

St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 12th July
Today's service is Morning Praise

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Message from Richard

Our reading today is Matthew 13, 1 – 9,18-23

'Parable of the Sower'

The Christian life is a life of growth. A life of continually moving forward and maturing. We start off having the seed of the gospel sown in our hearts, we put our faith in the Lord Jesus and then become, if you like, baby Christians. Then the rest of our lives is a growing process where we need to be fed through the word of God, prayer and fellowship.

The important verse in this parable, the Parable of the Sower, is the verse with which Jesus finishes: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

We often assume that this parable is about evangelism, the response of people to the Gospel message. It can just as easily refer to any message that you hear or read. It might mean your response to the sermon you hear; to the scripture you are reading or listening to or even some words in a hymn or song. However, that message comes, Jesus likens it to seed.

The seed will respond to the kind of soil into which it is sown. It will take root, or not, depending on the kind of soil that receives it. When God speaks to us, we need to ask ourselves, how good is my soil? Is my soil hard so that the word cannot penetrate? Is it rocky and so whatever God is trying to speak to us, it cannot put down roots. Is it thorny and so anything God says to us gets choked? Or is our soil good? One little seed sown in our good soil can result in wonderful things happening as we share God's message with others in word and deed.

*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.*

July		
Sun 12 th	10:30	6 th Sunday after Trinity Morning Praise - Parable of the Sower
Wed 15 th	10:30	Little Stars – Doors open at 10
Sun 19 th	10:30	7 th Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion – Gift Day
Tue 21 st	11:00	Service at the Care Home next to the church
Wednesday 22nd July 2:30 to 4:30 Please support the Good Neighbour Scheme Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall		
Thu 23 rd	10:00	Bible Study on Zoom
Saturday 25th July 10 to 12 St. Andrew's Community Coffee		
Gift Day If anyone has not received a letter about Gift Day via email, copies will be available in church. Gifts on the Gift Day can be put into envelopes. There is a supply of yellow envelopes by the Payaz machine. Please mark 'Gift Day' and include name and address. Please indicate whether we can claim gift aid on the amount.		



Butterfly Conservation

We are in a butterfly emergency, needing your help more than ever before. By taking part in Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count - a UK wide survey, you can help assess the health of our environment simply by counting butterflies.

For details refer to butterfly-conservation.org

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?pwd=dTdad291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

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=d1lL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

Recycle it!

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



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 July 28th. **Needs are greater than ever!**



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