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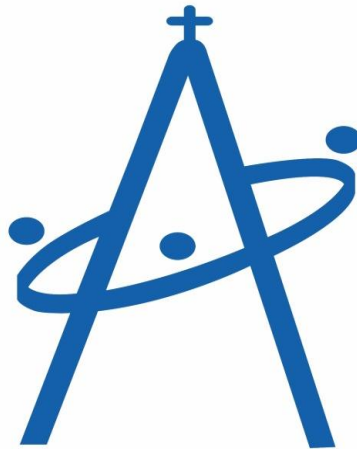
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St Andrew's Church
Aylestone



Spring 2024

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There are times in every community when life is very difficult. This is one of those times – a young boy fell into the river on Sunday 18th February, and at the time of writing, has not been found. This is a horror for all of us, and for the family it must be almost unbearable. All our thoughts and prayers go to the family. So how do we cope when terrible things happen? What sustains us? Well in the case of Aylestone, it's that word "community". We sustain each other. The amazing and wonderful local pub "The Black Horse" immediately opened its doors for hospitality and comfort. The churchwardens immediately opened up the church for loos, tea, candles, prayers. The emergency services have been, and continue to be, tireless and gracious, in their efforts to find the little boy. And many, many people in this community have reached out in love and care to try to help in different ways. This is the love of God in action and it is wonderful to behold. In church we have tried to remain open as much as possible, and huge thanks goes to all the volunteers who have given up time to welcome people through the doors. Many visitors have lit candles – as a symbol of hope and light; as an expression of prayer and love. This is what the candlelight represents – a light shining in the darkness. We light candles at our All Souls' service to represent our love for the departed. And we light candles at the Christingle service on Christmas Eve, to show that Jesus is a light shining in the darkness. We read in the Bible: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1;5). The darkness never will overcome the light, and this community proves it. We are so blessed to be here in Aylestone and send many prayers and blessings to the family of the little boy.

THE SPRING

Now that the winter's gone, the earth hath lost
Her snow-white robes, and now no more the frost
Candies the grass, or casts an icy cream
Upon the silver lake or crystal stream;
But the warm sun thaws the benumbed earth,
And makes it tender; gives a sacred birth
To the dead swallow; wakes in hollow tree
The drowsy cuckoo, and the humble-bee.
Now do a choir of chirping minstrels bring
In triumph to the world the youthful Spring.
The valleys, hills, and woods in rich array
Welcome the coming of the long'd-for May.
Now all things smile, only my love doth lour;
Nor hath the scalding noonday sun the power
To melt that marble ice, which still doth hold
Her heart congeal'd, and makes her pity cold.
The ox, which lately did for shelter fly
Into the stall, doth now securely lie
In open fields; and love no more is made
By the fireside, but in the cooler shade
Amyntas now doth with his Chloris sleep
Under a sycamore, and all things keep
Time with the season; only she doth carry
June in her eyes, in her heart January.

BY THOMAS CAREW 1595-1640

Some more hymns

Been to a wedding lately ? You probably sang love divine , all loves excelling ? Just one of 22 hymns by Charles Wesley , included in Hymns old and new . And those are not many , compared to the 6,500 to which he wrote the words.

We sing hail the day that sees him rise , at Easter , the glorious lo! He Comes with clouds Descending , in Advent and Hark the herald angels sing , for Christmas .

Were you at midnight communion when some happy revellers at the back shouted Encore ? Inappropriate , but could you blame them . I first learned , and can it be in a united reformed Church , and was delighted when it was introduced to Anglican Churches .

Charles was born in 1707 and was one of the last family of a Lincolnshire clergyman . At oxford , he started a prayer group , later joined by his brother John , mockingly called ' The Holy club ' or the Methodist by fellow students .

The name Methodist stuck . The intention was to reform the church of England and bring christ 's message of love closer to ordinary folk in the strange new world of the industrial revolution .

Unsuccessful in America , and rejected often by Anglican congregations , the brothers took to preaching to vast crowds in the open air , where Charles hymns must have lifted and inspired people whose working lives where pretty grim .

Next time you sing ' rejoice the Lord is king ' (to handel 's great tune) think of Charles Wesley . He never meant to break with the church of England , and would be pleased that Aylestone church of the nativity combines Methodist and Anglicans .

By kate

Braised savoy with fontina cheese and crispy crumb topping

Serves 4-6

Here's a recipe to use our savoy cabbage and create something different. You can

use gouda or gruyere cheese if you can't get fontina cheese.

1 tbsp butter

2 tbsp olive oil

1 onion, sliced

2 garlic cloves, chopped

2 tbsp thyme leaves, roughly chopped

1 large savoy cabbage, cut into 8 wedges

200ml good chicken or vegetable stock

200g fontina cheese, roughly cubed

2 slices crusty bread, whizzed to coarse crumbs

25g parmesan, grated

Preheat oven to 200C/400F/gas mark 6. Heat the butter and 1 tbsp of oil in a large,

ovenproof frying pan or shallow casserole over a medium heat. Add the onion, cook

for 5 minutes until it starts to soften. Throw in the garlic, half the thyme and put the

cabbage wedges between the onions. Fry for 1 minute on each side so the

ingredients take on a little colour and the flavour of the onions.

Increase the heat, pour in the stock and bring to the boil. Cook for 2 minutes, turning

the cabbage wedges once. Remove from the heat and dot the fontina or cheese of

your choice over the cabbage and onion mix. Toss the breadcrumbs with the

remaining oil, thyme and parmesan. Scatter this over the cabbage and bake in the

oven for 10-15 minutes, or until the topping is golden and the cabbage tender.

Our changing weather – our changing climate: Seeds for change

Early in January 2024 we saw some of the worst floods in living memory affect our local community here in Aylestone. Many have experienced having their homes flooded out and having to deal with moving out of their homes with all the difficulties and upheaval that brings. Our local café Kings Lock Tea room was badly affected too and we all saw dramatic pictures of flooding further downstream as the canal in Loughborough broke its banks and affected many more homes and businesses.

This changing weather, with higher intense periods of rainfall and more prolonged periods of drought (as we experienced in spring 2023), are all part of how rising global temperatures are affecting our climate. With more energy in the atmosphere predictions are that we will experience more storms and more intense rainfall and more heat waves which has an impact on all of us in our daily lives. This is a global phenomenon and farmers around the world are having to think about how a changing climate affects them. Whilst we are thinking how we can support our friends, neighbours and businesses locally through difficult times, at St Andrews we are also thinking of our global neighbours in those communities that are most affected by climate change. Often those most badly affected are those small scale farmers for whom crop failure can be devastating for their livelihoods and their families.

We often think we are powerless to do anything about climate change, but there's a lot we can do to change what's happening. There's a whole range of action we can all take to reduce carbon – have a look at count-us-in.org/en-gb/.

A very practical thing we do each year at Syt Andrews is hold a plant sale during Christian Aid week to raise money for small scale farmers and projects in developing countries most affected by climate change. By growing and eating local food we can all reduce our carbon footprints and have a positive impact. We will be growing a wide range of flowers and vegetables for our annual sale and welcome volunteers to join us in growing garden plants, vegetables and houseplants for the sale.

Think about planting some seeds yourself, you don't have to have a large garden, a window box or windowsill can give you fresh salad crops. Alternatively come and support the sale and buy some plants to grow this coming season. Not only will you be supporting local farmers across the world, but you can be growing and eating local produce from Aylestone!

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday May 18 th at the sale.

Eco and Global development groups

St. Andrew's Flower Circle

March-May 2024

<i>DATE</i>	<i>ARRANGERS</i>	<i>MAIN ALTAR</i>	<i>SIDE ALTAR</i>	<i>NAVE STEP</i>	<i>BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE</i>
MARCH					
3 rd		LENT			
10 th		No Flowers During Lent			
17 th					
24 th					
31 st	The Flower Circle	EASTER			
APRIL	Sue Morrell Josie Barnacle- Sharkey				
7 th					
14 th					
21 st		Glynnis Brant			
28 th					
MAY	Anna Cooper Brenda Spence				
5 th					
12 th					
19 th		PENTECOST			
26 th		Glynnis Brant			

ST. ANDREW'S - FLOWER FUND

On behalf of the Flower Circle I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have given so generously to the Flower Fund.

Your donations have enabled the Flower Circle to continue to provide flowers in the church each week, which we could not have done without your support.

Sue Morrell (Flower Circle Sec.)

AYLESTONE – IT'S AMAZING!

A series of articles which highlight some of the numerous community activities in Aylestone.

'IT'S A FINE THING TO SING, singing is the thing.....

Singing is the thing that keeps you cheery'

It's an old song, but the sentiments are true. Recent research has highlighted the benefits of singing, especially in a choir. We are told that singing helps you beat stress, helps with pain relief, improves lung function, boosts confidence, builds friendships and community and can counteract the onset of dementia. I have sung in choirs for many years and it has definitely been one of the greatest pleasures of my life. After an evening at choir practise I always feel rejuvenated and happy. The opportunity to perform in concerts is challenging but enjoyable and always supportive because I have my singing buddies by my side. I've made some life-long friends through singing and for all of these things I am truly thankful.

If you are interested in singing opportunities you don't have to go far to get involved. There are two choirs in Aylestone village, St. Andrew's Church Choir and Old Aylestone Community Choir. St. Andrew's Choir meets to practise in church every Friday at 7.15pm. We sing for Sunday morning services, 10.15 to 11.30 am and occasional other services and events. As you might expect, we lead the hymn singing but at special times like Christmas and Easter we sing choir only pieces by various composers in a range of styles. We are a friendly group and are always pleased to welcome new members.

We don't audition and although it helps to have a basic knowledge of written music, this is not essential. We sing in four part harmony and welcome voices in all parts, including children. If you are not sure where your voice fits, we can help you with that. Please contact graham.lightburn@yahoo.com for more information.

Old Aylestone Community Choir meets at the Old Aylestone Social Club every Tuesday 7 – 9.15 pm. The choir is led by Aylestone resident Honora Paris and has been meeting in Aylestone for seven years. Honora has many years' experience as a teacher of music, choir leader and performing musician. The choir currently has 21 members and sings mainly in two part harmony using recorded backing tracks to provide musical accompaniment. No audition is required and although musical scores are provided, Honora can give support and guidance for choir members who don't read music. The musical repertoire is varied, ranging from songs from the shows to medieval chants and rounds to Abba and Queen. The choir performs two concerts per year, at Christmas and July in the Old Aylestone Social Club. (I've been to their concerts and always had a great night.) They have also sung round the Aylestone Christmas Tree and in local pubs at Christmas, collecting sizeable sums of money for their chosen charities, LOROS and Rainbows Children's Hospice. Honora emphasises that the choir is friendly and welcoming with opportunities for socialising in the bar afterwards if desired. Please contact h.paris@ntlworld.com for further information.

Yes, you CAN sing! How many times have I heard people say ‘Oh I can’t sing, I only ever sing in the shower where no-one can hear me’. Well, I’ve been singing for years and I haven’t met too many people who are genuinely tone deaf. Most people can hold a tune and that’s all you need. Both choirs are keen to recruit new singers both male and female, experienced and newcomers. Choirs are often short of male singers. Come on you men – give your lungs a workout and think of all the benefits which apply to you as well as women. Whoever you are a warm welcome awaits in both choirs.
Anne Hayto

Holy Week

The beginning of april heralds the start of Holy week – the most sacred period in the christian calendar.

Starting on Sunday 2nd , palm Sunday reminds us of Jesus entering Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches . For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.

Services on palm Sunday include readings of the passion that is the story of the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus , death is seen by Christians as salvation and as a reminder of how porphets are often killed for when they stand for justice and peace .

Maunday Thursday is a day when Christians

Commemorate the last supper of Jesus . In some traditions there is the washing of the feet of various members of the congregation to recall the gesture of Christ at the last supper when he washed the feet of his disciples . This is a sign of the need to do more to love one another and to serve all people , especially the poor .

Good Friday is a solemn day on which christians recall the death of Jesus on the cross and its promise of hope and new life . In some traditions a wooden cross is set up and people spend time meditating before it . Other people make the stations of the cross a devotion that recalls the journey of Jesus on the via Dolorosa in Jerusalem to calvary where he was crucified.

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast inn the christian year while society puts a major emphasis on Christmas , no other day is traditionally as sacred for the christian community as Easter . This is the day christians commemorate the resurrection of christ . In some traditions the service begin the night before with the lighting of a new fire and the blessing of a large Easter candle. Water is blessed many are baptised. But for all

Christians , this is a day to renew ones faith .

An Easter message

As a Christian , the story that holds my attention this month is obviously the Crucifixion and resurrection . its an extremely sorrowful and joyful story all at the same time .

Sorrowful that Jesus was crucified but joyful that he rose again.

He came to show us what Gods love meant and to die for our sins so that we could be saved . I have to admit that even on the Good Friday service when everyone is a bit dour I have a great big smile inside, which I find hard to keep in.

I love the fact that we have a God that loves us so much that he came to us in the form of Jesus to guide us back to him. Personally , i am always on a high over this time because i know what this means for me,. I know the Lord and what he done for me , and can do for you. I much prefer Easter to Christmas from a Christian point of view . Christ died for us , lets do something for him this Easter – lets go to one of the many services on offer around , and thank him

God bless

By rev, ken Waters , parish priest

Shared by Eileen Baker

The Calendar

March 2024

Fri 1st	2pm World Day of Prayer service
Sun 3rd	Lent 3 8am BCP Holy Communion 10.15am Eucharist
Mon 4th	4pm Lily Marriott house service 6.30pm Soulspace
Wed 6 th	9am Morning prayer Curates' IME
Thurs 7 th	9.30am Holy communion and coffee 10.15am Lent course in Parish hall 10.30am Parish Hall meeting 2pm Teddy's Singalong
Fri 8 th	7.15pm choir practice
Sat 9 th	11am Bible Study
Sun 10 th	Mothering Sunday 8am BCP Holy communion 10.15am Family Eucharist
Mon 11 th	10am Ministry team meeting 6.30pm Soulspace
Wed 13 th	9am Morning prayer 3.30pm After School Club
Thurs 14 th	9.30am Holy Communion and coffee 10am Granby School visit church 10.15am Lent course in Parish Hall 2pm Teddy's Singalong 7pm PCC meeting in the Cornerstone
Fri 15 th	10am to 3pm Parish outing to Mount St. Bernards Abbey 7.15pm Choir practice
Sun 17 th	Lent 5 Passion Sunday 8am BCP Holy Communion 10.15am Parish Eucharist

Mon 18 th	10am ECO group meeting, Cornerstone 6.30pm Soulspace
Wed 20 th	9am Morning prayer 3.30pm After School Club
Thurs 21 st Parish Hall	9.30am Holy communion and coffee in the 9.45am Granby School Early Years' Easter 10.15am Lent Course in Parish Hall 3pm Meadows' court service
Fri 22 nd 7.15pm Choir	
Sun 24 th	Palm Sunday 8am BCP communion 10.15am Parish Eucharist with Palm Procession 6pm Music for Passiontide
Mon 25 th	Holy Week 6.30pm Soulspace
Tues 26 th	6.30pm Compline
Wed 27 th	9am Morning prayer 6.30pm Stations of the Cross
Thurs 28 th	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Agape and Watch of the Passion
Friday 29 th	Good Friday 10am Walk of Witness 1pm Childrens' service 1.30 – 3.30pm Childrens' workshop in the 2pm Liturgy of Good Friday
Parish Hall	
Saturday 30 th	Holy Saturday 7.30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 31 st	Easter Day 8am BCP Communion 10.15am Eucharist and Baptism

April 2024

Sun 7th

Easter 2

8am BCP Holy communion

10.15am Eucharist

4pm Evensong

Mon 8th

4pm Lily Marriott House service

6.30pm Soulspace

Wed 10th

9am Morning prayer

3.30pm After School Club

Thurs 11th

9.30am Holy communion and coffee

2pm Teddies' Singalong

Fri 12th

7.15pm Choir

Sat 13th

11am Bible study

Sun 14th

Easter 3

8am BCP Holy communion

10.15am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Soulspace

Mon 15th

Wed 17th

9am Morning prayer

3.30pm After School Club

Thurs 18th

9.30am Holy communion and coffee

2pm Teddy's Singalong

Fri 19th

7.15pm choir

Sunday 21st

Easter 4

8am BCP Holy Communion

10.15am Parish Eucharist

3pm St. Andrew's Choir at Leicester

Cathedral

Mon 22nd

6.30pm Soulspace

Wed 24th

9am Morning prayer

3.30m After School Club

Thurs 25th

9.30am Holy communion and coffee

2pm Teddy's Singalong

Fri 26th

7.15pm Choir practice

Sun 28th

Easter 5

8am BCP Holy communion

10.15am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Soulspace

Mon 29th

May 2024

Wed 1st

9am Morning prayer

10am – 1pm Curates' IME

3.30pm After School Club

Thurs 2nd

9.30am Holy communion and coffee

2pm Teddy's Singalong

Fri 3rd

7.15pm Choir

Sun 5th

Easter 6

8am BCP Holy communion

10.15am Parish Eucharist

4pm Evensong

Mon 6th

4pm Lily Marriott House service

6.30pm Soulspace

Wed 8th

9am Morning prayer

3.30pm After School Club

Thurs 9th

Ascension Day 9.30am Holy communion

and coffee

2pm Teddy's Singalong

Fri 10th

7.15pm Choir

NB Rev'd Rowena on Sabbatical from today

Sat 11th

11am Bible Study

Sun 12th

Sunday after Ascension

8am BCP Holy communion

10.15am Eucharist

6.30pm Soulspace

Mon 13th

Wed 15th

9am Morning prayer

3.30pm After School Club

Thurs 16th

9.30am Holy communion and coffee

2pm Teddy's Singalong

Fri 17th

7.15pm Choir

Sun 19th

Pentecost

8am BCP Holy Communion

10.15am Parish Eucharist

Mon 20th

6.30pm Soulspace

Wed 22nd

9am Morning prayer

3.30pm After School club

Thurs 23rd

9.30am Holy communion and coffee

2pm Teddy's Singalong

Fri 24th

7.15pm Choir

Sun 26th

Trinity Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

10.15am Eucharist

Mon 27th

6.30pm Soulspace

Wed 29th

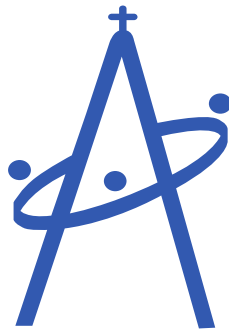
9am Morning prayer

Thurs 30th

9.30 Holy Communion and coffee

Friday 31st

7.15pm Choir practice



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Bring your little ones to
Teddy's Sing Along

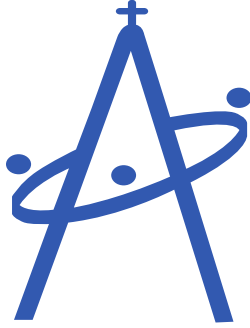
- Thursday afternoons at 2:00pm
- Starting September 7th
- Phone Alison 07533331161



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Praying and Working in our Community

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St Andrew's Church
Aylestone

ST Andrew's After School Club



Wednesday's 3.30-4.30 term time only

All primary age children welcome
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50p per session

Includes refreshment

Contact the church 0116 2910021

Or Victoria 07938914362

ACTIVITIES



Bible stories

Songs

From the Registers December 2023 to February 2024

Funerals

15th December 2023

Louise Allen

15th February 2024

James Walter Clarke

16th February 2024

Morelle Payne (Gilroes Crematorium)

Burials of Ashes

28th December 2023

Pauline Taylor Jackson

20th January 2024

Mary Alderson

The church now has a card collection machine for contactless or chip and pin payments. This has been made available by the Diocese at a very favourable cost which has been generously donated by a member of the congregation. We need to make good use of it.

Donations to the Church Initiative Fund can be made by debit or credit card online through the Church website standrewsaylestone.com and following the link on the home page.

Thank you very much for your support,

John Robb, Treasurer

Material for the Summer 2024 edition of the Parish News should reach the editor at the Parish Office or standrewsaylestone@gmail.com by May 11th 2024.

If you would like to advertise in
the Parish Magazine,
please contact Alison Varnam by
email standrewsaylestone.com

Church Organisations

Sunday Club: (4-11 years) meets in church in term time during the 10:15am service, except on 1st Sunday of the Month which is an all age service. Contact: Brenda Spencer 291 0354

Mothers Union: Contact Kate Austin, 2917738

Uniformed Organisations

Scouts (11-15years) 326 5455
Thursday 7.30-9.00pm SL@102nd.org.uk

Cubs (8-11years) 326 5455
Wednesday 6.30-8.00pm CSL@102nd.org.uk

Beavers (6-8years) 326 5455
Monday 6.00-7.30pm BSL@102nd.org.uk

General Scouting Enquires contact
gsl@102nd.org.uk or 0116 326 54 55

Guides (10 - 14 years) Tuesday 8pm - 9pm - Sara Towers

Brownies (7 - 10 years) Tuesday 6.30pm - 8pm - Sue Hall

Rainbows (5 - 7 years) Tuesday 5.15pm - 6.15pm - Heather Wilkes

All enquiries (both potential leaders and girls) can be made
to www.girlguiding.org.uk

NEED A VENUE FOR YOUR PARTY OR COMMUNITY GROUP?

Then why not consider St Andrew's
Parish Hall.

This is a substantial meeting place that
is available for hire, and can take up to
150 persons. There are ample car
parking facilities.

The sprung floor of the Hall is of high
quality ballroom standard, and a
number of dance groups meet here.

For availability and bookings, contact
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