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Our Vision for St Andrew's Seeking God's will through prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community

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🕸 Letter from our Chaplain

Well now the ball is in our court so the saying goes. We have come officially to the end of the Easter season with the Feast of the Ascension and now we go into Pentecost and Trinity Sundays over the next two weeks. On Pentecost the apostles, which includes us, are given the Sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit to enable us to go into the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all peoples. Trinity Sunday marks the day when we understand who this God is that we worship. We know this God by God's great gift of creation by coming to Earth in the person of Jesus Christ and sending to us the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and enable us to do God's work.

Over the coming long green season of Trinity we will be instructed in the word of God and his purpose for us in this world will be made clear in the weekly readings of Holy Scripture during the mass when we will hear of the wondrous works of God with people like you and me and how he chose Ordinary People Like Us to carry on with his work.

So read ,mark, learn and inwardly digest God's holy word and pray that his plan for us may be made known to us as we grow in our life as God's community of faith, hope and



love in a world needing to know our Risen Lord.

God bless you all as we continue to grow in our life together.

With every good wish, David

🕸 Services: June — August

Unless otherwise stated, there is just one service on Sunday: Parish Communion at 11.00

JUNE 4, Pentecost

Celebrant: Revd Canon Andrew Wingate LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

JUNE II, Trinity Sunday Celebrant: Revd Canon Andrew Wingate LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard Prayers: Gillian Thylander

JUNE 18, Pentecost 2

Celebrant: Revd Canon Andrew Wingate LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson Prayers: Jeanette Munro

JUNE 25, Pentecost 3

Celebrant: Revd Lars van der Heeg LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

JULY 2, Pentecost 4 Celebrant: Revd Irène Ungelheim LA: AlanTaylor, Ann Gustafsson Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

JULY 9, Pentecost 5 LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor Prayers: Clifford Elliott

JULY 16, Pentecost 6 LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson Prayers: Keith Barnard

JULY 23, Pentecost 7

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard Prayers: The Willy Family

JULY 30, Pentecost 8

- 10.00 Holy Communion
- 11.00 International Service
- LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
- Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

AUGUST 6, The Transfiguration LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

AUGUST 13, Pentecost 10

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson Prayers: Gisela Barnard

AUGUST 20, Pentecost II

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

AUGUST 27, Pentecost 12

- 10.00 Holy Communion
- 11.00 Family Eucharist
- LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson
- Prayers: Alan Taylor

SEPTEMBER 2, Harvest Festival

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Vongai Muyambo-Laasonen

SEPTEMBER 9, Pentecost 14

- LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard
- Prayers: Gillian Thylander

Chaplaincy News



Palm Sunday

As usual on this Sunday the choir and congregation walk around the block singing "All glory, laud and honour"



The Easter Garden with the stone sealing the tomb



Gathering at home with Father David for hot cross buns after the service

Easter Sunday



The lighting of the Easter Candle at the start of the service



The sermon and showing of the Easter Garden to the children



Elisabeth Bogal-Allbritten, one of the choir members playing the violin during the service

The International Service on the 7th May













We were once again blessed with a warm sunny day.

Thanks to all the wonderful helping hands, in full swing, helping to raise the tents and preparing everything for the opening at 11.00. It was relaxing, sitting in the sun, enjoying the delicious refreshments and meeting up with old friends. As usual the home made cakes, bread, marmalade, etc. were in great demand. The flowers and plants, cards and other Mother's Day articles were also much appreciated. Of course there were also a children's stall, books, lotteries and so forth, as well as a children's fancy dress parade – dominated by two happy families.

We owe a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way in making it all worthwhile. The funds are well needed to keep our church going.

Ann Gustafsson







OUR LOVELY CHERRY TREE in the church garden in full bloom in May. It was planted by our Amnesty Group in 1991 in remembrance of the disappeared in Chile under the Pinochet regime. It was blessed by our then chaplain Graeme Hancocks.





Living Prayer

Prayer helps us to clear the path through the jungle of empty, meaningless trivialities with which most of us are now surrounded and lead us towards that which is true, genuine, lasting and reliable: "we must eradicate everything meaningless and trivial in ourselves and in our relations with others and concentrate on those things we shall be able to take with us into eternity."

Metropolitan Antony of Sourozh

Thank You to St Andrew's Church

What a joy it was to be in St. Andrew's church last Sunday and see so many old friends again. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement during my long treatment. It was such a delight to see so many children and families and to hear that there will be a Children's Choir. Thank you Gisela for your clear reading and Gillian for playing the organ. Tore and I enjoyed hearing Revd. David Bruce telling us about Mother's Day in the USA and Canada as we have lived and worked in both places. We look forward to coming to the St. Andrew's Bazaar and Garden Party on May 27th.

Please pray for Peace in North Korea where we have our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. The Church Dog - Daxi - is still with us and we can never forget how she taught the children to sit quietly and listen to the sermon!

Nancy Fjällbrant



ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS can make us wonder "what on earth can I do?" But living in a way that respects what God has made is part of our joyful discipleship and, by inspiring others to join us, we can begin to change the world. Inside this leaflet are nine ways to live more gently, on the Earth. Why not tick the things that you already do and choose one or two things to work on each month?

Why Christians must act on environmental issues:

"Living in a way that honours rather than threatens the planet is living out what it means to be made in the image of God.

... What we face today is nothing less than a choice about how genuinely human we want to be." (**Dr Rowan Williams**)

"Our responsibility is to cultivate and care for the Earth in accordance with God's command (Gen 2:15). We are called not only to respect the natural environment, but also to show respect for, and solidarity with, all the members of our human family. These two dimensions are closely related." **(Pope**

Francis)

"To hurt the Earth is a sin." (Patriarch Bartholomew I)

"We should care for God's Creation – not out of fear about what is going to happen, but out of love ... So Christians should be at the forefront of the environmental cause and movement because in our care for Creation we reflect our love of the Creator." (**Revd Nicky Gumbel, Pioneer of the Alpha course)**

Nine ways of living gently on Earth

- I. Stand up for the planet:
- get to know your MP,
- write letters, sign an online petition,
- go on a protest.

2. Get connected:

• seek out like-minded people in your local area or online, to encourage one another.

- 3. Practise gratitude and generosity:
- simplify, be liberated by needing less.

4. Be creative:

- reinvent second hand goods from charity shops,
- improvise, make things,
- try swishing clothes swap!
- 5. Reconnect with the natural world:
- get wet -- dig the earth,
- grow herbs on your window sill,
- save and cherish water,
- take an interest in wildflowers, bees, butterflies, fish, birds and rocks,
- include the Earth in all Church liturgies,
- plant trees for special occasions such as baptisms or weddings.

6. Use your LOAF!

Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly, Fairly traded.

- support local shops,
- try to buy British fruit and veg in season,

- grow some of your own food,
- eat less meat and dairy,
- buy free range eggs and meat and sustainably caught fish (MSC),
- suggest communal church meals follow the LOAF principles.

7. Travel light:

- walk, cycle, take the bus, tram or train, if possible, and use local shops, notice the beauty on your doorstep,
- organise a lift share scheme for your church,
- don't fly: a transatlantic passenger blows their annual fair share of carbon in one go. If you must fly, offset (e.g. with climatestewards.org, or £5 per 1000 miles.)
- most European travel is possible by train: www.seat61.com for more information.
- 8. Explore this wonderful country.
- get in touch with the seasons,
- seek out local adventures,
- enjoy the journey and limit your driving

9. Go fossil free and reduce use:

- change your electricity provider or campaign for your university, council or church to disinvest, • insulate your home,
- wear an extra layer, and turn the thermostat down I or 2 degrees,
- use hot water bottle, or an extra blanket, instead of heating the whole house at night,
- if buying new appliances go for AAA rated,
- place your desk by a window,
- generate your own electricity.

VISIT http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/

Concerts

Lunchtime concerts, Fridays 12:15

June 16	Riccardo Gnudi Marianne Isaksson	Organ Flute			
	Elin Lutecki	Soprano			
June 30	Miguel Sousa	Piano			
July 7	Riccardo Gnudi Elin Lutecki	Organ Soprano			
Tickets 60 kr, pensioners 40 kr,					
STUDENTS FREE					
IN ASSOCIATION WITH SEASUS					
Further details will be advertised					

on our web site.



Riccardo Gnudi

Soon we will be saying good bye to Riccardo, who has brought out the best from our Marcussen Organ in many a concert given at St Andrew's church over the last year. Only two more lunchtime concerts to come: 16th June and 7th July, before he leaves Gothenburg. We shall be sorry to see him go and wish him well for his new job wherever that will be. Thank you, Riccardo for all you have done for us at St. Andrew's.

Piano Concert



Miguel Sousa, USA

Pianist Miguel Sousa will present a special piano recital called Musical Images on **Friday, June 30, 12h15 pm,** at Saint Andrew's Church.

This program will feature works by Schumann, Bartok, Ravel, Mendelssohn, and Prokofiev. Each work has a specific image and story behind the music.

Miguel Sousa has performed extensively throughout Europe and America. He has received the Lia Tortora award and a full scholarship to pursue his master degree in USA. Miguel is currently on the faculty of Texas A&M University.

This concert is part of the European Tour 2017, where Miguel is performing in more than 10 countries, such as Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, and UK.

This concert is free admission, but there will be an opportunity for a voluntary donation.

The Anglo-Swedish Society Program is now on-line: www.angloswedish.wordpress.com

Members of St. Andrew's community are invited to apply for membership of the British Club. Membership benefits include an active social programme. *www.britishclub.se*



The annual fee per family is 100.00 SEK. Anyone interested should contact Gisela Barnard (031 147101) or send an email to membership@britishclub.se to request more information. 14

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