Sunday 22nd November
St Andrew's Church Woodside

Collect for the Sunday before Advent

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

Message from Lindsey

Today's Bible reading is Matthew 25:31-end

The Kingdom of Heaven, showing Gods love through kindness:

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of Heaven and what it looks like in practice. He reminds us that serving others is also a way of serving him. Jesus talks about feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, clothing those in need, caring for the sick and visiting those in prison.

Although the world has changed since Jesus spoke these words, the meaning of his message remains the same today. Sometimes we might think that these needs are far away from our own village communities. However, if we look a little closer, we may discover people experiencing loneliness, bereavement, financial hardship or simply struggling with everyday life.

We don't all have to become involved in large charitable organisations to make a difference. Kindness often starts with the simplest things: visiting someone who lonely, making a phone call, helping a neighbour or offering encouragement to someone having a difficult time.

Last week, our community demonstrated this beautifully through the Shoebox Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, 150 shoeboxes were filled with gifts for children who might otherwise have very little, or nothing to open at Christmas. Every donation, every item and every hour spent preparing those boxes was an act of Christian kindness. We cannot solve every problem or help everyone, but we can make a difference to the person God places in front of us.

As we approach Advent, let us look for opportunities to show God's love through our actions. After all, the Kingdom of Heaven is not just something we hear about on Sundays; it is something we are called to live every day.

This week, ask yourself: 'How can I show a little kindness today?'

Silvia 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

NOVEMBER		
Sun 22nd	10:30	Informal Communion
Wed 25th	10:30	Little Stars' doors open at 10
Thu 26th	26th	Bible Study on Zoom
Sat 28th	10-12 4.00	Community Coffee Carol Singing & Christmas Lights switch-on at the Village Hall
Sun 29th	10:30 4:00	Advent Sunday Christingle Churches together, provisionally at All Saints Caddington
DECEMBER		
Wed 2nd	10:30	Little Stars, doors open at 10
Thu 3rd	10:30	Bible Study on Zoom
For anyone wishing to set up a standing order for regular giving: Bank details: CAF Bank Ltd, Account: St Andrew's Woodside PCC Sort Code 40-52-40, Account Number: 00007320		

Carols in the Christmas Season!

We are looking for people to join our carol singers in the Village:-
November 28th Christmas Lights switch on
December: Wednesday 16th from
3.30 for Good Neighbour Scheme Tea Party and at 7.00 in the Rising Sun.
Please speak to Sue Briggs for more information.

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=d1lLL0E2Y0w4dDdpUXlTR0pHcGdSQT09

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!
Consider doing the Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar!
Details on-line or pick up a hard copy from church.
The Food Bank expresses gratitude for our deliveries, financial & Gift Aided donations.
Our next drop off to the Foodbank will be on November 24th.

Join our Advent A to Z Trail! *Volunteer a window at home* *For details contact Mary or Julie*	*Recycle your* ***Medication Blister Packs*** *Leave them at the back of church*

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