – 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm

Midnight Eucharist – 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11pm

Christmas Holy Communion – 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8am

Christmas Family Worship – 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

## Next Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day)

<b>8am Holy Communion</b> Presiding & Preaching: Peter Vickers	<b>10am Family Worship</b> Presiding: Robert Jenkins Preaching: Folli Olokose
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## Upcoming Events

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St Andrew's School Carol Service
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am	Morning Prayer
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Crib Service – Greatest Story Ever Told
Christmas Eve	11pm	Midnight Eucharist
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10am	Family Worship – The Prince of Peace
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Office Closed
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	8am	Holy Communion
New Year's Day	10am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Morning Prayer
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Parish Communion
	11:45am	Social Concerns Forum
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Morning Prayer
	10:30am	Baby Talk
	7pm	14+ Youth Group