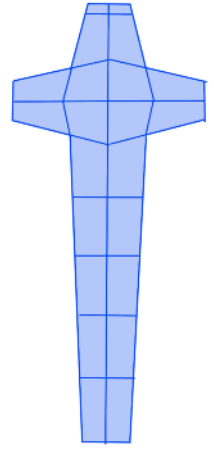


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See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the warm weather and keeping on hydrating your bodies by drinking lots of water or fluids (non-alcoholic).

A few days' ago, I was reminded of a truth which I thought I could share with you. It is about the way we walk in the Lord, and it is based on Psalm 23. Many people call it the Shepherd Psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me. You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live (Good News Bible).

What I reflected on was God's presence in my life. Verse 4 indicates that God is present in my daily walk so even if I am going through the darkness, I will not be afraid.

Growing up in Ghana where there was little or no street-lighting and many homes had no security lights till the 1990's, it was very difficult for people to walk through the dark. It was even more difficult during the monsoon season when nature was blossoming, and dangerous animals were enjoying life to the full on the streets and pathways at night. There had been many reports of people being injured, mauled or bitten by such creatures. But Hey! Life had to go on, so we carried on as usual. But as a child it was very reassuring if an adult volunteered to walk you through a dark place. Their presence gave you protection and confidence to walk through the darkness, such as the way God does. His presence helps us to walk through the dark places of our lives – illnesses, loss, misunderstandings, disappointments, uncertainties, amongst others. He does not expect us to stop, stand or give up in the walk but to keep on walking till we reach our destination. Mind you, God promises that there is light at the end of it all. The night or darkness may be daunting, but the day always shows up.

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I do not know what the darkness is for you now but one thing I know is that God is in there with you. Keep on trusting him and continue to pray. It may seem so long, and you may feel that he is not listening but as some writings state, "he is a silent listener to your conversations". His time is the best. You will have the last laugh, but I do not know when. He does.

Have a blessed summertime.

Yours sincerely,
Frank



The Lord's Prayer tops Shakespeare, Dickens, Churchill and National Anthem **in a public recognition poll** *From Parish Pump*

People in the UK are more likely to identify correctly a short extract from the Lord's Prayer – also known as the Our Father – than one from the National Anthem and other sources chosen for their deep cultural resonance, a new poll has found.

The polling, carried out for the Church of England, also found the reference in the prayer to being forgiven and forgiving others was the element people found most meaningful to them.

Pollsters Savanta surveyed more than 2,000 people across the UK. They asked them to match seven famous lines - spanning areas ranging from literature and history to popular culture – with their source, from a list of correct answers.

Overall, the phrase from the Lord's Prayer was recognised correctly by the largest number of people (80.3 per cent), just ahead of Star Wars (79.9 per cent).

They were followed by Hamlet's "To be or not to be" (73 per cent) the extract from the National Anthem (63 per cent); the line from Churchill's 'The Few' speech (61 per cent); and You'll Never Walk Alone (58 per cent).

Overall, 89 per cent of those surveyed said that they had previously heard of the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. This was highest among those who described themselves as Christian (95 per cent), but also by 88 per cent of those who said they had no religion.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, is currently leading a 'Lord's Prayer Tour' of events at churches and cathedrals across the north of England attended by thousands of people, as part of his *Faith In The North* initiative.

He said: "In a world of shifting cultures and changing circumstances, the Lord's Prayer remains a steady guide - perhaps never more so than now.

"Lines like 'Give us this day our daily bread' speak powerfully to today's challenges, reminding us to seek sufficiency, not excess, and to consider what 'enough' truly means."



Christian Aid Week Report

Christian Aid Week 2025 took place on 11th - 17th May. St. Andrew's Church followed our tradition of supporting the event with the following activities:

- Envelope collection
- Donation online
- Christian Aid Lunch held on Sunday 12th May
- Christian Aid information display on the Church foyer in May
- Church's supporting prayers

The event at St. Andrew's collected a total of **£840.48** this year, through online donations (£175.00) and through envelopes with cheques & cash donations (£465.48), and Christian Aid Lunch (£92.70). Of the total, £645.00 are gift-aided giving a tax rebate of £161.25.

We are extremely thankful for your kind donations and support in enabling life changing transformations to some of the poorest communities.

With your help, Aurelia and her family in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala, for example, can now stand up to the industrial plantations and climate crisis. Through Congcoop, they gained skills and knowledge to cultivate native seeds that better suited to the changing climate and restoring their ability to provide food for their families.

Kay Wong & Susan McKenzie Christian Aid Week Organisers July 2025.

A PRAYER



Whatever the weather, God is still the same. He loves us even when we don't love ourselves. He cares for us even when we don't care about anything.

May our love for God, our neighbour and ourselves grow so that we grow closer to God.

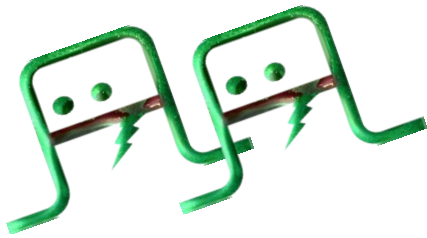
We give thanks for the rain and sunshine. We give thanks for our church and all those who make it possible for us to worship. We give thanks for days out and holidays. We ask God's blessing on those who can't enjoy these things.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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All updates on church information are on our
CHURCH WEBSITE www.standrewsharlow.org.uk

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The music critic enthused: 'Here is Tchaikovsky at his best. Music so beautiful that it has to be heard to be appreciated.'"

The friend replied, 'A lot of music is like that!'

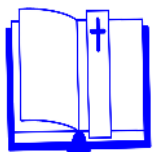
You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "In 400 feet, pull over, stop and let me out."

Golf balls are like eggs. They are both white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to go out and buy more.

You know you're getting older when you begin to realize that your parents were right, after all.

You can learn many things from children. Like, how much patience you have.

The most fattening thing you can put in an ice cream sundae is a spoon.



Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. "Why does she do that?" whispered one. "I expect she's studying for her final exams," came the reply.



A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: "Not since I got my eldest son into an old people's home.'

Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: "Oh, about half."

Showing your new parish that you are a forceful preacher may not always be a good idea, as the Revd Sydney Smith found out when he first arrived at All Saints Church in Foston in 1806. "When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation."

The telephone rang in the church office of the church that the MP attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we do expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

PRAYERS FROM HELL - Read Jonah 2:2-9.

Twice in the Bible there is a record of prayers prayed in hell. In Jesus' parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the former prayed for both release from his torment and that a warning would be sent to his family (Luke 16:24-31).

Here in the book of Jonah this chapter opens with the words, 'Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God' (v.1) The prophet prayed from what he described as 'the belly of hell' (KJV), or 'from the depth of Sheol' (v.2).

The first chapter of the book tells how Jonah was commissioned by God to go and preach in Ninevah, the capital city of the great Assyrian Empire. Instead, Jonah ran away from his home country, from (he thought) the presence of God and from hearing God's command. The Assyrians had long been the all-conquering enemies of Israel and Jonah was either afraid to go to Ninevah, or he did not want them to hear God's word – or both.

So, he ran away and took ship for Tarshish (i.e. Spain). During a violent storm he confessed to the sailors that he had disobeyed God and reluctantly they threw him overboard (1:12-14). The Lord had 'appointed a great fish' which swallowed the prophet and from deep inside its belly, he prayed to the Lord. God heard Jonah's prayer, the fish spewed him out and his life was spared (2:10).

Jonah's prayer, prayed when he was sure he was about to die, has much to teach us about praying. First, even in our disobedience, God hears us when we pray humbly and sincerely. Jonah's terrible calamity was directly the result of his running away from God. It wasn't because of circumstances, it wasn't inevitable, it wasn't fate or just 'one of those things;' it was his disobedience that brought about the disaster. How gracious God is! Even in our running away from Him, He still loves us and hears our prayers.

Second, we can pray anywhere. If Jonah could cry to the Lord when, in his own words, 'in the heart of the seas,' when 'all the waves and billows' passed over him (v.3), how many places may we not find to come before the Lord in prayer? There is the quiet time at the day's beginning, a moment of reflection in a busy schedule, between meetings, as we drive the car or travel in the bus, or plane or ship – so many places where we can 'lift up our hearts' to the Lord.

Third, no situation is too difficult for God. The God who 'hurled a great wind upon the sea' (1:4), who 'appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah' (1:17); who prepared 'a plant' and 'a worm' to bring about His purposes (4:6,7), is the Sovereign Lord of earth and heaven. He can hear us and help us in our deepest distress, in the hours when life seems to be tumbling in all round us.

Fourth, the Lord can deliver! Jonah's prayer from the depth of hell ends with the ringing assurance, 'Deliverance belongs to the Lord' (2:9). We all need to hear that! Today, whatever our need, our pain, our disappointment, our fear, our weakness, our besetting sin – with the Lord there is deliverance.

Dr Herbert McGonigle, now retired, was Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester [Article from Parish Pump]

EDITOR'S LETTER



Do you recall the names of all Jesus' disciples? (Nor me!) But what about the two faithful followers, Joseph and Matthias, who were with Jesus right from the start of his ministry? They watched at his crucifixion, rejoiced at his resurrection and saw him disappear into a cloud at his ascension.

To be honest, I'd never even noticed them. And until a vicar talked about them in a five-minute sermon, their significance had never registered with me.

These men had been in the close group that followed Jesus about for three years and yet we don't hear anything about them until they star in a few verses in Acts chapter one. They were probably two of the 70 unnamed followers who Jesus sent out to witness and heal in Luke chapter 10. They all came back very excited saying that even demons were subject to them in Jesus' name. Their Master confirmed their powers, saying, 'You can tread on snakes and scorpions and nothing will injure you. But do not rejoice about this, but that your names are recorded in heaven.' And if we are true followers of Jesus, our names are recorded alongside theirs, in the heavenly book, or computer, perhaps!

Returning to Acts one – verses 13 and 14 give a list of the remaining eleven disciples, together at a prayer meeting, and with them are Jesus' mother and brothers and other unnamed women. (I wonder when His brothers became followers?) This meeting went on for a couple of days and when there were about 120 of them together, Peter stood up and spoke about Judas and that the Holy Spirit, through King David in the book of Psalms, foretold Judas' part in Jesus' arrest.

And now we get to Joseph and Matthias in Acts! Verse 21 says that Peter continued by saying they needed to choose a disciple to take Judas' place - someone who had been with them from start to finish, a true follower of Christ. So those gathered together nominated these two men.

The choice was made in a traditional way – by casting lots. We don't know exactly how they did this but it's mentioned 70 times in the Old Testament and 7 times in the New. We would flip a coin or have two straws of different lengths. But remember, this large group of Christians had been praying together for two days. If we want to discern God's will – we pray. And that group did the same. Matthias won but neither of them is ever mentioned again. I wonder if he stayed in Jerusalem with Peter and John or followed in Paul's footsteps, encouraging the new converts as he travelled north and around the islands of the Mediterranean?

There's so much we don't know about Jesus and his followers. The last verse of the book of John says, 'I suppose that if all the other events in Jesus' life were written, the whole world could hardly contain the books!'

God bless, Hazel

SPUD & PUD LUNCH

CLOSED IN AUGUST

**Saturday 20th September -
at 12 noon.**

Cost = £5. Please book.

***Note: Esther Burton is now the circuit
safeguarding officer.***

***MISSION ENABLER
JORDAN STRINGER***

**If you use FACEBOOK do look at our
page,
updated by Joanne regularly.
Just search for St Andrew's Methodist
Church on FB**

**We are part of HAEBE
(Herts and Essex Border Circuit)**

**We are also part of
Herts and Essex Border Ecumenical
Partnership**

POP-IN PRAYERS

prayers in the chapel from 11 - 11.30 am.

**On the 3rd Saturday each month
*But closed in August***

PRAYER WALK

11 - 11.50am

**Both meet on 20th September
Praying around The Stow area.**

ALL WELCOME

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ECO THEOLOGY

By Arthur Revels

Eco theology challenges us that the earth was given to us to do what we like irrespective of the damage and suffering inflicted on others. It reminds us that we do not own the world God created for us but are custodians to care for it.

We are poor stewards of our world. The late Pope Francis issued a paper on climate change stating that the damage was getting worse, humans are primarily responsible, it affects the poor disproportionately, we can and must make things better, individuals need to take responsibility but politicians must lead.

The creation story is told in Genesis 1. Creation is one of the most challenged parts of the bible as the text says six days, then there's evolution, science and the second creation account in Genesis 2. God is the creator. Could it all have happened by chance?

If you have read Genesis 1, you will have noticed the number of times the word good is recorded. 6 times we have God seeing that it was good and at the end of the sixth day, God saw that it was all very good (Genesis 1.31). Good is recorded seven times and this biblical number signifies completeness and perfection. God saw the creation as perfect and was very pleased with it. Surely this implies that we should keep it in this condition. God created humans in his image (Genesis 1.26) and this involves trust and responsibility. God did not provide our beautiful world for us to destroy it. God placed man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it (Genesis 2.15). We are to conserve the environment and develop its resources for the common good.

All the elements of the creation are interconnected, if one is harmed so are the others. We need the plants, animals, rain, seas and also the trees which absorb carbon dioxide. We cannot survive without the other elements of the creation. All creatures, plants and humans depend on the same biological and chemical systems to sustain our lives on earth. Our damage to our earth not only harms fellow humans but all creatures/plants of the creation. We are responsible for making so many plants and animals becoming extinct from the earth.

After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah. It was not only with humans but for every living creature that was on the ark (Genesis 9. 12 – 17). This shows God's care and respect for all the creatures in the creation. We need to do likewise. Even the lowly earthworm and ant are part of God's work and have their own purpose in our world. Unfortunately I was not overly pleased when my house was invaded by an army of ants last week – but it may have been too hot outside for them! Fortunately I persuaded them to go elsewhere!

Throughout the bible God shows his concern for the poor. Rising temperatures make floods, droughts and storms more intense and frequent. Melting glaciers are causing rising sea levels. If temperatures continue to rise some areas will become uninhabitable. The poor are hit hardest and earliest. You and I and millions of others are causing harm to the vulnerable. Are we really showing our love to God and our neighbour by the way we exploit and damage our earth?

Our industrialised countries with the emphasis on greed and money are exploiting our world's resources. Our increasing world population is consuming more. The burning of fossil fuels is causing global warming. Heating and lighting being responsible for approximately 1/4 of emissions and transport (cars and aeroplanes) for about 1/4. There is a trend to encourage

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the use of electric vehicles but they are more expensive and the batteries are not environmentally friendly. Minerals need to be mined from specific regions of the earth for holding the electric charge.

Our seas and rivers are being polluted by rubbish, chemicals and sewerage. Land is being poisoned by insecticides. Methane, another greenhouse gas is emitted from landfill waste and grazing cattle. Cutting down forests increases carbon dioxide.

What can we do about this problem. Many disagree about climate change and its causes. Reducing our carbon footprint (our gas emissions) requires a change in lifestyle of which few are willing to commit. We have a role as Christians to be aware of the beauty of creation, appreciating it by our respect and stewardship and in our care for our world. There are various surveys available to assess our carbon footprint (gases released into the atmosphere from everyday activities) so that we can look at ways to reduce resources, waste and energy. Many churches are seeking eco accreditation and St. Andrew's is working for bronze accreditation. Creation and climate change should be part of our prayers of thanksgiving, confessions and intercessions for those suffering from climate damage. There is judgement for those that have caused destruction on the earth (Revelation 11.18)

There is a final reflection - are we as individuals and our world leaders doing enough to combat climate change or is our world heading for disaster?

NB The Methodist Church and URC have produced a 65 page report on climate change which is worth reading.

We remember PAM BROWN who died on 11th July 2025 aged 87.

Pam was part of our congregation from 1966 until, sadly, dementia overcame her. Latterly, she lived in a care home in Chelmsford, near to her two daughters.

Her three children were in our Sunday School. She was Pam Worth at that time, but sadly her first husband Bernard died many years ago and she eventually married a member of our congregation, Keith Brown. During Pam's time worshipping with us, she was active in the life of St Andrew's as Brown Owl - leading the Brownie Pack, and on the catering committee among other things.

She leaves three children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

We extend our sympathy to them at this sad time.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Brenda Woodfine who died 15th August 2017

Nigel Evans who died 24th August 2018

Nancie Vogel who died 16th September 2024

Our thoughts are with their families at this time.

Random Thoughts on Diversity – Cultural, Ethnic or Otherwise (part 2)

Almost 200 years after the emancipation of the enslaved people (this event being celebrated in August every year in many countries in Africa and the Caribbean), prejudice and stereotyping of people based on their appearance, race or ethnicity are still rife in many parts of the world, as demonstrated by the story which I related in Part 1 of this article.

Categorizing people according to their external appearance is not only illogical and immoral, but unworkable. Consider for a moment the following two interesting cases which I came across years ago.

When I grew up as a child in Hong Kong after the war, there were some children playing in the street that were clearly European in their facial features and build, but behaved and talked like Chinese youngsters. It turned out that these were the children of European parents, the ruling class, and when the families were to be rounded up imminently and put into concentration camps by the Japanese invaders, implored their Chinese friends, colleagues, neighbours or servants to 'take their babies', fearing that they might die in concentration camps. Thus, these children were taken on as their own by kind local folks, at some risk to themselves. After the war, some of these children could not be reunited with their parents, either because the parents had perished or records destroyed by the bombing. I would challenge those who are keen to put people into silos to tell me where they want to place these children.

Some years later, in my first job at the (old) Hong Kong Airport, I came across the following which was like the reverse of the above situation. My first boss, who was himself someone who fled from Shanghai, employed a deaf man as his secretary. It turned out that this deaf man was half of a pair of twins, the other one being of normal hearing. They were from a poor family. Struggling with the arrival of twins was hard enough, and having one of them deaf was particularly hard. An American missionary couple came to their rescue and took on the deaf one as a foster child, brought him up in their way of living and education. The child learnt to use the English sign language and could lip-read (in English only). Even so, when he left school, it was difficult for him to find a job, but my boss decided to take him on as his secretary. This turned out to be mutually beneficial, as all formal reporting were done in English and the boss could do with some assistance from a 'native' English speaker. The deaf secretary's brother, meanwhile, was brought up in the traditional Chinese way by his birth parents. He sometimes came into the office to visit his brother. If no one had told me they were twins, I would never have guessed: one was a lot slimmer and darker than the other (one was constantly fed with soy sauce and the other constantly with milk!), and their behaviours reflected two different cultures.

Encounters such as these led me to believe that any difference between people is more to do with culture and upbringing than origin or ethnicity, but such differences need not be approached with apprehension, but rather be welcomed and embraced. People from different backgrounds perceive the world and tackle problems in different ways, and this diversity has benefited enormously the business world, scientific and medical research and artistic creativity, not to mention the wide range of music, literature, performing arts and cuisine from all over the world that we have come to love and enjoy. Without such diversity life would be a lot poorer.

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In recent years a dark under-current has emerged, especially here in Europe and in North America, of politicians pandering to 'popularism', of seeking to limit and reject on a grand scale migration from outside their countries. This is short-sighted. Of all the resources in this world, human resources are the most valuable, more so than any currency reserves, minerals or oil deposits. Look at the rapid expansion of prosperity in the United States in the nineteenth to the first half of the twentieth century. This is due in no small part to the mass migration of talented people to the new world. This success was later emulated in other places such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Throughout history, we can find numerous examples of individuals who came to prominence and made valuable contributions to society in their adopted countries.

In the Bible, there are many instances of the Israelites prospering in foreign lands, (e.g., Joseph in Egypt) and dotted with passages reminding them of the importance of welcoming strangers and the need for just treatment of those who are vulnerable, in particular immigrants and refugees, for example, Leviticus 19:34 *"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt."*

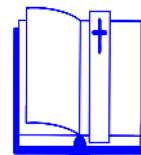
The most well-known story of people at the receiving end of kindness and help from a foreigner is, of course, that of the parable of the Good Samaritan, in Luke 10:25-37. A down and sick man who was rejected by his fellow countrymen was saved and cared for through the kindness and generosity of a complete stranger.

So, let us not forget that, as the stories at the beginning of this article told us, in our times of need, we may yet find kindness and support from someone from a far-off land.



BIBLE READING NASB

Acts 1 various verses from 14 on.

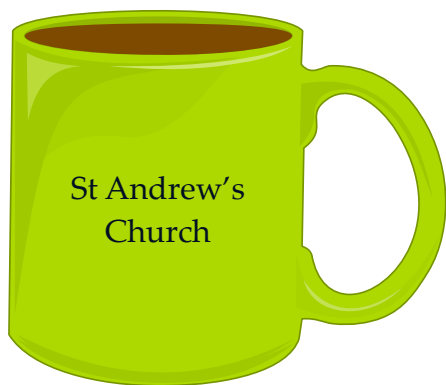


(The disciples), all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren [a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together], and said, 'The scripture had to be fulfilled ... therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us ...'

So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas, and Matthias. And they prayed, 'You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside ...

(Do read the whole chapter - it's fascinating!)



SUNDAY COFFEE

Sunday Coffee - Alison Brand

If you can't help serve, could you donate a packet of biscuits occasionally please?

PLEASE NOTE:

We still need help on the 1st and 5th Sundays each month.

week 1

Gay Brown & **helper needed**

week 2

Margaret T. & Maureen Etchells

week 3

Hazel Taylor & Jayne Graham-Mensah

week 4

Alison Brand & Louise

week 5

Margery Collier & **helper needed**

STARS

Each Tuesday in term time @ 10am

Contact: Alison Brand



First Tuesday Gay Brown

Second Tuesday *CAN YOU HELP?*

Third Tuesday Gay Brown

Fourth Tuesday *CAN YOU HELP?*

HELPER

FLOWER ROTA

AUGUST

3rd Zachary Castle

24th Cecilia Mojzes



SEPTEMBER

7th Beth & John Hutchings

21st *can you provide?*

28th HARVEST so we need lots of flowers please!

**Flowers: contact Margaret Mountsteven
or Hazel**

Please let one of the above have the money and any colour preferences
two weeks before your flower date.

AUGUST DIARY

***Our Sunday service
is also on ZOOM***

YOUTH CHURCH Closed in August

BIBLE STUDIES - all continue through August

MONDAY - Eat your lunch as you share in a Bible discussion.

IN THE CHAPEL, led by Rev Frank.

TUESDAY - 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur, IN THE CHAPEL - studying Isaiah

THURSDAY - 12 NOON - ON ZOOM - led by Arthur Revels - studying 1&2 Samuel

THURSDAY - 7.30pm - Led by Fred Arthur. ON ZOOM, studying 1 & 2 Timothy.

AUGUST AUGUST

Please note - NO POP-IN PRAYERS or SPUD & PUD in AUGUST

Saturday 2nd 2.00pm Pastoral Carers' Meeting

SUNDAY 3rd 10.30am Morning Worship and Holy Communion
Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam

SUNDAY 10th 10.30am Morning Worship - Prayer and Praise

Monday 11th 7.30pm Get-together of the Church Leadership Team Meeting

SUNDAY 17th 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev John Buxton

SUNDAY 24th 10.30am Morning Cafe Worship - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam

SUNDAY 31st 10.30am Morning Worship - Rev Marcia Tull
12.15pm St Andrew's Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship

*Please remember the Pastoral Carers of your church in prayer.
They meet this month on 2nd*

AUGUST AUGUST

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MAGAZINE -

*Paper copy by Sunday 14th September, email copy by
Wednesday 17th September*

YOUTH CHURCH
Sunday 10.30am
In term time

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Our Sunday Service is also on Zoom

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SEPTEMBER

Thursday	4 th	12.30pm	Friendship Group at Margaret T's home in East Park
SUNDAY	7 th	10.30am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam
SUNDAY	14 th	10.30am	Morning Worship -Mrs Efua Sey Koi Larbi
Saturday	20 th	11.00am	Prayer Walk led by Rev Frank - all welcome
		11.00am	Pop in Prayer
		12 noon	Spud & Pud - £5, <i>please book</i>
SUNDAY	21 st	10.30am	Morning Worship & child Baptism - Rev Dr Frank Okai-Sam
Saturday	27 th	9am on	Harvest: arranging display. Please bring your gifts and also help if you can.
SUNDAY	28 th	10.30am	Morning Worship for HARVEST - Rev John Buxton
		12.15pm	St Andrew's Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship

SEPTEMBER

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Council Meeting - Sunday 5th October @ 12.30pm

Toy Service - Sunday 30th November @ 10.30am

Nativity Puppets Show - Sunday 7th December @ 3pm

Christmas Day Family Service - Thursday 25th December @ 10.30am

Watchnight Service - Wednesday 31st December @ 11.15pm