



(morning services are live-streamed to <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsGL>)

10am HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu

Reading : John 10:11-18

Hymns

321 - How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
481 - Lord thy word abideth
715 - The king of love my shepherd is
495 - Loving shepherd of thy sheep

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Junior Church

Younger members of the congregation will be invited into the Bell Tower following the first hymn for themed activity relating to bible readings.

Please note there will be no 'Sunday Sitting Room' today

8.30am on Wednesday ~ MORNING PRAYER

NEXT SUNDAY : Rev Canon Chuks Iwuagwu

SUMMARY OF THE CHURCH MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 14th APRIL

This meeting was held to discuss plans for the year ahead.

Buildings and Churchyard

The three horse chestnut trees along the South Wall (adjoining the Arts Centre) are to be pollarded. All three show signs of rot and possible disease. Pollarding will relieve weight on the trunks and reduce the risk of damage caused by falling limbs. Cost: £2700.

The lead on the tower roof may need repair. Expansion/contraction splits were noted in the 2022 Quinquennial Report. They have been monitored regularly since. This year's inspection may indicate the need for repair this year. Cost in 2007: £207, Today's Cost: TBA

The extensive repointing of the lead flashing on Nave and Aisle roofs must be started this year if we are to avoid leaks. This may be a job for volunteers. The heating unit is now 10 years old. It is time to start considering its replacement. The Church of England is aiming for Zero Carbon by 2030. This means it is unlikely that we would get a Faculty for another gas unit. We must consider Solar Panels and Heat Pumps.

Finally, it would be good to progress the Paths Project. The first stage will be a low impact path linking the path to the South Porch to the Tower door. Quotes will be sought.

The Buildings and Churchyard budget was set at £3000. Costs will almost certainly exceed this and money will need to be drawn from the Atkinson Legacy or Social Fund if we are to remain safe, dry and moving forward.

A question was raised as to what the Atkinson Legacy was given for. In the past it has contributed to the Development Project and paid for the Topographic Survey. A Congregational Meeting in October 2022 agreed that it could be used for organ repairs/replacement.

A question was raised on whether SEP would be consulted on spending. Before spending significant amounts, the churchwardens will always consult the treasurer, who happens to be SEP treasurer too and a SEP trustee.

How the Church is Run

Without a Leadership Team, authority in running St. Andrew's rests with its vicar Chuks and its solitary churchwarden Stephen. The need for two churchwardens cannot be overstated. The plan is to first create a detailed list of all the jobs required to make St. Andrew's work. We all can then volunteer to play our part. Leaders will emerge from those most active and they will hopefully form a new Leadership Team.

Services

Chuks' departure, vacancies and retirements in the SEP ministerial team may make it difficult to have minister lead services every week. Alternatives need to be considered. It was noted that Ann Fountaine works extremely hard to ensure the service rota for the whole parish is complete. Questions were asked about Chuk's leaving us. A "house for duty" replacement is not expected but there may be the possibility of a curate in the future after SEP has a new team rector in place.

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