

**St. Andrew's Church Woodside
16th January 2022
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**The church is open for public worship on Sundays
*Please observe latest facemask restrictions.***

Please refer to the Diary on the back page for week by week details.
For those not with us in church, the 10.30 service will be available live on
Zoom meeting 878 5926 2657, passcode 664663 or click on
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>
Zoom Fellowship follows the service
Refreshments will be available after the service

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from Nick

Scripture Reading: John 2, 1 - 11

In today's reading there's a wedding at Cana; but there was a problem; the wine ran out! So Jesus responds when his mother alerts him to it. It takes faith and obedience by Mary and the servants before Jesus performs the miracle of turning water into wine.

Jesus had told Mary his time hadn't yet come; nonetheless she acted in faith in his ability to intervene. She spoke a simple instruction to the servants, '*Do whatever he tells you*' (John 2.5). The servants obeyed what they were told to do and the same lesson is true for us.

- Like Mary, we should come to Jesus with our situation.
- Like the servants, when we hear his instruction we are to act.

Is there a problem? Simply tell Jesus. If we listen we can hear him respond to us in an endless number of ways. When we want God to act in our life he calls us to trust in his ability and to obey his instructions for us. Jesus does not want to upset God's plan for him but he finds a way to fulfil Mary's wish, '*Do whatever He tells you.*' This is the centre of discipleship! Miracles do happen, as the hidden glory of Jesus shows up.

Living in Love & Faith

You may be aware of the Church of England's study resource 'Living in Love & Faith' which explores questions of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Across the Church of England we are being encouraged to undertake a 5 session course drawing on this material and feedback our observations by the end of April.

Area Dean Revd. David Kesterton and Revd. Anne Crosby will run the course on zoom on Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9.00 for *anyone* in the deanery who would like to join the conversation. The dates are January 20th & 27th and February 3rd, 10th & 17th.

*You can sample the resources including a range of short films
by registering at the Learning Hub at www.churchofengland.org/llf.
Please email readerstannechris@gmail.com to request the zoom codes for this course.*

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***We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God,
to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.***

Practical help for the Community

Thank you for your charitable support which has continued throughout the year!
Please provide a little extra if you can for Azalea, Noah and the Food Bank at Christmas time



Packed lunch items fruit, crisps, biscuits, cake bars, etc. are requested by **Noah** to fill lunch boxes for about 50 people daily. Items may be dropped off at Nikki West's home, 43 Summer Street.

Call Joan Duncombe on 01582 404988 to enquire about particular food needs for **Azalea**. Joan extends thanks to those who leaving food on her doorstep.

The **Food Bank** people are thankful for our continuing donations. Your ongoing support gives aid locally to adults & children who are in need. Sue Sturgeon in planning to drop our items off at the Food Bank next Tuesday. Please leave your offerings in church or with David Kingston at 7 Crawley Close.



Joan is collecting crisp packets for a friend who makes them into groundsheets!
Given they are not easily recyclable this is a fantastic initiative.

It's that time of year again ...

Julie urgently needs any outstanding invoices/expense claims relating to 2021 to help with preparation of the year end accounts.

Jan.	1	Deposited	234	17
	3	"	2	60
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		amt. of checks	359	77
		Balance in bank	224	75
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Church Diary January 2022

TODAY 16th	10.30am	<p>Morning Praise: We welcome Samantha Graham from 'Hands of Mercy' Our collection today will go towards the work of Hands of Mercy</p> 
Monday 17th	1.00pm	Funeral of Trudy Robinson at the Vale Crematorium
Wednesday 19th	10.30am	Little Stars (Doors open at 10)
Thursday 20th	9.30am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	4.00 pm	CTC Ecumenical Service at St Thomas RC
Tuesday 25th	2.00pm	Craft & Company (Family Room)
Wednesday 26th	10.30am	Little Stars (Doors open at 10)
Thursday 27th	9.30am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Morning Praise (Family Service)
February		
Wednesday 2nd	10.30am 7.30pm	Little Stars (Doors open at 10) Monthly Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (NB: Reverts to 1st Wednesdays from this month)
Thursday 3rd	9.30am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Sunday 6th	10.30am	Informal Communion
Tuesday 8th	2.00pm	Craft & Company (Family Room)
Wednesday 9th	10.30am	Little Stars (Doors open at 10)
Thursday 10th	9.30am	Bible Study (Zoom)

While the covid situation still moves in the wrong direction, our weekly Bible Studies and Monthly Prayer Meetings will be on Zoom until further notice.

Sharing what God is doing in your life

Think about sharing how God works in your life with the church family. Not brave enough yet to share your testimony from the front? Talk to Nick or Julie about how we can share on your behalf.