

St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 7th June
Today's service is Informal Communion

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Message from Lindsey

Our readings today are Genesis 12vv1-9 & Matthew 9vv9-13 & 18-16

The call of Matthew & Stories of Healing

The Gospel reading this week looks at three connected stories from Matthew 9:9-13 and 18-26. Together, they show how Jesus reaches out to people who feel judged, forgotten, or have lost hope. The first story is about Matthew, a tax collector. People in his time saw tax collectors as dishonest and untrustworthy. Yet Jesus walks up to Matthew and simply says, "Follow me." Matthew gets up and follows. This shows that Jesus sees more in people than their past mistakes. He offers mercy before judgement and invites people into a new life with him.

The second story is about a synagogue leader whose daughter has died. Even in his grief, he comes to Jesus and asks for help. Jesus responds straight away. This shows that Jesus meets us in our pain and listens even when our faith feels fragile. On the way to the leader's house, Jesus is stopped by a woman who has been ill for twelve years. She has suffered physically and emotionally, and she had been isolated from her community. She believes that if she could just touch Jesus' cloak, then she will be healed. When she does, Jesus stops, turns to her, speaks kindly to her and heals her. This shows that no one is hidden from Jesus even if they've been isolated. He sees those who others overlook.

When Jesus finally reaches the leader's home, he takes the girl by the hand and brings her back to life. Where others see an ending, Jesus brings a new beginning.

These stories teach three key truths:

1. Jesus calls people others might ignore.
2. Jesus notices people others fail to see.
3. Jesus brings hope where hope seems lost.

The sermon encourages us to be welcoming, compassionate and to support those around us in need. It also speaks personally to anyone who feels like Matthew, the woman, the father, or the girl, reminding them that Jesus has a word of life for them. Finally, the sermon gives one simple action: reach out this week to someone who may feel alone or burdened, and offer a small act of kindness. Amen. God bless

Prayer Ministry

Andrew will be at the front after the service for those wishing private prayer. Prayers offered will include all those named in this News Sheet.

*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.*

June

Today	10:30	Informal Communion	
Wednesday 10th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10	
Thursday 11th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom	
Sunday 14th	10:30	Morning Praise	
Tuesday 16th	11:00	Service at the Care Home next door to the church	
Wednesday 17th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10	
Thursday 18th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Feeding the Garden Birds?</i> Refer to the RSPB to avoid the spread of Trichomoniasis rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds'</p> 
Friday 19th	10:30	Burial of Andrew Robinson's ashes	
Sunday 21st	10:30	Holy Communion	
Wednesday 24th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10	
Thursday 25th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom	
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Saturday 27th St. Andrew's Community Coffee Morning 10 - Noon Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Good Company!</p> 			
Sunday 28th	10:30	Family Service	

Access St Andrew's Sunday Services on Zoom

Enter the number 878 5926 2657 passcode 664663 or by linking to
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09)
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The link will remain open after Sunday services so those on Zoom can chat!

Thursday Bible Studies may be accessed on Zoom too!

Enter the number 589 233 412 passcode 090636 or link to
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/589233412?pwd=d1LLLE2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Practical help for the Community



Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc. They regularly collect our items, gratefully received particularly the warm gloves and mittens we have given them in the chilly times!

We drop off food to the Foodbank monthly.



Before you leave home for church Grabbatin 'n' bringi'tin!
 They express gratitude for our deliveries, our financial & Gift Aided donations: next drop off June30th. **Needs are greater than ever!**

Pick up a Food Bank 'Advent Calendar' from the back of church.

This lists items to donate throughout the year.

Recycle it!

Please drop your Medication Blister Packs at the back of church for Sue Lyons to take for recycling.

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This week Lindsey will be in the Parish Monday & Tuesday, then Wednesday & Sunday mornings