



# The Parish Church of St Andrew, Stratton

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## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **A Prayer for this month**

Creator God, you have given as such a beautiful world, able to take away our breath in wonder. We thank you for the artistry in creation, for the richness of the world. Teach us to appreciate both the privilege and responsibility we hold as stewards of this wonder. Grant that we may see ways to play our part in protecting this gift for the future, so that others may marvel in turn.

**Amen**

Dear friends,

As I sit down to write to you all this month, I have the article written in the Bude & Stratton Post very much on my mind; you can see a fuller article posted on Truro Diocesan Website if you take a look in the News section.

It is just so good to see the positive work that St Andrews is doing in caring for creation and for its close work with Stratton Primary School. It's so good to see "good news" in the newspapers and on-line. As "Good News" is what those of us who believe in God, who are followers of Jesus and who are inspired by the Holy Spirit, are all about.

We are thankful for this beautiful world that God has created, we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take good care of it and one another, and we follow Jesus because we know that Jesus is the greatest sign of God's love for creation and each one of us.

As we look at creation's story, we see humanity's story being told as well. We see that creation was created good. Beautiful, diverse, intricate, vast, interconnected and mutually dependent. And yet it has become spoiled, through our lack of tending and keeping, our greed and ignorance. It is in a sorry state. But despite the groaning of the earth under the weight of harm, there is still great beauty to be seen, and we are continually inspired by the grandeur of trees, and vistas, the sky and the sea and the creatures that inhabit them and the tiny ant at work or the delicate flower and dew drops. The spoiled and the beautiful co-exist.

And so it is with humanity. We were created good, very good, in God's image. Our delicate inside and intricate outside, woven together in our mother's womb. Made to accompany and to love one another; made to know and love God, even as we are fully known and fully loved by God; made to enjoy and to care for creation, made to nourish and be nourished by creation. And yet we have become spoiled, through our lack of attending to God and to His ways, for not caring for one another, through our greed and power seeking, for journeying on a path that takes us away from God and therefore one another. And yet despite humanity groaning under the weight of war and famine, of injustice and harm, there is still great beauty to be seen; in compassion and care, in sharing and serving, in peacemakers and eco-justice seekers. The spoiled and the beautiful co-exist.

And so the “good news” is that in all this madness and mayhem, chaos and confusion, destruction and disaster, there is love and there is hope and there is faith. Not just for the future, though it’s there as well, but here and now, for you and me today.

We are so utterly loved by God, that he came to dwell among us in His Son, Jesus. To show us his way of being, and doing, and loving, and healing, and forgiving, and showing mercy & compassion. Of having faith in Jesus and being enveloped in his faith in us. And affirming bright hope for tomorrow, bright hope for today, that we will not perish, we will not crumble under the weight of harm and that we will have an everlasting home in him.

It's so good, to see and hear “good news”  
*Yours in Christ,*  
*Teresa*

Reverend Teresa Folland

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**There will be no Evensong at St Andrew’s on 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

At 4pm on that day our new Local Worship Leaders Judy Dunne and Val Hopper will be commissioned into their role at St Petroc’s Church, Bodmin. If you are able to come and support Judy and Val they will be very pleased to see you.

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**Dates For Your Diary**

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>PCC Meeting</b> in the Church at 7pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>FoStA meeting</b> 3pm at Tumbles Cottage
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Coffee</b> will be served after the Midweek Mass
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Harvest Hot Lunch</b> in church at 12md.
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving Morning Worship</b>

## Services at St Andrew's September 2023

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Trinity 13                      Creationtide 1

Readings: *Jeremiah 15:15-21, Ps 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28*

**Morning Worship** 9.30am LWL Val B & Sheila W

Readers: OT and Psalm Rob Varley NT Deirdre Varley

Gospel Judy Dunne Intercessions: Simon Waring

**Evensong** 6pm – LWL Sheila Waring

Cantor: David Goodwin

Psalm 105.1-15

Readings: 2 Kings 6.24-25;7.3-20 Acts 18.1-16 Reader: Diana Ohlson

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sept Christian Meditation 9.30am

**Midweek Mass** Wed. 10.30am – Officiant: Rev Teresa Folland

### 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 14                      Creationtide 2

Readings: *Ezekial 33:7-11; Ps 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matt 18.15-20*

**Parish Mass** 9.30am – Officiant: Rev Teresa Folland

Readers: OT and Psalm Dafydd Thomas NT Andrew Davey

Intercessions: Stan Noakes

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Christian Meditation 9.30am

**Midweek Mass** Wed. 10.30am – Officiant: Rev Doug Adams

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 15                      Creationtide 3

Readings: *Gen 50:15-21; Ps 103(1-7)8-13; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35*

**Morning Worship** 9.30am with LWLs Sheila Waring & Val B

Readers: OT & Psalm Simon Waring NT Jo Barnes

Gospel Val Hopper Intercessions: Judy Dunne

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Christian Meditation 9.30am

**Midweek Mass** Wed. 10.30am – Officiant: Rev Pam Kemp

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Trinity 16                      Creationtide 4

Readings: *Jonah 3.10 – 4.11; Ps 145.1-8; Phil 1.21-30; Matt 20:1-16*

**Parish Mass** 9.30am – Officiant: Rev Pam Kemp

Readers: OT and Psalm David Goodwin NT Meryll Goodwin

Intercessions: Diana Ohlson

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Christian Meditation 9.30am

**Midweek Mass** Wed. 10.30am – Officiant Rev Doug Adams

## Hot Lunches

I know we haven't had "summer" yet but our social committee are preparing for the Hot Lunches which take us through the autumn and winter months!!!

The dates for the first 4 are as follows: Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> There is always a booking form in the church and it is very helpful if we know in advance if you are planning to come!

The time is 12.00 , everyone is welcome, there will still be choices of 4 dinners and 4 puddings, a chance to win a free meal and plenty of happy conversation. The price has had to go up to £7, but this is till great value for money, and the profits go to keeping our church beautiful and strong. If you could join our team of volunteers to either make part of a meal, or help serve it, please talk to Judy. All help is greatly appreciated.

Judy 01288 359108



## Mothers Union

The next meeting will be September 4th at St. Andrew's Church starting at 2pm. Members will be holding the Wave of Prayer service joining with our linked dioceses. All are welcome to come to MU meetings.

### **New Project – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

Mothers' Union is supporting The Grace Project based in Wadebridge, an award-winning project serving communities. The Grace Project takes good quality pre-loved children's clothing aged 0 – 12 years (No used socks or underwear please) and re-distributes them to families that need help. There is a box in St Andrew's Church for donations. More information and details can be found on the poster in the church porch or ask Sheila.

### **Celtic Quiet Places**

St Andrew's has recently registered with the Celtic Quiet Places project joining ninety other churches throughout the Truro Diocese. More information and details of the other churches can be found on the website [celticquietplaces.com](http://celticquietplaces.com) or the diocesan website, [trurodiocese.org.uk](http://trurodiocese.org.uk)

Pilgrim Passport Books are available in church at £2.00. Many of the

churches are in isolated locations: some are now in the centre of busy towns. All provide an oasis of quiet which they would like to share with all.

### **Pew Polishing Working Party**

We are still in need of volunteers to help with this task. Hopefully it can be done at the end of this month or maybe into October – it will all depend on the number of willing hands. Could YOU help please? Have a word with Val or Sheila if you can. Thank you.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

We will be celebrating Harvest at the Morning Worship service on

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9.30am. Sheila and I will look forward to welcoming you.



If you feel able to help with decorating the church beforehand, please add your name to the form on the bookcase at the back of the church or speak to Sheila. All Harvest Thanksgiving donations will be given to the Bude Food Bank where gifts of canned, packaged or long-life food will be gratefully received. Please note

that for those who are not attending the service the church will be open as usual to receive donations on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. There is a wedding on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September so the church needs to be all tidy and decorated by Friday evening please.

On the evening of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, we will be arranging a **Harvest Supper** in the church at 6.30pm for the community – both church and neighbourhood. All are welcome.

We will serve jacket potatoes with various fillings, salads and cold meats followed by a choice of desserts. There will be a glass of wine or a soft drink if you prefer. We are suggesting a donation of £5 per person (children free) to cover expenses, with any surplus going to charity.

Tickets are available from Stratton Stores, Jennie Coles on 359601, Judy Dunne on 359108 and Val Barker 353435 or any member of the church.



## Pew Cushions



We often get asked if the pattern on some of the pew cushions at the back of the nave have any significance and who made them.

As far as I remember they were made by Miss Boyle of Widemouth Bay who was part of the ringing team and the worshipping community here at St Andrew's. She gifted them to us sometime in the 70s I believe. The design illustrates the peals of bells with each colour of tapestry stitch depicting a certain bell.

There are eight such cushions and I am hoping to get someone with knowledge of such things to tell us which peals or changes they are.

And, speaking of bells – did you hear the Stratton Bells ringing out loud and clear on Radio 4 early Sunday morning 20<sup>th</sup> August. I was alerted to it and was able to hear the broadcast by going to Bells on Sunday – St Andrew's Church in Stratton, North Cornwall. – BBC Sounds [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) on the computer. It was quite amazing how many people contacted me during the day to say they had heard them and what joy it gave them. So, as well as the bells ringing out over our little town and the surrounding countryside, I know for a fact that they were heard in America and Holland. A big Thank You to Paul for the original message.

**This month we remember in our prayers:**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** All those living in Minster Avenue, Treleven Road, Agnes Close, Hawthorne Avenue, Manor Road

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** All those living in Stapleton Road, Traly Close, Catherine Cl

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** All those living in Kernow Crescent, The Rowans, parts of Berries Avenue & Briar Road within the Parish

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** All those living in St Annes, Grove, Thorn, Hele, and the parts of Kings Hill and Bedehaven Close within the Parish

Those who have asked for our prayers:

Benjamin Bennett, Allan Gouldson, Tracey Parkin, Bella, Becky, Clare, Pat Long, Molly Hooper, Yvonne Bishop and those of our Church Family who are ill at home or housebound.

We remember in our prayers those preparing for the sacraments of the church.

The recently departed:

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray too for those who are bereaved.

Those in our Year's Mind the week beginning:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Laura Bailey, James Baylis, Kathleen Smith, Samuel Grills, Gerald Evans, Marjorie Grills, Christine Worland

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>** Peter Stephens, Olive Ridgeman, Terence Barnard, Eric Worth, Gwendoline Baldwin, Moira Cann, Frederick Sandercock, Nell Varley, Ruth Saltern, Barbara Piper

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** Eleanor Burley, Doris Pooley, Joyce Fowler, Gladys Pearce, Francis Worth, Shirley Philp, Mark Peardon

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** Margery Trzaska Nartowski, Jean Gorman, John Going, Ivy Hough, Frederick Bryant, John Copeland, Kenneth Hopgood, Thelma Copeland

All those in our own special remembrance.

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