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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 family and friends of St Andrews,

The long hot summer is over and we are enjoying some cooler weather as well as getting much-needed rain. I hope that this has alleviated the problem in the country over the forest fires. We can now look forward to the autumn and the changing season and enter in to a new time in the church. The long green season of Trinity will continue till the first of Advent but as you know the church year really begins at the same time of the Academic Year. A lot of people have been away this summer and now they're returning and once again we are entering into our life together as a community of faith witnessing to the life of Jesus Christ to our community.

Many things have happened in the life of the church largely as far as our infrastructure goes so I will share a few things about that with you now.

In June the committee voted to put the Surplus gained over the past year to some good use. The computer system and printer in the church office have been upgraded. A subcommittee has taken on the task of once and for all dealing with the mold problem which has bothered us for many years. As a result of the renovations in the church over the past winter, many of you have expressed a desire to petition off the back of the church with a transparent wall. During the construction of the new toilet the old wooden wall which was temporarily constructed proved that the space at the back of the church could be utilized for things like Christian education. It would also give our families a place to take their children during the service if they get restless. Another subcommittee took on the task of having



the architect design several options around this and we finally came up with a plan that seemed to make everyone happy and the city planning board has approved it. Right now it is being investigated as to how we will fund this project and we are reaching out to grant-awarding organizations to help us meet the cost. So more on that later as we get to know what is available to us.

Events coming up are the International Service at the German Church on the 21st of October. Remembrance Sunday which will be celebrated in our church on the 11th of November with the British Ambassador to Sweden in attendance. We will celebrate our patron saint St Andrew on November 25th. Then on the 19th and 23rd of December will be the service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas at 18:30. And as usual on Christmas Day which will be Tuesday the 25th this year there will be

the celebration of the Christmas morning Mass in the church at 11 am.

Much is being planned for the Fall by many dedicated people for the various events which are taking place so if you wish to have more information please speak to the Wardens or myself as to how you might participate.

Many new people have shown themselves at the services over the summer and have come back and joined us. We welcome them as they enter into the life of our spiritual community.

The readings over the past Sundays may be summed up that in our relationship with

God through our Lord Jesus Christ we are provided with what we need for our journey. The Gospel has reminded us that while we need food for the body we also need food for the soul. Jesus puts it this way in John's Gospel I am the Bread of Life whoever eats this bread will never die. It is in our worship in the Bread and Wine on the altar that we have this brought home to us most significantly. In sharing the Bread and Wine we are given life in him and in each other. So join us and participate in the Heavenly Banquet God offers us. Food for Body and Soul.

## **Appeal in order to build a Glass Partition at the back of the church**

We are starting a plan for securing the necessary financing of a glass wall at the back of the church, which will enable us, among other things, to hold a Sunday School every Sunday. We have also applied for a grant that may help us. But we cannot afford to wait on possible grants since we consider it to be URGENT that we start the Sunday School as soon as possible.

We have commissioned the arkitekt to produce a more realistic cost analysis of the project and to produce drawings for the same.

The analysis shows that the total remaining cost ought to be about 440 500 kr. minus the 55 250 kr. already debited for the sketches needed for a preliminary approval by Länsstyrelsen.

### **Can you please help us**

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# Services: September — November

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

## **SEPTEMBER 16**, Trinity 16

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

## **SEPTEMBER 23**, Trinity 17

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Andrew Wingate

## **SEPTEMBER 30**, Trinity 18

Celebrant: Andrew Wingate

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Andrew Wingate

## **OCTOBER 7**, Trinity 19

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: The Willy Family

## **OCTOBER 14**, Trinity 20

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Happiness Ezeilo

## **OCTOBER 21**, International Sunday

Ecumenical Service at the German Church.

No service at St Andrew's

## **OCTOBER 28**, Trinity 22

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Jennifer Abbås

## **NOVEMBER 4**, All Saints Day

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

## **NOVEMBER 11**, Remembrance Sunday

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

## **NOVEMBER 18**, Trinity 25

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

## **NOVEMBER 25**, St Andrews Day

9.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Eucharist

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Alan Taylor

## **DECEMBER 2**, Advent Sunday

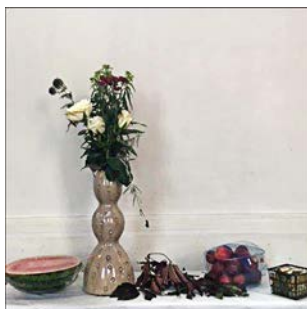
LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

## **DECEMBER 9**, Advent 2

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Charity Ezeilo



*The flower arrangements in preparation for our Havest Festival*



# Harvest Festival

*To celebrate that the hard work of the harvest is over for another year  
-Thanks be to God*

We were blessed once again with a warm sunny day. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables from all parts of the world. During a happy hymn the young people went up to the altar bearing gifts. Father Bruce received them,

giving thanks to God for all our bounties.

After the service we had a ploughman's lunch outside in the garden and an auction of the produce. Everyone was in high spirits. Thank you once again to everyone, making it possible and memorable.

Ann Gustafsson



Harvest gifts laid out to be auctioned





**It's nice to prolong our visit even after**



Social gathering at Le Pein Francais after church one Sunday

# **The Harvest is ready but the laborers are few.**

## *Sermon for Harvest Festival*

These words of Jesus from the Gospels speaks of the condition of our church today. We have a great harvest this Harvest Festival. Everywhere we look in our Parish of Saint Andrews we can see signs of growth and renewal.

The committee has gone ahead with plans to further improve the infrastructure of our church and make it more user-friendly toward groups particularly the Christian education department. During the announcements your Wardens will speak to you about the proposed building of a wall across the back of our church to provide space for the Sunday-school to meet as well as a place for children during the service. You'll be asked to give your consensus of this project and to consider supporting going ahead with it.

Our music program with its renewed leadership and commitment to developing and enhancing the music of this Parish has made major strides over the previous year to introduce new music to our services and enhance the liturgy of the communion service. Plans are in the works for the coming year and outreach is being planned to increase the numbers of the choir.

The committee has taken strides to upgrade the infrastructure of the parish and deal with issues that have long plagued us such as the mold, the electrical wiring and other issues which need our attention.

Over the previous year we have seen the infusion of new members into our Parish. Particularly over this past summer a number of young families have come and made St.

Andrews their spiritual home.

New people have joined the committee and have started to take up positions of leadership which have been held by others for many years. At its last meeting on the 26th of August it was stated that new people will have to take up tasks that have been carried out by long standing members for many years.

So much has happened and much needs to be done yet it can no longer fall on a faithful few but will need to be taken up by a new generation so that this church may carry on with its mission in a productive way into the future.

Our vision is as always, "Seeking God's will through prayer and worship, outreach, and a nurturing community." We do this each time we come to this place to offer up our praise and thanksgiving to God our Father through Jesus Christ his son by the power of the Holy Spirit. We further enhance this by offering our time talent and treasure for the support and building up of the body of Christ in this community.

So consider what it is you have to offer that can be used in service to this part of God's community As We Gather to worship Him in the beauty of holiness and to carry on and enhance the Legacy of countless Generations that have gone before us in this place.

The Harvest is indeed ready and it is very abundant but it will spoil unless we have laborers to bring it in so that it may be used to the glory of God and his creation.

*David Bruce*

## 2018 Kerala floods

*Monsoon rainfall that affected India from August 13 to 20, 2018*

Red alert issued by India Meteorological Department (earlier in August)  
Beginning in July 2018, severe floods affected the south Indian state of Kerala, due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. It was the worst flooding in Kerala in nearly a century. Over 483 people died, 14 are missing. At least a million people were evacuated, mainly from Chengannur, Pandanad, Edanad, Aranmula, Kozhencherry, Ayiroor, Ranni, Pandalam, Kuttanad, Aluva, and Chalakudy. All 14 districts of the state were placed on red alert. According to the Kerala government, one-sixth of the total population of Kerala had been directly affected by the floods and related incidents. The Indian govern-

ment had declared it a Level 3 Calamity, or "calamity of a severe nature". It is the worst flood in Kerala after the great flood of 99 that happened in 1924.

Thirty-five out of the fifty-four dams within the state were opened for the first time in history. All five overflow gates of the Idukki Dam were opened at the same time, for the first time in 26 years. Heavy rains in Wayanad and Idukki have caused severe landslides and have left the hilly districts isolated. The situation was regularly monitored by the Prime Minister, and the National Crisis Management Committee coordinated the rescue and relief operations.

*Rapport taken from Wikipedia*



*We pray for all those members of our congregation and their families who come from this part of India and have suffered from this terrible tragedy. Let us keep them in our minds and hope that the situation for them has considerably improved since then.*



## COPENHAGEN PRIEST CALLS FOR CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TO 'NARROW' BRITISH VIEWS ON INDIA



*Canon Andrew Wingate, Shoba Gosa and the Revd Smitha Prasadam*

TOO often, when British people think of India, they focus on the maharajas and the British Raj, or “grinding poverty and misery”.

This is the perception of the Chaplain of St Alban’s, Copenhagen, the Revd Smitha Prasadam, who last month took part in a conference that sought to tell a bigger story about the country.

“People’s views of India tend to be quite narrow,” she said last month. “It’s a culture of many faiths and many languages, but the focus tends to be on maharajas and therefore the British Raj lifestyle, or, at the other extreme, the Dalits; so it’s always the grinding poverty and the misery. But the fabric of India is so much more, and the great big middle band is ignored. They are people of great faith and great spirituality.”

Among those speaking at “Listen to India”, a week-long event at Launde Abbey

organised by Christians Aware, was Shoba Gosa, the founder of a charity based in Hyderabad, Young People for Life India. She described how among the city’s population of seven million were many young people who arrived alone to work in multinational companies.

Many were drawn to the mega-church at which she was working, because it was “modern, non-judgemental. Anyone can walk in, but it’s rooted in the gospel and goodness of Jesus.” Currently, more than 3000 young people, mainly young men, attended the four services held throughout the day, and among the services the charity provide was counselling.

For her talk on Hindu-Christian encounters, Ms Prasadam spoke alongside her mother, Canon Jemima Prasadam, who was the first Indian woman to be ordained in the Church of England, in 1994.



Common grounds in both faiths was joy, she suggested, and “key images of light and dark”, illustrated both in Diwali and the beginning of St John’s Gospel. They also shared “a quest for holiness”. She also gave talks on Sadhu Sundar Singh and Pandita Ramabai, two Indians celebrated in the C of E’s calendar but, she said, too little-known.

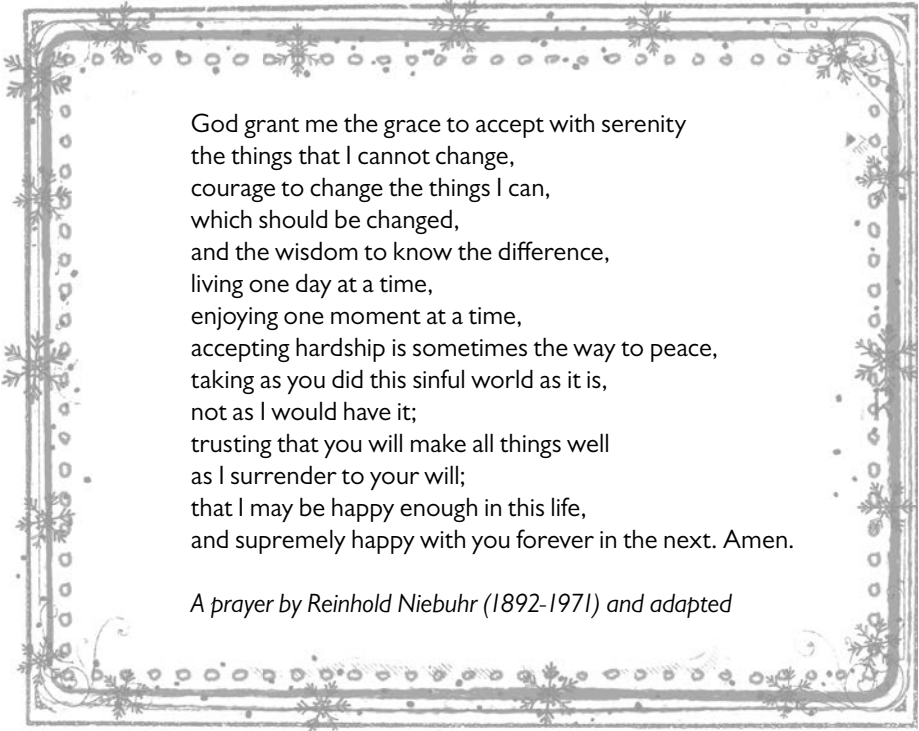
She expressed concern that, too often, interfaith conversation was driven by fear and counter-terrorism efforts. “Friendship ought to be the driver for any conversation.”

One of the organisers of the conference, Canon Andrew Wingate, a self-professed “India-phile” who lectured at Tamilnadu Theological Seminary from 1976 to 1982, spoke last week of “amazing links” between the two countries. Meeting Indian Christians gave those in Britain “energy”, he suggested, helping them “not to feel depressed as we so often are”.

In Leicester, almost 30 per cent of the population are Indian/British Indian, and 15 per cent are Hindu.

*Taken from an article in the Church Times by MADELEINE DAVIES*

*Andrew Wingate, our locum chaplain for September, and frequent visitor to Gothenburg and St Andrew’s, formerly a theological teacher in South India, and then a priest in Leicester, the heartland of British India, supplied this article. Shobha and Smitha are close friends, and he and his wife Angela attended the institution of Smitha in Copenhagen in September. Andrew led a reflection evening at St Andrew’s on September 29th, on India, past, present and future, with particular emphasis on the religions of India, and on Indian Christians in particular. This honours the great contribution now made to St Andrew’s, by Indians who are part of our congregation.*



God grant me the grace to accept with serenity  
the things that I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
which should be changed,  
and the wisdom to know the difference,  
living one day at a time,  
enjoying one moment at a time,  
accepting hardship is sometimes the way to peace,  
taking as you did this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that you will make all things well  
as I surrender to your will;  
that I may be happy enough in this life,  
and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

*A prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971) and adapted*

# The St Andrews Guild

Social meeting. Let's try it again!!

We will be meeting on the following dates during the Autumn. I hope that some of you will take the chance to spend a happy hour or two chatting and laughing together. We will meet at the **café in Villa Belparc, Slottsskogen**. It really is so cosy here. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee, or even just be with us for the company. 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 all family members (and dogs) are welcome, so please try and come.

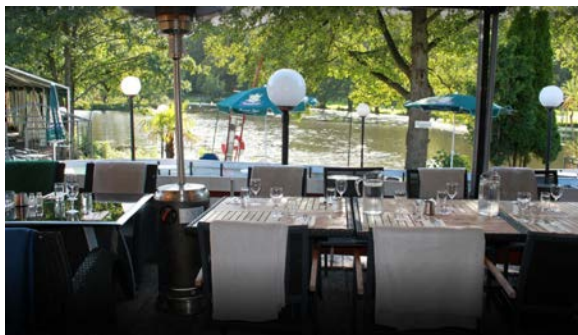
The dates are:

October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>,  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, and then in 2019  
January 10<sup>th</sup>:

That's the second Thursday in every month.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Marie Lygonis, tel. 0705 92 08 77.  
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## WANTED URGENTLY IN THE CHOIR

Some new and fresh younger voices. We are trying to maintain the tradition of a sung eucharist, at the moment with new music especially composed for us. We are supposed to take part in the Ecumenical Service on October 21 (when our own church is closed).

We have a special remembrance day service, St Andrew's Day, and, of course, our popular Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

*Stephen, Patrick and Gillian*

## Refugee Blues

Say this city has ten million souls,  
Some are living in mansions, some are living in holes:  
Yet there's no place for us, my dear, yet there's no place for us.  
Once we had a country and we thought it fair,  
Look in the atlas and you'll find it there:  
We cannot go there now, my dear, we cannot go there now.  
In the village churchyard there grows an old yew,  
Every spring it blossoms anew:  
Old passports can't do that, my dear, old passports can't do that.  
The consul banged the table and said,  
"If you've got no passport you're officially dead":  
But we are still alive, my dear, but we are still alive.  
Went to a committee; they offered me a chair;  
Asked me politely to return next year:  
But where shall we go to-day, my dear, but where shall we go to-day?  
Came to a public meeting; the speaker got up and said;  
"If we let them in, they will steal our daily bread":  
He was talking of you and me, my dear, he was talking of you and me.  
Thought I heard the thunder rumbling in the sky;  
It was Hitler over Europe, saying, "They must die":  
O we were in his mind, my dear, O we were in his mind.  
Saw a poodle in a jacket fastened with a pin,  
Saw a door opened and a cat let in:  
But they weren't German Jews, my dear, but they weren't German Jews.  
Went down the harbour and stood upon the quay,  
Saw the fish swimming as if they were free:  
Only ten feet away, my dear, only ten feet away.  
Walked through a wood, saw the birds in the trees;  
They had no politicians and sang at their ease:  
They weren't the human race, my dear, they weren't the human race.  
Dreamed I saw a building with a thousand floors,  
A thousand windows and a thousand doors:  
Not one of them was ours, my dear, not one of them was ours.  
Stood on a great plain in the falling snow;  
Ten thousand soldiers marched to and fro:  
Looking for you and me, my dear, looking for you and me.

*WH Auden (written in 1938) and used in a sermon by Andrew Wingate*

## Concerts at St Andrew's Church

Since I last wrote about our lunchtime concerts we had a good start at the end of June with the Bombadils. This was a group of 4 musicians who came with baby and grandad from Canada and brought a fresh breeze with country music. This time the concert was on a Saturday, one reason perhaps why we had a good-sized audience - perhaps something to keep in mind for the future. This was followed by six Friday concerts, which were very good but not so well attended. We had an excellent pianist, Dr Kevin Ayesh from North Carolina, who was taking part in a Beethoven festival in Germany. This was followed by Lunchtime with Mozart performed by Rose-Marie Nord and Frederick Schöning on violin and piano. Then we had the pleasure of listening to a young piano student, Daniel Eriksson, who had played for us earlier. Fortunately, he was given extra support by his father and friends. We wished him luck as he was going in for a competition. Maybe some of you will remember that the whole idea of running this lunchtime concert series was to encourage the young people in the symphony orchestra to perform for a select audience and advertise themselves.



*Daniel Eriksson with father and friends*



*Agnieszka Kosmecka*

We then had the visits of some wonderful organists: Agnieszka Kosmecka who came from Poland, and Egor Kolesor and Alla Morozova from St Petersburg, Russia. All of them excellent. May they have better attended audiences on their continuing tour.

This last Friday before getting this article into the magazine we had Emil and Zandra Ernebro taking us on a musical journey through Blues, Jazz, Country and Pop with guitar and voice, in their own special way. We shall hear them again in an evening





## Forthcoming concerts

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12.15: Henrik Kilham** on the piano.

The program will include one or two Nocturnes and the f minor fantasy by Chopin and will be called "Piano fantasies".

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 19.00: Emil and Zandra Ernebro** will take us on a musical journey through Blues, Jazz, Country and Pop with guitar and vocal.

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The Anglo-Swedish Society Program is now on-line:

[www.angloswedish.wordpress.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:membership@britishclub.se) to request more information.

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