



# St Andrew's Welcomes You

## TAKING GOOD CARE OF THE GIFTS WE ARE GIVEN

One talent was a very large sum of money in First Century Palestine —approximately 6,000 denarii, which was 6,000 days or 16.4 years wages for a labourer! The Master in today's gospel places a great deal of trust in his slaves. He is generous indeed!

Just like last week's parable about the bridesmaids Jesus is again encouraging his disciples to live wisely in between his ascension and the Parousia, or his eventual return. He himself is the Master in this story, leaving different amounts of money with his slaves depending on their skill and ability, so as not to over burden them. He is not explicit regarding what they are to do with these gifts, but places trust in them, allowing them to demonstrate initiative and creativity in how they care for that which has been entrusted to them.

Because the word 'talent' in English is used to refer to a gift of skill this parable has often been interpreted in very broad terms to include not only money but also the gifts, skills and abilities we have been given. It encourages us not to hide or waste the gifts and resources we have, but to use them wisely as we tend to, develop and expand on the abundance we ourselves have received. This is a very timely message for us this month when we celebrate the life and ministry of our parish on St Andrew's day and this week especially at the time of our Strawberry Fair—arguably the biggest single event of our parish year. An occasion when each and every member of the St Andrew's Parish Community, from the wise and mature, to the very youngest in our midst, brings the abundant and generous gifts and talents God has given each of us to support this community event, to welcome our neighbours and to raise money for the mission and ministry of our church in Epsom and beyond.

Some will give or spend money, which they have carefully earned and wisely invested; some will donate goods or services; some will give time and energy. Some have offered their creative talents. Some are worker bees and others organisers, co-ordinators, marketers or encouragers. Some can act, while others pray. Every gift matters and every gift, given by Jesus to every individual in this community adds to the power of the whole body of Christ. Paul makes it clear to us that we are all given different gifts, according to God's grace. And that without any gift we are weaker as a community. Thank you to you all for your generous contributions to our parish life this week and every week of the year.

*The Reverend Sarah  
Stevens-Cross, Vicar*



**15th NOVEMBER 2020**  
**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **Eucharistic Liturgy : Thanksgiving and Praise Page 476**

### **Opening Hymn**

*Omit verses 3 and 4 at 8am*

1.Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

2.Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

3.Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

4.Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

5.So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!*

## **Prayer for Kids' Church**

Loving God,  
bless our young people  
this morning,  
Be with them in their searching,  
their questioning  
and in their understanding. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession page 478**

### **Sentence**

'God has destined us not for wrath but  
for obtaining salvation through our Lord  
Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one  
another and build up each other.'

*1 Thessalonians 5:9,11*

### **Collect**

Holy God,  
when we fear the end times of life,  
seeing only darkness  
and destruction,  
remind us of Jesus,  
comes as your light and life.  
Help us to nurture  
the seeds of hope  
you plant within us,  
so that we might be faithful disciples,  
ready always to give account  
of our love for you.  
With Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*The Psalm and Gradual hymn are  
omitted at 8am.*

### **Psalm 123**

## Gradual Hymn

1. In this familiar place  
I know the mystery of your grace.  
*For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe  
I praise and thank you for this  
here and now.*

2. In halting song and word  
the music of your voice is heard.  
*For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe  
I praise and thank you for this  
here and now.*

3. Among these friends of mine  
I taste the company divine.  
*For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe  
I praise and thank you for this  
here and now.*

4. Within this narrow sphere  
I learn that you are everywhere.  
*For the love that I receive,  
for the truth that I believe  
I praise and thank you for this  
here and now.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon:** The Reverend Julian Morris

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**Prayers of the People**

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## Offertory Hymn

*Omit verses 4 and 5 at 8am*

1. God comes to us as one unheard  
in silences profound,  
or marvels of a symphony,  
sublimity of sound.

2. God comes to us as one unseen  
in beauties of the earth;  
a sea-gull's flight, a sunset sky,  
the miracle of birth.

3. God comes to us as one unknown  
to share our joys, our pain;  
that presence felt, the gift of grace  
our peace and hope sustain.

4. God comes to us at every hour  
When strength and faith are weak;  
the smiles of friends, encircling arms,  
of reassurance speak.

5. God comes in unexpected ways  
surprising us with joy,  
reminding that the light of love  
no darkness can destroy.

6. Teach us, O God, to recognise  
your spirit everywhere;  
make us aware, responsive, keen  
your love for all to share.

**The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**  
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**The Lord's Prayer**

## Communion Instructions

*Communion will be served in one kind (bread only) from the centre of the church in front of the altar. Please come forward via the central aisle and return to your seats via the side aisle, maintaining physical distance as you do. You may prefer to remain in your seat or to come forward for a blessing.*

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## **Parish Notices**

### **Closing Hymn**

1. Go at the call of God,  
the call to follow on,  
to leave security behind  
and go where Christ has gone.  
Go in the name of God,  
the name of Christ you bear;  
take up the cross, its victim's love  
with all the world to share.

2. Go in the love of God,  
explore its depth and height.  
Held fast by love that cares, that heals,  
in love walk in the light.  
Go in the strength of God,  
in weakness prove God true.  
The strength that dares to love and serve  
God will pour out in you.

3. Go with the saints of God,  
our common life upbuild,  
that daily as we walk God's way  
we may with love be filled.  
O God, to you we come,  
your love alone to know,  
your name to own,  
your strength to prove  
and at your call to go.

### **Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all  
understanding keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and  
the blessing of God, the Creator, Jesus the  
Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you all  
and remain with you always. Amen.

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## **Children, Families and Youth Ministry Opportunity at St Andrew's**

We are looking for a creative, energetic,  
flexible person with good communication  
skills to help us extend and develop our  
ministry to and with young people.

This 5 hour a week role would include  
developing and co-ordinating team ministry  
with young people aged 1-15 and their  
families from February 2021.

For more information please see Sarah or  
email [vicar@standrewsepsom.org.nz](mailto:vicar@standrewsepsom.org.nz)

## **HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL EVENTS**



### **The Advent Procession:**

#### **From Darkness to Light**

**Sunday 29 November | 8:30pm**

We begin our Advent journey with  
the Advent Procession during which our  
community moves together through the  
dark Cathedral as the Light of Christ  
illuminates the path. All are welcome to  
attend this beautiful service which begins  
the journey to Christmas with hope.

### **Royal New Zealand Navy Band**

**Thursday 12 November | 7pm**

The Royal New Zealand Navy Band returns  
to the Cathedral for their annual  
Remembrance Day commemorative  
concert, paying tribute to New Zealand's  
past and present while looking forward to a  
peaceful and positive future..

Tickets at [https://www.iticket.co.nz/  
events/2020/nov/remember](https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2020/nov/remember)

## **DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS**

Monday

Psalm 1 / Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 / Luke 18:35-end

Holy Mystery, your prophets speak of a heaven beyond our comprehension, and remind us that your time is always near. Enable us to recognise Jesus as your lamp-stand, guiding our journey, so that we may recognise your grace, and realise what we need to live fully your reign of peace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Tuesday

Psalm 15 / Revelation 3:1-6,14-end / Luke 19:1-10

Holy God, you call us beyond all that separates us from you, to eat at your table, to hear your word and to know your love. Alert us, that we might hear your knock on our life's door. Give us wisdom, that we may know and do what your Spirit is saying to the church. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Wednesday

Psalm 150 / Revelation 4 / Luke 19:11-28

Holy, Holy, Holy One, you offer us visions of a new heaven and a new earth, beyond our imagination. May peace in our time be the jewel of heaven. May hope overarch us like a rainbow. May justice and mercy emerge through the risks we take, so that our generation genuinely reflects your love. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Thursday

Psalm 149:1-5 / Revelation 5:1-10 / Luke 19:41-44

God our Source, your word lights our way, as we follow in the steps of Jesus. When we are overwhelmed, hemmed in by circumstances or lack of understanding, help us envision an imaginative way forward. Enable us to see your supportive presence in both troubled and peaceful times. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Friday

Psalm 119:65-72 / Revelation 10:8-end / Luke 19:45-end

Living Word, may your word be as honey on our lips; may it also challenge that which we take for granted, so we see it in a new light. May we so hunger for holiness, that we recognise and challenge all that comes between our lives and your grace. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

Saturday

Psalm 144:1-9 / Revelation 11:4-12 / Luke 20:27-40

Breath of Life, breathe new life into us. Revive that which holds us back from living your commonwealth of peace and grace. Keep us firmly rooted in your love, that we may use our energy to live your way now, without being distracted by what may come tomorrow. With Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Source: Our Daily Bread, Jenny Harrison and John McAlpine*

# CHURCH NEWS and INFORMATION

The 9.30am Sunday Service will be shown via zoom for those who cannot attend.  
Ph 884 6780 from a landline or [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
Meeting ID # 664-003-107 Passcode: 698518

## GINGER 'N BREAD

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER  
1.30PM-3PM IN THE PARISH  
CENTRE

Violinist Keir GoGwilt will perform a recital of solo violin music of both Scots/Irish folk and classical repertoire.

Keir has been described as a "formidable performer" (*New York Times*) noted for his "evocative sound" (*London Jazz News*) and "finger-busting virtuosity" (*San Diego Union Tribune*). He is a founding member of the American Modern Opera Company, and he co-composes original music for his duo, Treesearch, noted for its "rich tones, rhapsodic gestures" (*The New Yorker*), and "clinical precision" (*The Wire*). He has soloed with groups including the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the Chinese National Symphony, and the Orquesta Filarmonica de Santiago, and has been featured at festivals/series throughout the United States and Europe.

Those who heard Keir play at the All Souls' Evensong will know that we are in for a real treat!

Bring your friends! This will be our final meeting of the year so let's celebrate our opportunity to get together.

There will be a special Christmas afternoon tea to follow.



## PASIFIKA FEAST

Fundraising for Operation Refugee



Grant Allen  
Chef

Friday  
20th  
November  
6pm-9pm



Soane Pasi  
Tongan Pasifika Chef

COME JOIN US!

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### 5 ASCOT AVENUE

SIGN UP NOW. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE  
\$75 MINIMUM DONATION

Grant and Soane are hosting a Pasifika Feast, fundraising for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon.

Eric Park from Christian World Service will speak of their day to day struggles and how you are making a difference in their lives by enjoying an evening of good food and great company.

"Food is a great connector and speaks an international language" says Grant Allen.

Reserve your place now - by joining our team at  
<https://operationrefugee2020.everydayhero.com/nz/cws-team-banquet>



Food for Life

### Note from organisers re the Pasifika Feast on Friday 20th November.

The advertised donation is \$75.00, but there are some spaces available at no cost for people willing to be engaged ... perhaps uni students, school students or youth leaders, though of course a koha is always welcome.

Let Sarah or Karen know if you are interested.



## UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS

### 22 NOVEMBER

#### Our Patronal Festival

One Service only at 9.30am followed by Parish lunch in the hall. Please bring a salad to share.



### 29 NOVEMBER

#### Advent 1

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

One Service only at 9.30am  
Baptism of Harriet Flett  
Followed by Parish Meeting

### 13 DECEMBER

8am Advent Eucharist

9.30am **Christmas Pageant**  
an intergenerational service  
including a simple Eucharist  
Followed by Parish family BBQ



### 20 DECEMBER

#### Carol Service

7.30pm

Carols and Readings  
for Christmas

## PARISH DIRECTORY

**Parish Mailing Address:** 100 St Andrews Road, Epsom, 1023

**Parish Office:** Karen Ross (09) 638 8264

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Tuesday to Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm

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**Vicar:** The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross

Vicarage (09) 623 2290 Mobile 021 921 080

vicar@standrewsepsom.org.nz Please note Monday is Sarah's day off.

**Deacon Assistant:** The Reverend Julian Morris (09) 638 8264

**Pastoral Care Co-ordinator:** Lucy Best (09) 520 0093 Mobile 021 350 480

**Services:** Sunday 8am and 9:30am, Wednesday 10am

**If you would like to give via Automatic Payment or Direct Credit  
The Parish bank account is: 06 0103 0780441 00**



### THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

**Presider, Preacher** The Reverend Sarah Stevens-Cross, The Reverend Julian Morris

**Director of Music** Neil Shroff

**Organist** Stephen Hamilton

**Liturgical Leader** 9.30 am Chris Allan

**Servers** 8.00 am Susan Hurrell-Fieldes

9.30 am Susy Carryer and Iris Hanley

**Readers** 8.00 am Richard Hawk

9.30 am Alastair Gooch

**Intercessor** 8.00 am Susan Collier

9.30 am Lesley Anderson

**Welcomers** 8.00 am Kay and Richard Hawk

9.30 am Denise Bray and Matthew Hanley

**Morning Tea** 9.30 am Christine and Mark Anderson

**Technical Team** 9.30am Simon Smith



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have been working tirelessly throughout the week to make our Strawberry Fair such a success.

### READING THE LESSON

ADVICE



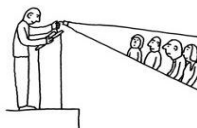
SPEND TIME REHEARSING  
AT HOME



WORK ON YOUR DICTION  
AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY



TURN UP



ADJUST THE MICROPHONE  
AND LECTERN LIGHT



TRY NOT TO RUSH



BE CONFIDENT-  
RELAX AND ENJOY IT