



St Andrew's Church Taunton Message from Ruth Cook—Reader

Spring is my favourite season and I love Easter time.

This is partly due to the appearance of the Spring flowers showing us that winter is nearly over, but also this time of year is linked to some favourite memories going all the way back to my childhood and Sunday School anniversaries.

Easter of course is all about new life. Eggs, are used as a symbol of this.

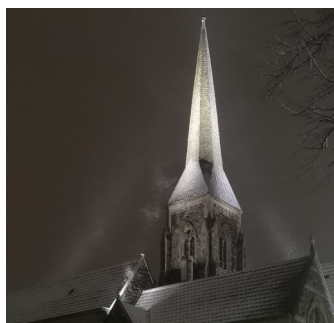
But the message of Easter is that we too can have a new life in Christ—Jesus told us that *He is the resurrection and the life and all who believe in Him, even if they die, will live.*

In today's world, there is much that can cause us worry or anxiety both personally and on the global stage.

However, the Easter story shows us that God has a plan for each one of us and that Love will overcome all things.

Let us learn to trust in the God who overcame all things and turned the sorrow of Good Friday into the joy of Easter morning.

*Alleluia,
Christ is risen
He is risen indeed.
Alleluia!*



Light Up the Spire

In April

In Loving Memory of Betty, Peter and Julia Harvey & Rosemary, David and Simon Molesworth

If you would like to sponsor the Spire lights to celebrate an event or in memory of someone, please contact the Parish Office.

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**St Andrews Church
Taunton**

Reaching lives for change and hope

Mothers Union and Eco Church

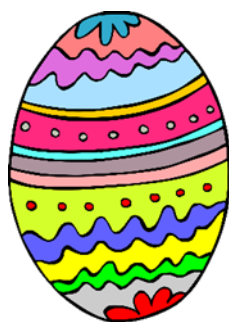


St. Johns, Staplegrove

Our branch attended an Information Day at Flourish House, Wells and led the Cathedral Prayers, with the Minister and West Monkton branches. The theme was "The Selfless Love of Christ". Twenty-two MU members attended this 40-minute service, in the cathedral.

The "Information Day" was a drop-in style day. The day is a chance to learn about various topics; to find out what the branches are doing in the diocese e.g. AFIA & Midday prayers .

The Literature Stall, provides funds for MU offering a great selection of



There will be another day in September. If you want to know more about the MU, or to join us then contact Di Ruff

As we celebrate Easter this is a good opportunity to enjoy some Fairtrade chocolates and if making Easter biscuits don't forget to get in some Fairtrade sugar!

Fairtrade guarantees ethical working conditions, better prices, and sustainable practices, all of which honour God's creation. Let's remember that our choices can make a big difference in building a more just and compassionate world.

Happy Easter, filled with hope, love, and fairness for all.

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The Church Diary

Our Regular services are:

Sunday 10am
Parish Eucharist

All are welcome including children of all ages

Wednesday 10am
in the Lady Chapel -
Said Eucharist

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Last Supper including Foot washing

Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

2pm Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 10am

Parish Communion with

Easter Egg Hunt



Fundraising News

We are pleased to report that the damaged panel in the stained glass window has been removed and taken to a company in Wells for the repairs to be made. It is due for return after Easter.



Saturday 20th June 2026

Summer Fete On The Green

2pm – 4pm

Donations for the Cake Stall, Bottle Tombola, Bric-A-Brac, Books etc will be most welcome Do contact Darren Chalmers via the Parish Office for more information

Our Values

At St Andrew's Church
we are committed to being...

WELCOMING ...

being inclusive, accessible and welcoming.

CARING ... treating each others and our visitors in a loving way.

GROWING ... trusting in God.

RESPONDING ... responding to our community's* needs

NURTURING ... nurturing discipleship

**We believe that the word "community" should refer to both the church family and the whole area around us*

Photos from Robin and Sue's last Sunday with us



Robin was given a fond farewell from us all

Children are Welcome

Children are very welcome at St Andrews and there is a special area set aside for them on Sunday mornings. Pre-school children can stay in church with their parents or carers. There is a special activity for school age children as well.

Messy Church meets around six times a year on Saturdays — sometimes at St Andrews and on other dates at Rowbarton Methodist Church. See our church website for the dates
Photo from Messy Christingle

held in January



The Church Hall

St Andrew's Church Hall has regular weekly activities for ALL ages and we would like to encourage the local communities to get involved and support these businesses to thrive—see the website for details.

There is a lovely large main hall, a meeting room and a commercial sized kitchen.

Interested in hiring the hall facilities? You can view the availability and send a booking request to the Hall Manager using the online booking form www.hallbookingonline.com/standrews
For those of you keen to speak with the Hall Manager, then contact Cherry - see details below

What's NEW at the Hall? Our meeting room now offers a screen sound bar, for all your presentation or small conference needs. Including HDMI or Wireless connectivity, a bluetooth soundbar, a 60" 4K Screen, and wireless high speed internet.



The Vacancy

As you have seen on page 3, Revd Robin Lodge retired on 1st February and St Andrew's enters into what the Church of England call "a vacancy". The PCC have met with the Bishop of Bath and Wells, the Arch-deacon of Taunton, the Area Dean and our Deanery Accompanier who have explained the process for appointing his successor. A key part of this, is to prepare a Parish Profile which sets out all that we do, all that we have to offer and what we hope for in the new Vicar. **On 23rd May** there will be a consultation with the congregation and the local community to discuss all of these points and then prepare a document for prospective candidates to read. **ALL are invited** to join us that morning and share in the discussion and discernment of the way ahead.

We look forward to you joining us in church and sharing your thoughts, ideas and

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Next issue in the Summer

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