

St Andrew's Church Woodside
Sunday 11th October
Morning Praise

Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from Julie

Today's reading is Matthew 21:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Another parable of the Kingdom; this one has a real sense of urgency to it. It is easy enough to work out that the King in the story is God and that he is holding a wedding banquet for his son, i.e. Jesus. The first guests are the Jewish leaders representing the Jewish people and the servants sent with the invitation are the prophets. The risk is that we sagely nod at having worked it out and move on. The power of the parable is that it is true for us too.

Hopefully if we receive an invitation to be part of God's Kingdom, we are not going to be too busy washing our hair! We respond with a resounding "Yes!"

There is a great crescendo where the King declares "Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." God's invitation to enter the Kingdom of God is open to ALL. Praise God that His grace is boundless.

However, this dramatic story has a second act with a sting in the tail. How to explain the guest without his proper togs on? The guest has no answer and is thrown out. This is a message to us to avoid complacency. We can't just go along for the ride. Jesus preached "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4: 17.)

Sylvia will be at the front after the service for those wishing private prayer.

Prayers offered will include 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.*

OCTOBER		
Sun 11th	10:30	Morning Praise
Wed 14th	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thurs 15th	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sun 18th	10:30	Holy Communion
Tues 20th	11:00	Care Home Service
Wed 21st	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thurs 22nd	9:30	Bible Study on Zoom
Sat 24th	10 - 12	Community Coffee 
Sun 25th	10:30	Morning Praise

Anyone wishing to set up a standing order for regular giving,

the bank details are:

Account: St Andrew's Woodside PCC,

CAF Bank Ltd,

Sort Code 40-52-40

Account Number 00007320

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?>



Azalea thanks us for food, toiletries, cash, gift aided donations, etc.

They regularly collect our items, gratefully received.



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

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