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Our Vision for St Andrew's

Seeking God's will through

prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community



Our Church Committee Members



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Letter from our Chaplain

Dear friends and family of St. Andrew's,

It is that time of year again when so much starts up after a summer away. We are no exception at St. Andrew's. Much has been happening at the Church of late, and there are plans in place for the upcoming year. This will include rewiring the church and in the New Year renovating the wash closet to make it handicap accessible.

The Lottery was a great success with the combined efforts of Thomas Fredén and Gillian Thylander. We took in more revenues than last year and a hearty thank you to all who contributed prizes, sold and bought tickets. This is an important fund raiser for the Church. Well done!

September 3rd was the Harvest Festival. Gillian and volunteers beautifully decorated the Church on Saturday for the Sunday Festival Service. We gathered on Sunday for a service graced by a special anthem sung by the Adult Choir and young people and a special music offering during communion presented by family members of the congregation. A pot luck dinner followed, generously donated by members of the congregation.

As you probably have heard, we are going to start up a children's and young people's music program as an outreach ministry of our church. The committee has appointed Mr. Stephen Craig, currently serving as assistant organist at Vasa Kyrka, for this enterprise. He is from England and is married with two young children. He plans on doing a Doctorate in Organ Performance and a masters in Choral Conducting at the University of Gothenburg. He has degrees from Universities in England and is a member of the Royal Society of Church Musicians. He specializes in children's choirs. He played for us on Easter so you will probably remember him from



then. We are fortunate to have a person of his caliber come to us to enhance the ministry of this congregation in this way. You may read more about him in his article.

It is intended that this music program will be an outreach of this Church to the Community. As Anglicans and being part of the Church of England, we have a rich musical heritage which spans the ages and has influenced the progress of the Western Church and civilization. This heritage is what Stephen intends to bring to this program and community. He and I plan on visiting schools in order to raise awareness of this program. Monies have been donated to initiate this endeavor and defer the costs to the parish.

I have been invited to address the International School on the 19th about Christianity

and its place in the world. I am very much looking forward to doing this. I will certainly be talking about St. Andrew's and its life and works as part of my talk.

Finally, on Saturday 26/8 there was a gathering at the Church at two o'clock organized by the Gothenburg Chapter of Democrats Abroad entitled "United Against Hate". The public was invited for a time to reflect on Racism in Western Culture and this event was particularly motivated by recent events in the United States in Virginia. Music, speakers

Church Music for Children and Teenagers

I am a musician from UK who has been living in Sweden for nearly 7 years. I studied piano at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, where I obtained a BMus (hons). I also have the Associate diploma (ARCO) in Organ from the Royal College of Organists. In 2008 I moved to Jerusalem to work for Daniel Barenboim's Foundation. Here I taught the piano, performed chamber music with international musicians, and assisted in pioneering projects such as the first opera in the Arabic language. Since moving to Sweden I have chosen to further my studies at Gothenburg University and am currently in my final year of Masters in Organ and related instruments.

I am passionate about church music and like to see children and teenagers getting involved through singing. Singing helps children understand the complicated order of church services through active participation. Furthermore, they gain a musical education, which is a useful life skill in itself.

My vision is to establish a mixed boys and girls children's choir and teenage choir. Please let me know through David Bruce if you are interested.

Many thanks,
Stephen Craig

and personal reflection were presented to a gathering of about fifty persons to raise awareness of racism and its implications. Other such gatherings were concurrently held in Malmö and Stockholm.

Thank you for your time and consideration to all this, Gillian and I look forward to your continuing interest in the life and work of our Church as we continue to move forward and witness to our Lord in our midst.

Best

David Bruce, Pastor





Services: September — November

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

SEPTEMBER 10, Pentecost 14

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

SEPTEMBER 17, Pentecost 15

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Alan Taylor

SEPTEMBER 24, Pentecost 16

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

OCTOBER 1, Pentecost 17

10.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Charity Ezeilo

OCTOBER 8, Pentecost 18 and Baptism

Celebrant: Archdeacon Colin Williams

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

OCTOBER 15, Pentecost 19

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Clifford Elliott

OCTOBER 22, Pentecost 20

Ecumenical Service at the German Church.

No service at St Andrew's

OCTOBER 29, Pentecost 21

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

NOVEMBER 5, Pentecost 22

10.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: The Willy Family

NOVEMBER 12, Remembrance Sunday

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Keith Barnard

NOVEMBER 19, Pentecost 24

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

NOVEMBER 26, St Andrew's Day

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

DECEMBER 3, Advent Sunday

10.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

DECEMBER 10, Advent 2

Peace and Justice Sunday

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Alan Taylor

Gabriella's Graduation.

It was the 8th June when Gabriella Petersson Munro graduated – or as they say here 'tog studenten'. She is the eldest of Jeanette and Roland's three children. It was a great day and celebrated by family and friends. Congratulations, dear Gabriella, may your future be bright and full of adventure.



Gabriella with her mother and grandmother

A new member of the Congregation



Avishai Quinn Knox Laasonen, born to Vongai and Claes, brother to Massai on the 3.07.2017

Harvest Festival

On a bright sunny Sunday, 3rd September, we celebrated Harvest Festival. On the day before Gillian came in with masses of flowers and greenery for all the vases around the church. Nancy Nenonen came with some Lavender and kärleksört and Ernest brought in a big basket of vegetables from his own allotment gardens. Lots more fruit and vegetables were brought on Sunday morning and were taken up to the altar during the service by the children.

The church was packed with a happy congregation, many of the ladies in their beautiful Indian saris. It was a wonderful service with an inspiring sermon given by our chaplain David, singing of much loved hymns. A wonderful anthem by John Rutter: Look at the World was sung by a mixed adult and children's choir led by Stephen Craig, who is setting up a music programme for young people. A group of Indian families sang during communion.

After the service, a buffet lunch was served with delicious Indian and European dishes, followed by the grand auction of all the fruit and vegetables donated. People were very generous indeed.

We want to say a big thank you to all who were involved in this wonderful celebration especially the Indian community.

Gisela Barnard





Reena Samuel together with Pervin and her children Apphia and Judah



Flowers in the font



... and more flowers



Mixed adult and children's choir led by Stephen Craig at the Harvest Festival

Vestments

Over the summer St. Andrew's acquired a new set of Eucharistic Vestments. The colour is green which is used during the seasons of Pentecost and Epiphany. For that reason green is the colour used for about half of the Church's year. When I arrived in May of 2016 the old green set had been in use for many years and was showing its age. It had been repaired from time to time but was still getting ragged around the edges. I put word out about acquiring a new set and many options were considered. Finally, with the re-organisation of the Ladies' Guild, Marie Lygonis donated monies from that organisation to put towards a new set. Over the course of the year Gisela and Keith Barnard and Gunilla Ramell donated additional monies toward this cause.

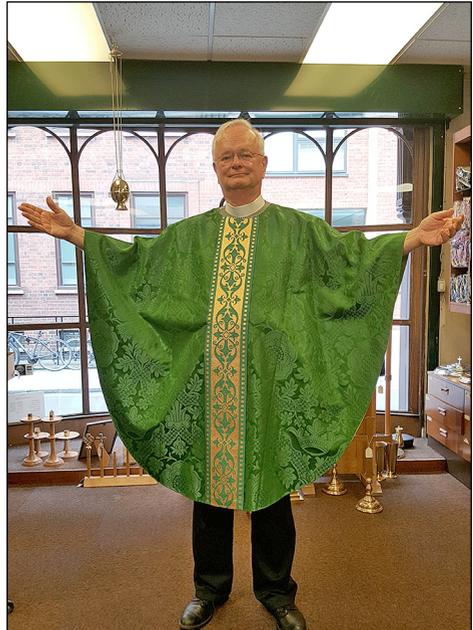
In June I had an appointment with Bishop David at the Diocesan Office in Church Yard, Westminster, London. When I was finished there across the street was the London Shop of J.R. Whippels, Church Accessories Exeter. They are an old and venerable establishment from whom I purchased my first set of clerical regalia when I was finishing Theological College forty years ago. They had five green sets on display and I chose the one that I thought would best fit into the setting of St. Andrew's. The cost of them exceeded that which was donated so I made up the difference. They are a beautiful set representing very fine and traditional workmanship. They include the stole, the vestment representing the yoke of service of the ordained ministry and the chasuble, the Eucharistic vestment, representing the burial shroud of Jesus. The chasuble is only worn by Bishops and Priests when celebrating the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

The vestments were blessed for service to the Greater Glory of God in July by the Chaplain in thanksgiving for all those who have served God over the years at St. Andrew's and in Memory of Timothy McCabe and Eleanor Bruce nephew and cousin of the Chaplain who passed away last spring.

We look forward to their beautifying and gracing our worship for years to come. Thank you all who made this possible.

One final note - if you would care to donate an additional set we could use a white set for the reasons mentioned above. White is the colour of celebration. They may be given as a memorial or act of thanksgiving. Please see the Chaplain if you are interested.

David Bruce



Trying them on at the shop "Whippels" in Westminster London.



Violet Nylén - In Memorium

A long-standing member of the Ladies Guild, Violet Nylén passed away in July of this year. She served on the Guild committee as our treasurer and supported the Guild in every way she could. Violet was born in London and as an evacuee during the second World War was sent to Scotland. Years went by and whilst working in a London bank, she met her Swedish husband-to-be Sture, He was also a banker, and when they eventually returned to Sweden, Violet began her career in Handelsbanken. Violet had two brothers, who predeceased her, and a sister who although still alive was too ill to attend Violet's funeral. Violet was a very special person. She loved a laugh and a joke and liked nothing better than sitting with friends and having a "good

old natter" Members of the Guild and visitors to the annual church bazaar will always remember Violet's special smoked salmon sandwiches. She enjoyed serving on the refreshment stall and was a most loyal helper and supporter. Her husband, home and cat were very important to her, and she was also an enthusiastic gardener. She enjoyed shopping for smart new clothes and meeting up with friends in town for coffee. She took a great interest in our church and also loved England and kept up with all the news from "home" She and her husband went on holiday to England regularly, she subscribed to an English magazine but still took a great interest in Sweden and Swedish life.

Rest in Peace Violet. We will miss you.



18.07.2017 Funeral of Violet Nylén

The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild will be meeting four times this autumn and I hope that some of you will come along and spend a happy hour or two chatting and laughing together. This year we will meet at the café in Villa Belparc, Slottsskogen. It's quite near the tram stop (Botanical Gardens) and I'll be there from 11 00 until about 13 00.

It's a lovely café and children are welcome too so please try and come.

The dates are:

September 14th: October 12th: November 16th December 14th.

Looking forward to seeing you all
Marie Lygonis, tel. 0705 92 08 77.
email: marie@lygonis.com

Open Church - Fridays

For a number of years now we have opened up the church every Friday afternoon from 15.00 - 17.00 for visitors to come and look at our beautiful church from the inside. Quite often it has been after a lunchtime concert, and at 17.00 it is time for the choir to practise the hymns for Sunday. So, the time in between seemed well spent by keeping the place open. Many times even people living in the area have said that they were glad to find the church open as it always seems closed and they were pleased to admire the windows.

The main problem with wanting to have the church open on Fridays is finding people to be there on that day to meet visitors and to keep the place safe. Many times, it is only Ron, me and, when she can manage, Gillian, on occasion also one or two others, who have been prepared to be there. We really need more volunteers to help. So, if anyone has a couple of hours to spare on a Friday, please come forward and let us know. It is a lot of fun talking to the visitors, especially if they are from other countries. There is a lot of give

and take. We tell them about our church, the history and even congregation and services and they tell us where they come from.

If you think you don't know enough about St Andrew's, we will always help you and there are some very good notices which we display for the visitors in English. So, please don't hesitate. Come and help us.

Gisela Barnard

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South Asia floods kill 1,200 and shut 1.8 million children out of school

Hundreds dead in India, Nepal and Bangladesh, while millions have been forced from their homes and 18,000 schools shut down across the region

More than 1,200 people have died across [India](#), [Bangladesh](#) and [Nepal](#) as a result of flooding, with 40 million affected by the devastation. At least six people, including two toddlers, were among the victims in and around India's financial capital.

The devastating floods have also destroyed or damaged 18,000 schools, meaning that about 1.8 million children cannot go to classes, Save the Children warned.

The charity said that hundreds of thousands of children could fall permanently out of the school system if education was not prioritised in relief efforts.

"We haven't seen flooding on this scale in years and it's putting the long-term education of an enormous number of children at great

risk. From our experience, the importance of education is often under-valued in humanitarian crises and we simply cannot let this happen again. We cannot go backwards," said Rafay Hussain, Save the Children's general manager in Bihar state.

The rains have led to flooding in a broad arc stretching across the Himalayan foothills in Bangladesh, Nepal and [India](#), causing landslides, damaging roads and electric towers and washing away tens of thousands of homes and vast swaths of farmland.

The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) says the fourth significant floods this year have affected more than 7.4 million people in Bangladesh, damaging or destroying more than 697,000 houses.

They have killed 514 in India's eastern state of Bihar, where 17.1 million have been affected, disaster management officials have



been quoted as saying. In the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, about 2.5 million have been affected and the death toll stood at 109. The IFRC said landslides in Nepal had killed more than 100 people.

Streets in Mumbai have turned into rivers and people waded through waist-deep waters. One Tuesday, the city received about 12.7cm (5ins) of rain, paralysing public transport and leaving thousands of commuters stranded in their offices overnight.

Rainwater swamped the King Edward Memorial hospital in central Mumbai, forcing doctors to vacate the paediatric ward.

Floods in 2005 killed more than 500 people in the city. The majority of deaths oc-

curred in shanty town slums, home to more than half of Mumbai's population.

Low-lying parts of the city with a population of more than 20 million people experience flooding almost every year but large-scale flooding of this magnitude has not been seen in recent years.

"We are mapping all the flooding zones to launch a project to build emergency shelters to make evacuation easy," said Tagade.

Several companies have arranged for food and resting facilities for employees stuck in offices. Temples and other Ganesh pandals have been offering food and water to people stranded on streets.

Courtesy of Guardian News & Media Ltd



Remember your Spirit



Strangers Are Friends We Haven't Met

God knows No Strangers, He loves us all,
The poor, the rich,
the great, the small...
He is a friend who is always there
To share our troubles
and lessen our care...
No one is a stranger in God's sight,
For God Is Love
and in His Light
May we, too, try in our small way
To make New Friends
from day to day...
So pass no stranger with an unseeing eye,
For God may be sending
A New Friend By.

Helen Steiner Rice

Friday Lunchtime Concerts

These last three months we just had 4 lunchtime concerts. Two were given by Riccardo Gnudi, this time accompanied by Elin Lutecki, soprano, and on one occasion also by Marianne Isaksson, flute. Very enjoyable indeed.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Miguel Sousa from the USA giving a piano recital with musical images, which he explained to us. His concert at St Andrew's was part of a quite extensive European tour.

After two years we were glad to welcome Rikard Nord (Violin) and Hanna Bendz (Cello) back, accompanied by two more young musicians (Carl Marttala, Oboe and

Daniel Austern, Viola), giving us the pleasure to listen to Bach and Mozart.

We are always happy to give young musicians the opportunity to show their skills to a public audience. Unfortunately, we will not be able to do that for the next few months. It is necessary to have extensive electrical rewiring done and to make our toilet suitable for people with disability. How long this will take and how much we are affected by all the work we don't know. But we will certainly be in touch with all who would have liked to give lunchtime concerts. Just watch this space and keep your fingers crossed it will not be too long.

Gisela Barnard



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



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