

A History of St Andrew's in 100 objects:

11. The Invisible Cross

This week's object hasn't been seen for nearly 500 years, but was for centuries the most revered object in the church—the giant rood or cross that hung from the chancel arch. It was hung flush against the wall and was supported by a beam—first noted in 1250 with a circle of lights hanging before it. During the 15th century the Doom was painted around it. Whilst the peeling away of post-Reformation whitewash and later restoration has seen the re-emergence of the Doom painting, the Rood itself—removed from our church (and all English parish churches) in the 1530s or 40s—would have been destroyed. All that now remains is its ghostly shadow.

But why is the shadow off-centre? The answer is that the top section of the chancel arch (above the Rood beam) would have been filled in with a tympanum and the Doom scene would have been continuous across tympanum and arch. The rood screen – discussed a few weeks ago— was inserted below the beam in the 15th century. Although the Rood was destroyed, both the screen and the beam (and probably the tympanum) survived into the 19th century, when gradually all the obstacles between nave and chancel were removed. The beam went in 1865, the screen in 1880, but as the Doom became more visible so the old Rood has become more evident too—even if what we see is not its presence but its absence. Today we celebrate Christ the King, reigning from the Cross, the image of the invisible God.

If you would like a copy of the notice sheet e-mailed to you, please send an e-mail request to the Parish Administrator.

A large print version is available at the back of the Church

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21 November 2010

WELCOME to St Andrew's today.

This morning's **Family Service** is being led by Junior Church members and leaders—a big thank you to them for all their efforts. As usual on 3rd Sundays there will be a game of football on the Rec after the service—all are welcome to join in. There is also coffee (and refreshments) in the Hall.

Tonight's service is a Communion, organised and led by members of the Informal Worship group (now co-ordinated by Olivia Coles). As well as contemporary worship songs, we are promised lots of space for silence and reflection, and we will receive communion 'in the round'.

If you would like to know more about life at St Andrew's, please fill in one of the 'Welcome' cards in the pews and hand it in to one of the clergy.

Would Chimes distributors please collect their copies from the back of church this morning.

'The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely.'
Jeremiah 23.5

Today: Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Family Service
11.15am Matins
6.30pm Informal Communion

Monday - Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer
(N.B. 9am on Tuesday)

Monday

10.15am Coffee morning (Hall)
8.00pm Bible study group*

Tuesday - Saturday

8.00pm 'Made on Another Day'*

Tuesday

12.30pm Holy Communion (Hall)
followed by a
bring-and-share lunch

Wednesday

10.30am Midweek Break:
housegroup for parents
with young children

Thursday

10.00am Church Mice: for babies,
toddlers and carers (Hall)
7.15pm Alpha Course (Hall)

Friday

9.30am Bible study group*
4.00pm Vespers and Vigil

**Sunday 28 November: Advent Sunday
USPG Gift Day**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
10.00am Parish Communion
2.00pm Advent Fayre (Hall)
4.00pm Youth Choir Concert*
No evening service

*see overleaf

Please pray for:

- Among the sick and grieving, Alison Hughes, Diana Blackwood Murray, Janet Wheeler, Barry Eaden, Betty and Gordon Borley, Kirsty Corrigan
- Those attending the Alpha course
- Bishop Stephen Conway (who is to be our new bishop)
- Romsey Mill: for new work engaging disadvantaged and traveller young people in the Chesterton area in positive activity. Pray that the young people will learn to engage with the group and develop relationships.

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 2.1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13.11-end, Matthew 24.36-44

This week...

The new **Bible Study Group** meets on **Monday evening** (8-9.30pm) or **Friday morning** (9.30-10.30pm) at 71 Humberstone Rd. It is looking at a series of Bible characters from the Old and New Testaments.. You don't have to come every week Any questions to Dorothy Peyton Jones (523485, dorothy@ntlworld.com)

'**Made on Another Day**' runs from **Tuesday to Saturday** this week at 8pm in the Hall. It is a theatre piece suitable for 16+s written and directed by *in situ*: Theatre Company, who are regular users of the Hall. Tickets and further info. are available via www.insituthatre.co.uk or 01223 211451. Eleanor saw the 'work in progress' performance in the summer and loved it...

'**Darwin or Design? What does the science really say?**' Lecture by Dr Michael Behe, this Thursday at 7pm, Babbage Lecture theatre. Tickets £6.50, book at www.darwinordesign.org.uk.

Next Sunday...

Giving Day for USPG: Our speaker at the 10am service will be the Revd Archford Musodza. The collection will help the work of Dr Susannah Wood in Malawi. Please GiftAid your donation if possible, using the envelopes in the pews.

St Andrew's Advent Fayre will take place in the Hall from 2-5pm and include a Youth Choir concert in Church at 4pm. Stalls, teas, children's activities and Narnia, for which offers of help would be more than welcome. Please get in touch with Eleanor for more info.: 306150 or eleanor@standrews-hall.co.uk

There will be no evening service at St Andrew's. The Advent Service at St George's is at **3pm**.

Christian Heritage presents **A Life in the Round** Concert by Anna Harvey 'Creation to New Creation: A musical depiction of the Christian Story', 8pm, Round Church, Bridge Street.

Coming up at St Andrew's....

We are observing **St Andrew's Day** this year by having an hour of prayer for world mission—8pm, **Tuesday 30 November** in church. Do come and join in.

The Friends of St Andrew's will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale on **Saturday 4 December** at 1 Leys Road from 10am to 12 noon. Please support this event. The Friends raise money to help pay for repairs to the fabric of the church.

The new Narnia film, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, comes out in December. We'll be anticipating that by a showing of **The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe** at 3pm on **Sunday 5 December** in the Hall, complete with popcorn and other refreshments. The wardrobe will be making other appearances over the Advent season....

St Andrew's News & Notices

The Real Easter Egg: please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to order Easter Eggs with the real Easter message for 2011. See Judith Gardom for details.

The Christian Aid Harvest giving day and Harvest supper raised a total of £1,888.29 for Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who contributed—both money and effort.

Help required

If you are happy to **read a lesson** or prepare **intercessions** on an occasional basis then Patricia Abrey would be happy to add you to the rota. Please contact her on patriciaabrey@ntlworld.com to say if you prefer the 10am or 6.30 service & what you wish to offer. Assistance with intercessions can be given if required.

Wanted – minimal organiser! The pub group meets on a Friday every other month. Anything from four to a dozen people attend – simply for a drink and conversation. There is no agenda or programme, so the organisation is minimal, but it would be good if someone were willing to minimally organise it (i.e. set dates and make sure it's publicised)! Please have a word with Mick Lumsden or Nick.

Other News & Notices

The **Lighting of the Christmas tree lights** outside the Methodist Church takes place on **Wednesday 1 December** at 6pm. All are invited. There will be carols, children's singing and a visit from Father Christmas.

Nominations are being invited for this year's **Lil Speed Award** for voluntary service in the (Chesterton) community. If you would like to suggest someone, nomination forms are on the table at the back of the south aisle.

Quiet Day at Lode Chapel led by Rev Tricia Troughton, **Saturday 4 December** - 'Freedom & Joy Time': 10am – 4pm, Venue: Lode Chapel, High Street, Lode, CB25 9EW. Cost: £15 per day or £40 for all three (includes tea, coffee & simple lunch). For more details contact: Tricia Troughton on 521786 or send an email to quietdays@lodechapel.org.uk. Registration forms at back of church and poster on notice board.

Michaelhouse in the centre of Cambridge is presenting a rich and varied festival of religious and other art, music, storytelling, drama, dance and workshops in its Festival, **4-21 November**. For more information, see the website, www.michaelhouse.org.uk, or see the programme on the information table at the back of church.

St Andrew's Hall

A reminder to come along to the drama '**Made on Another Day**', which runs from Tuesday to Saturday this week at 8pm.

Next Sunday is the Hall's birthday event, the **Advent Fayre**. Help is needed on the day, especially in the kitchen. Offers to Eleanor, please.

