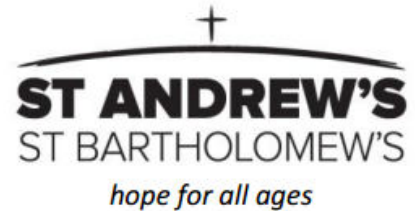


JULY & AUG 2017

In Touch

Keeping you informed



What's happening in the life of St Andrew's and St Bartholomew's

'He does not change like shifting shadows'

Just as well, because everything else changes around us. Not least with members of staff in our church. This year we have seen the departure of Clodagh Ingram to Upton St. Leonards, which was a great move for her. We miss her Irish humour, jollity and pastoral ministry, but we understand that it was a good decision to move on. This August we will see the departure of Dan Button (although not from the congregation) and Jay Niblett (to start Vicar Factory in Bristol). Dan is in the process of setting up Theological Hubs around the Diocese which will prove to be very popular given the take up by members here in this last year.

This September we see two new changes. Laine Lewis will start as an Assistant Children's Worker alongside Alison. We have a large number of children attending every Sunday and midweek which is very exciting. Laine will bring valuable gifts to the work having been involved in youth work in the past. We look forward to her starting. Jay's post is going to be carried out between Daisy Cordery and Jack Neave. They are both heavily involved in the Youth at St. Andrew's, so they will provide stable and effective continuity. We decided not to proceed with finding a new Youth Pastor from the outside since we have such able pastors already in place. They will be ably managed and advised by three experienced ex-Youth Pastors in the congregation, Ben Lillie, Chris Follett and Steve Bullock. I have every confidence that Daisy and Jack will lead the young people forwards building on Jay's excellent foundation.

Jay and Laura's last Sunday will be 13th August. There will be a farewell tea that day at 4pm before FUEL in the evening at 7pm. Do come and bid them God's blessings on their future ministries. Jay will return on 27th August to say farewell at FUEL.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Jay and Laura, then please send in a cheque ('St. Andrews PCC')/cash to the Church Office, marked 'The Niblett's'.

Do pray for us as staff as we seek to bring God's blessing to this community. We are family, and we want to see the family flourish whether they are 8, 18, 48 or 88.

Jonathan

'God is good. His love endures for ever.' Psalm 136

OUR CHURCH

'UP' - 'IN' - 'OUT' 5 YEAR PLAN IN ACTION

WONDERFUL HOTHORPE WEEKEND

Our church weekend away at Hothorpe was a wonderful weekend filled with laughter, worship, teaching and prayer and so much more besides. For those who like to plan ahead the intention is to do it again in 2019.

In the mean time, here are just a few comments from the weekend;

'Great stuff, Great Jokes. '

We had a great time as a family and the children groups meant we could spend church time together child free. It really is a gift of a weekend.

It was a significant moment for me when there was a period of silence after the first talk. Is that something we could do here...?

We hung out together, we hung out with God and it was goood!

Question...How do you get to know your church family even better?

Answer ...Go to Hothorpe"

How do you get the most out of this weekend? - Place God at the top of the guest list.

A thoroughly enjoyable time spending time with old



friends, making new ones and developing my faith

Hothorpe felt like a home away from home. Filled with family doing life together, with lots of fun and support and getting to know God a little more, together.

Worshipping together in community on Sundays and sharing our lives throughout the week is a truly wonderful blessing. Hothorpe served to cement those relationships together further and deeper and bless us in new ways. God is good, all the time!

Ben Lillie

BAPTISM TESTIMONIES

This year we had the absolute privilege of baptising nine people and celebrating their journey of faith as a community. We met at the Ingram's pool for a family swim and some food; Then we worshipped, heard testimonies and baptised: **Brian Allbeson, Megan Kennard, Hatty Neave, Isy Neave, Jack Neave, Georgina Perrin, Kalum Rowe, Rachel Smith and Livi Yates**. We can't get all of their testimonies to you, but here are a couple for you to read and be encouraged by!

If you are looking to get baptised in the near future please talk to Johnny.

Isy Neave:

'I stopped going to church and did my own things. But in this time, I realised that doing my own thing was very boring and just became meaningless and I felt like my life had no purpose. So I decided to just go along to the Thursday youth (tGi) and people were really welcoming and made me feel at ease, so I decided to go to Clay on the Friday, then again on Sunday. About two weeks later I said to myself and to Jesus that I want to follow Him, and that living out the Gospel, building people up and sharing God's love is what I want to do with my life.'

Kalum Rowe:

'Going to church has opened up something great inside me and showed me a love that I hadn't known before. Jesus gives me an incredible peace and calmness in my life that also gives me motivation and vision. You only have to read a small amount of what Jesus did



and how he wanted people to be to know it's the right way to live. Love endures forever. I used to be scared of what people thought about religion and me together but the Gospel is such an amazing message that not wanting God in your life is bizarre. I see that one little thing like Daisy asking me to come to church is God working with her to help me see the light and greatness it is to be a Christian and to follow Jesus.

Hatty Neave:

'I prayed driving to work, that if it was right for me to get baptised for Jesus to speak to me about it. He then spoke to me in a fishing analogy; he was showing me that I was a fish in the currents. But when you catch a fish, you do a thing called 'playing' the fish, where you let it swim up and down in the currents at the end of the line to tire it out. I felt like Jesus was saying that over the last 4 years; travelling and then going to Uni for 3 years I had just been playing, he let me swim up and down in the currents, but was gently reeling me in. So that is why I got baptised, a promise between me and my king that I no longer want to play in the currents, I want to be right up in his net.'

This was actually affirmed to me the day after I got baptised, again driving to work, I was praying that Jesus would consecrate mine and my bro's baptisms, and I started to focus on the van in front of me and there was a picture of 3 fish in a net on the van. Pretty cool, Jesus you legend!'

Georgina Perrin:

'I was brought up in a Christian family, but until I was in year 8 it didn't really mean much more than memorising stories. After my Dad's brain injury we moved to St Andrew's. I found it difficult at first as I was very shy although things like the girls group on Mondays, Revive youth events and Hill House summer camps helped me build confidence and my faith has grown a lot. I wanted to be baptised because in the Bible that is what Jesus and the disciples did, and for me Jesus is my purpose and my friend. To be honest I can't really see what I would hope for if I didn't have Jesus!'



Our branch is running two Summer Special events for all ages in August, both in the church hall. Please spread the word and bring your friends along.

If you're able to help in any way on the 2nd August please speak to Janet Ross. Any help will be gratefully appreciated.

On Wednesday 9th August there is a Gloucestershire wide **MU PICNIC** from 2-4pm at Saul Memorial Hall, GL2 7LW. This is also open to everyone. There is a grassy area so good for football, frisbees etc if you wish. Take your own picnics - tea and coffee will be available. There is also a cafe at Saul Junction, and a nice flat canal walk. If wet it will be inside the village hall.

Our own meetings in July are, as always open to all.

Thursday 27th July at 2.30 pm
About Holy Ground - Shoes and stories

All age Coffee Morning, Lunch and children's activities
Wednesday 2nd August 10.30am-2pm

Sandwiches and soup Coffee and cakes Child fun crafts
Floor Footsteps snakes and ladders game floor parachute 'games' soft play area

Plus stalls to raise funds for AFIA and MU's Emergency Relief Fund

Toys Books Homemade Good as new Raffle

Afternoon Tea with U3A choir
Monday 14th August at 2.30pm
Tickets £5 from Janet Ross, Mary White and coffee shop
Proceeds to AFIA and MU Emergency Relief Fund

**SAMARA'S AID
CHELTENHAM CHALLENGE**



This was the team photo before the gruelling Cheltenham Challenge on Sunday 18th June. In incredibly hot weather 11 runners took on either the 5k or 10k cross-country courses starting and finishing at the Racecourse. All finished and did awesomely well! Due to a foot injury a few days before, I couldn't run but joined JoJo Lei in cheering them

all on and through the finishing line. They did us proud!

Thank Jon Hyde for coordinating such a great team effort to raise money for Samara's Aid Appeal Orphans and Widows project. Samara has passed on her thanks and wished she had been there to cheer too!

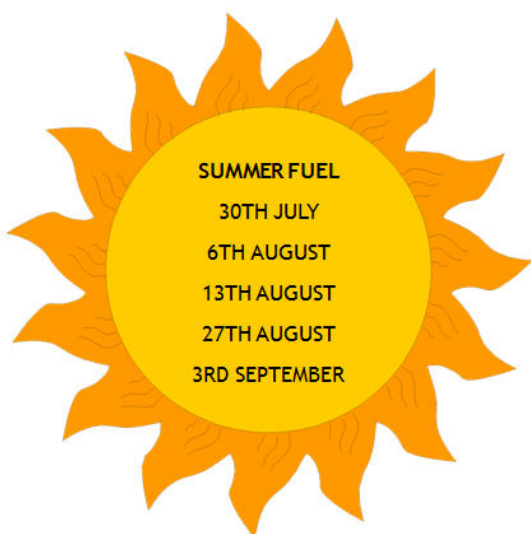
It's not too late to donate! If you would like to give to this cause and show your support for the team, please give online at [https://](https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sacheltchallenge)

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Thanks

Sarah Stanton

Runners: Jon Hyde, Dawn Hyde, Emma C, Claudia, Phil Castrolfilippo, Tim Door, Tim Dennish,



ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

Chris Porter has decided to step down from his role as assistant administrator as from the end of August. We are very grateful to him for his work in the Church Office which he has done now for several years. The post will be advertised soon for a new assistant. Details to follow.

Jonathan

WORSHIP FOR JULY & AUG 17

All services will be at St Andrew's unless otherwise stated

23rd July	Trinity 6 9:00am 10:30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship (Last Groups) Holy Communion @ St.Bartholomew NO FUEL
30th July	Trinity 7 9:00am 10.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Communion @ St.Andrew All Age Worship Churches Together @Our Lady Summer FUEL
6th August	Trinity 8 9:00am 10.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Communion @ St.Andrew All Age Communion Evening Prayer @ St.Bartholomew Summer FUEL
13th August	Trinity 9 9:00am 10.30am 11am 7pm	Holy Communion All Age Worship Matins@ St.Bartholomew Summer FUEL
20th August	Trinity 10 9am 10.30am 7pm	Holy Communion All Age worship NO FUEL
27th August	Trinity 11 9:00am 10:30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Communion Summer All Age Service @ St.Bartholomew Holy Communion @ St.Bartholomew Summer FUEL
3rd September	Trinity 12 9:00am 10.30am 6pm 7pm	Holy Communion @ St.Andrew All Age Communion Evening Prayer @ St.Bartholomew Summer FUEL

Weekday Services

9:00 am Monday to Friday in the Quiet Room - Morning Prayer
10:00 am every Thursday in the Quiet Room – Holy Communion

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