

The Vicar writes...

Most of us—though not all—at St Andrew's will have felt a great sense of disappointment and frustration following the failure of the legislation for women bishops to receive the necessary majority in the House of Laity of the General Synod. Many of us will deeply regret what messages it gives to women in ministry—and to women generally, in and outside the Church.

But all of us will probably be concerned at the impression of the Church this has left on the wider world.

Of course the Church should never simply ape what's going on in wider society—that is the way of 'the salt losing its saltiness'. I am not concerned if the world thinks the Church is too moral—but I am concerned if it thinks that it is unjust.

It sends me back to two parts of Scripture that we have looked at recently.

The first is the book of Jonah—the prophet who stands for the people of God (today that means us) who seem to make more of a mess of everything than the big, bad world (Nineveh) who, if only we got our act together and proclaimed the message faithfully, are willing to listen and respond.

The second is from last week's gospel: 'When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.' And that's true of this situation: the end is still to come. Frustrating though this is for many of us, everyone accepts that the ordination of women bishops will come. In the light of eternity this is but a blip.

We need to crawl out on to the beach and head back for Nineveh...

Nick

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ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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25 November 2012

Welcome to St Andrew's.

Today is a giving day. At 10am we welcome Rob Hare from the Bible Society. He will preach and then go over to the Hall to see the children.

Tonight we have an Informal Service, with music led by our young people. Do come and join us. There will be coffee and refreshments afterwards.

'Chesterton News' is out today—would collectors please take their bundles from the back of church (south side). If you do not live in the delivery area (the council wards of East and West Chesterton) you are welcome to take a copy from the entrance area.

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.

There is a toilet at the east end of the church: a sidesperson will point you in the right direction.

'His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.'

Daniel 7.14

Today, Christ the King, Giving Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Informal Worship

During the week

Monday-Friday

8.15am Morning Prayer (9am Tues)

Monday

10.15am Coffee morning (Hall)

Tuesday-Friday, 12-2pm

food4food community café

Tuesday

12.15pm Holy Communion in Church followed by lunch at the food4food café
8.00pm House Group

Thursday

9.15am Church Mice: for babies, toddlers and carers (Hall)
9.00pm Day of prayer begins

Friday

6.00am Day of prayer continues
4.00pm Vigil & Vespers

Sunday, Advent 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-age Communion
3.30pm Sports club
6.30pm Music & Readings for Advent and St Andrew's-tide

Please pray for:

- Among the sick, housebound or recovering: Alison Hughes, Diana Blackwood Murray, Betty and Gordon Borley, Harry Holroyd, Dorothy Richardson, Benjamin Black, Lyn Carr
- Potential Church involvement in the new school on Green End Road
- Our development project's first stage: the ramp and new inner porch
- The fallout following General Synod's vote on women bishops
- RIP Hope Page

Coming up... this week

Our weekly Coffee, Cake and Christmas Card sessions continue at the Hall this week, with refreshments from food4food café and Christmas cards, gift tags and wrapping paper from Phoenix Trading. Drop in between 10.30am and 12 noon on **Friday** to see what's on offer.

This is our **Week of Prayer**. There will be a **day of prayer** on the Thursday evening (9pm to midnight) and into Friday (6am to 6pm). Come into the chancel and spend an hour in prayer. This will not be with anyone else necessarily (though we will ensure that no-one is left on their own in the dark hours) and is not intended for prayer 'out loud'. The chancel will be decorated and full of helps to prayer – things to read, see, hear, touch and smell – and with tips on how to use the time. To fill a slot please sign on the calendar at the back of church or go to the church website where you can see the list electronically (we want at least one person per hour).

In addition, the church will be open all week and there will be a prayer net held out by our statue of St Andrew – come and add your prayer to it.

Prayer triplets will also be meeting this week.

Coming up... in December

The PCC meets for prayer on **Monday 3 December** at 8pm in the Hall. We pray for the life and mission of the church at St Andrew's and beyond. All are welcome to join us. We pray for an hour and then Nick invites any who would like to join him for a swift pint at the Green Dragon....

Hard Questions will be at Helen and Harry Druiff's home, 43, Highfield Avenue, at 7.30 – 10.00pm on **Friday 7 December** to discuss "**What do we actually believe in?**" so come along and participate!

St Andrew's News & Notices

If you are a singer but don't sing in any of the St Andrew's Church choirs, you are very welcome to join the **choir for the Carol Service** (7.30pm on Christmas Eve). If you are interested, please contact Mary Pountain by Sunday 2 December as we need to know how many music copies will be needed. Rehearsals are as follows: Fri 14 Dec 7.30pm - 9pm, Wed 19 Dec 7.30pm-9pm, Fri 21 Dec 6.50pm-9pm, Sun 23 Dec 6pm-9pm, Sat 24 Dec 5.50pm (in Hall) service at 7.30pm in church. Tel C. 311055, email mary.pountain@gmail.com

Next April we will be returning to Belsey Bridge, Ditchingham, for another **Parish Weekend**. Leaflets (with booking forms) are available at the back of church. Do please write the dates in your diaries now and book as soon as possible—don't just file it away!! The dates are 12-14 April 2013.

Dorothy writes

Thank you very much to all those from St Andrew's who came to support me last Monday at the licensing service. It was good to be in the Grafton Centre, outside

church walls and within a working environment. Please continue to pray for me, and all those who are my partners in mission. I am enjoying my new work but finding it tiring as I am meeting so many people, and have to set priorities.

Please don't forget that we have an ongoing commitment to supply goods to the Cambridge Food Bank. You can bring them to church any week but especially Family Service days (like today) when they will be brought up with the offering. We are looking for someone with a car, who shops at Sainsbury's Coldhams Lane, and could drop goods off now and then. Any offers to Dorothy or Lesley. The shopping list of suitable items includes any of:

- tinned: meat/fish, vegetables, rice/sponge puddings, tomatoes
- longlife fruit juice cartons, UHT/powdered milk
- sugar, tea bags, instant coffee
- soup, pasta sauces, cereals, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta
- jam, biscuits, snack bars.

Other News & Notices

Quiet Days at Lode Chapel continue on the second Saturday of each month....

8 Dec 'Waiting room' Waiting for God
12 Jan 'God with us' as an infant
9 Feb 'God with us' in joy
9 Mar 'God with us' as our servant

The day begins with refreshments at 10am and finishes at 4pm. A simple lunch is provided. Contact Tricia for further details and to book a place (01223 521786 or patricia.troughton@ntlworld.com).

The Simeon Centre Advent Quiet Day this year will be led by the Revd Jane Keiller, the Revd Val Kilner and the Simeon Centre Team, at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. Please come – and bring a friend! The date is **Saturday 1 December** and the title is

Readings for Daily Prayer

Monday	Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	Revelation 14.14-end 15
Wednesday	Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	Revelation 16.12-end
Friday,	Andrew the Apostle
	John 12.20-32
Saturday	Revelation 18

Next Sunday's Readings
Jeremiah 33.14-16 Luke 21.25-33

'Contemplating Christmas: Wonder, Anguish, Hope'. You may book online on the Simeon Centre website, or contact Rosemary Kew on rak44@cam.ac.uk.

Two 23-year-old Italian girls (friends of Elizabeth, Ursula Sainsbury's daughter) are looking for au-pair jobs for 3-6 months starting as soon as possible. Email: helen89puce@hotmail.it.