

***St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 26th July
Family Service***

Collect for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God Your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sakes: when we prosper, save us from pride, when we are needy, save us from despair that we might trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Message from Richard

The Gospel for today is Matthew 13 vv 31-32

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Jesus uses simple, everyday stories that his hearers would be able to latch onto in putting great truths across. His parables were like mirrors; mirrors are not our best friends. I might feel like twenty-one in my head, then I look into a mirror! This is what I think I'm like, but Jesus' parables show me what I'm really like!

The key to this passage is just two words, smallest and greatness. Jesus uses the idea of a mustard seed. It is almost like a speck of dust, but from that tiny seed comes one of the largest of shrubs, so big that birds could nest in it. The Kingdom of God on earth began with one man, Jesus Christ, and twelve unlikely men, and one of them was a failure.

Now, the church of Jesus Christ numbers millions worldwide. But wait until you get to heaven! There you will see a multitude the like you have never seen before! We have God's kingdom in heaven, where He is enthroned surrounded by the heavenly hosts. There is His kingdom on earth, the multitude who have given their lives to Jesus.

Each week we pray, 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' We pray that one day God's kingdom in heaven and His kingdom on earth will be one and the same – and it will be so. A kingdom that began as small as a mustard seed and will continue to grow into something we can't even begin to imagine!

Prayer Ministry

Julie 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.*

July		
Sunday 26th	10:30	Family Service – Parables of the Kingdom
Thursday 30th	10:30	Bible Study on Zoom
August		
Sunday 2nd	10:30	Informal Comunion – Feeding of the 5000
Wednesday 5th	7:30	Evening Prayer in the Family Room
Sunday 9th	10:30	Morning Praise – Jesus walks on water
Sunday 16th	10:30	Holy Communion – The faith of the Canaanite woman
Sunday 23rd	10:30	Morning Praise - Peter's confession of Christ
Sunday 30th	10:30	Family Service – Moses and the Burning Bush



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=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQTO9>

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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