St Andrews Update 188





Sunday 4th May 2025 (Easter 3).

10:00 Morning Worship Service.



We have had two ideas for a Centenary Logo. See Anthea for details

St Andrews Mothers Union will be holding a Soup and Bingo lunch on 10 - May - 2025 at St Andrews Church Hall from 11:00 - 14:00.

Entry price is £7.00 for adults and £3.00 children.

Soup will be served in the interval.

Contact Liz Deane 01622 204569 For further details

We have branded sweatshirts, hoodies, Tshirts, notebooks, bags and lots more besides, all with our fabulous, new St. Andrew's logo. I've ordered mine already and you can access yours here: https://imageideasshop.co.uk using the passcode SABH2025. We have the mugs for sale in church at £8 each or two for £15.

> I'll be in San Sebastiàn this weekend with my family so I hope you have a great Sunday and I'll catch up with you all next week.

Boughton Monchelsea Morris Happy May Day. We

have finished our weekly practices in the Hall & are now dancing out for the Season. We dance each Thursday evening from 8pm at various pubs with different guest Sides (friends) each week.

Saturday Bank Holiday 3rd May - Offham May Fayre. From 12 noon until

Thurs 8th - The Rising Sun, Cotsmans Ash, W.Kingsdown TN15 6XD



I am pleased to report that our essential

upgrade of the church and hall are well under way. We now have hot water in the kitchen and bathrooms, and another heater in the hall space to make sure we're nice and toasty in the winter months. The cooker in the kitchen has been serviced and is fit for use (except the grill which we are trying to get parts for), and the electrician is making a good start on all the necessary upgrades to our sockets and circuits. Very excitingly, we finally have a dishwasher!! I'm sure that will be put to good use very soon.

Hymns for 04/05/2025

Hymn 1: 820 When I survey the wondrous Cross Hymn 2: 600 Open our eyes Lord Hymn 3 (offertory): 441 Light of the world Hymn 4: 114 Colours of day dawn into the mind 119 Come and see the shining hope

COMMUNITY CAFÉ - Our free Community Cafe is open Wednesdays from 10:00 - 12:00 If you feel able to help, then please let Anthea know.

> Sunday 11th May 2025 (Easter 4). 10:00 Morning Worship Service.

Readings for 04/05/2025

First Reading: Acts 9.1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength

For the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God. Praise to you, O Christ.

John 21.1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

For the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.