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Information Notice

As a community of hope at St Andrew's we are aiming to travel towards a new normal together. Our Elders and Pastoral Team continue to do sterling work to ensure that no one feels cut off or alone. We are striving to care for one another wherever possible without physical contact, via telephone, email or social media. However, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or need practical help.

If you would like prayer for yourself, your family or your work situation, or would appreciate a conversation, please feel free to call Rev Tim Lowe on 0113 269 7002, or email tim.lowe@standrews.cc Alternatively, you might like to contact your Elder.

Requests are starting to come in from groups wishing to resume their activities and this poses a number of logistical problems as some of our previously used rooms are now unsuitable for use because of their size. If you have any queries about room bookings please text or call Freya on 07584 269535 or email bookings@standrews.cc, but please be patient as we have to look at the big picture and the requirements to be Covid safe, means we will have to build in time for cleaning between groups and in some cases, reallocate rooms. Your willingness to be as flexible as possible will be appreciated as we work through the minefield of regulations and requirements.

We remain very conscious that not everybody is able to access the internet, so please do pass on any information you can by telephoning those who cannot receive news electronically.

If you have any pastoral concerns please contact Tim Lowe or the Pastoral Care Team via Sheana Dudley pastoral@standrews.cc or telephone 0113 237 0389

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stay connected...

In John 15:1-8 Jesus says that he is **'the true vine'**. His Father is like the vine-grower who *removes* fruitless branches and *prunes* those that are fruitful so that they might produce even more. The disciples are like the branches – if they are to *remain* part of the vine then they are expected to grow and bear good fruit. So, how do we stay connected – or '*remain*', or '*abide*' – in Jesus during these turbulent times? The metaphor of a growing vine suggests something that is active – a way of living and being and doing. This a good theme to explore for our church as a whole, but particularly as we approach the time to elect new Elders to serve on the St Andrew's vine.

The language of **'abiding'** (*the Greek word which can also be translated as 'abide' or 'remain' or 'stay'*) speaks of grace and relationship, sustaining these disciples in difficult times, like fruitful branches on the vine. If the vine suffers loss because branches are pruned and then burned, this too lies within the vine-grower's role to care for the whole plant and to sustain its fruitfulness. **'Abiding in love'** is what strengthens the flow of grace. Fruitful vines benefit the world beyond the vineyard. Like fruitful churches and Christians, alive and serving in the real world in which they live!

At various points during the Coronavirus pandemic we have been encouraged, urged, and at times required, to **'remain'** or **'stay'** at home – or *abide* at home, to use that biblical language. The question for us during this time is perhaps also, how do we **'stay home'** (abide or remain) with God? The purpose during the pandemic is, to quote the UK government's repeated slogan, to **'protect the NHS'** and **'save lives'**. Jesus' aim is that we might grow and 'bear fruit', and he says this is not possible unless we remain connected with him and each other, like branches on a vine. During lockdown, people found new ways to stay connected to one another (*e.g. by using technology in new ways*). As a church we have found new ways to be and to worship together. Hopefully you have found new ways to **'stay home'** with God. What we have learnt from those experiences will help us to continue growing into the future, especially as things open up and we begin to get out more.

The month of May has the benefit of connecting two bank holiday weekends, as well as school half-term holiday! Whatever you chose to do with these holidays, whether it be staying at home, having a day out or seeing family or friends, it was the first proper opportunity in a while we've had to reconnect with other people and places! Jesus urged his disciples and us to remain connected to him – part of the vine. Remain connected, he said, so that you *'bear much fruit'* and become his disciples. Following his command and his example, we are right to be interested in the cares and concerns of others, living Jesus' good news by word and by example. Praying for those we meet and those we simply pass by, for those who welcome us and those who reject us, is all part of that.

Jesus says that he is **'the true vine'**. His Father is the vine-grower. The disciples are the branches – they are to remain part of the vine and expected to grow and bear good fruit – and these expectations will be heaped upon our incoming Eldership. Churches have found new ways to be and to grow together, new ways to *'stay home'* with God – our Elders are to play a key role in fostering that ministry. Whatever we have learnt from our experiences over the past year is something we can take with us to help us continue to grow and connect with others.

Please take time to pray for our new Elders, our church community and the wider community in which we serve in the months ahead. Pray as things begin to open up, as we strive to reconnect with the world and people around us.

May we abide and remain and stay
in God through all we do...



Pastoral News

as at 24th April 2021

Congratulations to:

Sarah and Paul Clarke on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 6th April

Malcolm Coggan's youngest niece Judy and Rob Williams on the birth of a baby girl, Willow

Vikki Spark's daughter Genna and her partner Matt on the birth of a baby boy, Harrison, a 4th grandchild for Vikki.

Bronwen & David Robinson's daughter in-law, Michelle who is a children's author. Michelle wrote a book during lockdown, called "The World made a Rainbow" and her publisher asked David Tennant to record it as an audio book.

Lorraine Mehrotra and her husband, Prakesh on their 50th wedding anniversary on 24th April

In Hospital:

Petrina Francis' mother, Amy Goodall and Owen Hartley

Unwell or recovering at home:

Nan Eells, Celly Rowe, Barbara Siddall, John Westgarth and Kath Wolfe

Sadly missed:

Ivy Miller's sister, Audrey

Peter Johnson, father of Chris Johnson

Daniel Francis' uncle

Members of the Yorkshire Synod who have lost parents:-

Tim Crossley, the Synod Clerk's Mother has died and Ashley Evans, the Synod Evangelist's Father has died.

Dear Lord,

This past year has been difficult for everyone, and for some more than others.

We have been worried and anxious for ourselves, for our families and for friends near and far. We have longed to see people and we have missed hugs. There are so many things that we used to just take for granted and this epidemic has made us realise that we should never do that. Above all, we have felt perhaps more than ever before, we need to trust You. This storm will pass and our lives will return to "normal". Thank you for being our Strength and Guide.



Your Letters

Can I thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and wishes for Claire and me whilst I am not feeling well. Knowing that the support is there is reassuring and gratefully received.

John Westgarth

Thank you very much for all the cards, phone calls and prayers following my recent hospital stay after my accident. Buddy and I have been very well looked after and I will be back on my feet as soon as possible.

Cath Wolfe

I've
Moved...



Gaynor Rhodes has
moved to

Flat 1
79 Old Park Road
Leeds
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ZOOM to Zimbabwe

with **christian
aid**

11th May

2021

2 pm

Updates, Music,
Food & Friendship

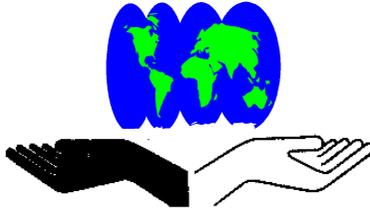
Email Suzanne for link
suzanne.pearson@urc.org.uk

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Commitment
for **Life**

Prayer for Change

*printed simultaneously in the magazines of
Lidgett Park, St Andrew's and St Edmund's churches*



Father God

As we move towards Summer, may we remember
to give thanks for your world and to tread more
lightly upon it.

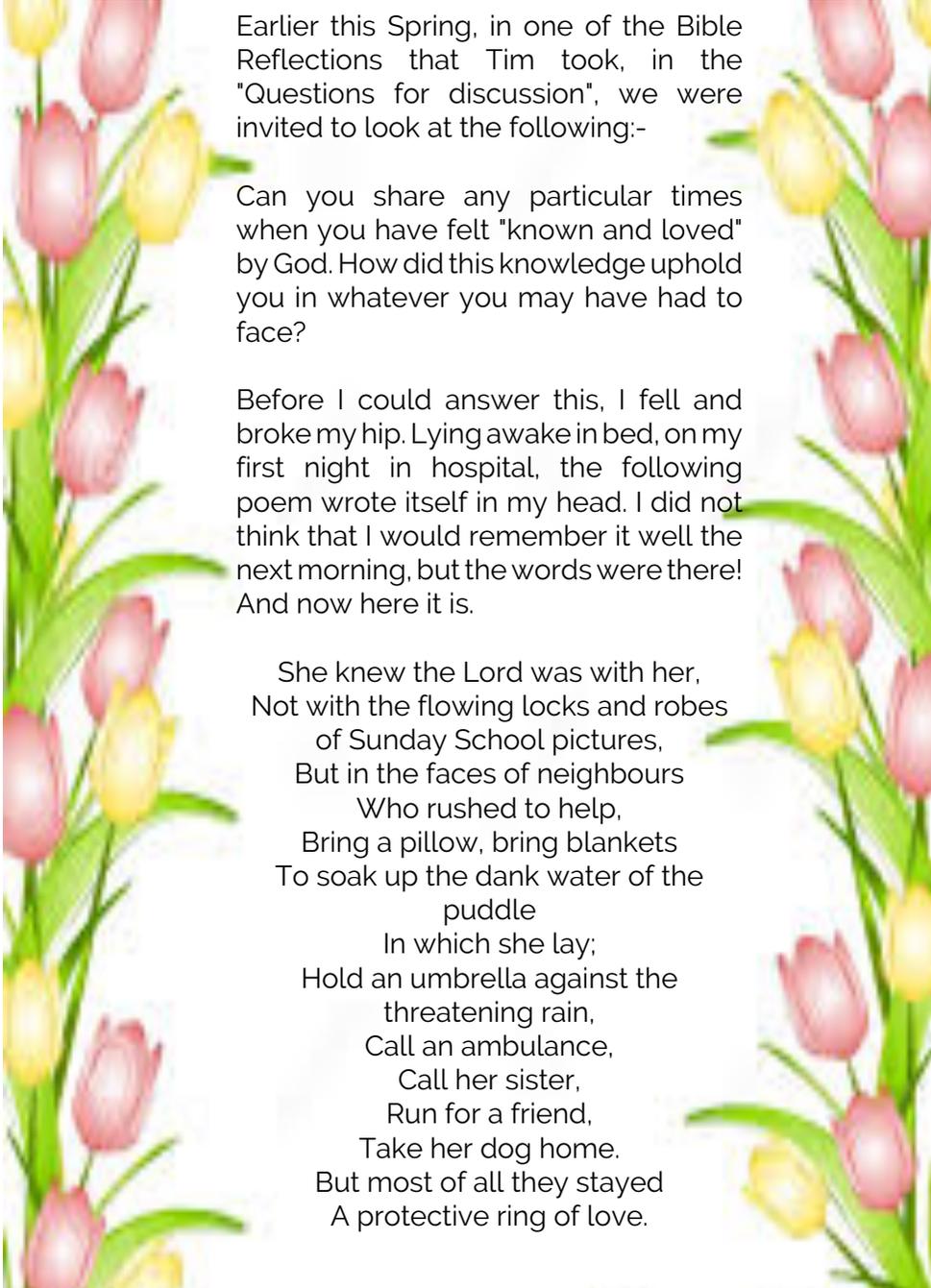
Let us not take for granted Your good gifts to us
but let us treasure the flowing water of river and
stream, the hedgerows, meadows, fields and parks
that provide life for both ourselves and other
creatures.

Let all things their creator bless and worship him in
humbleness.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise
the Spirit, Three in One.

Amen

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Earlier this Spring, in one of the Bible Reflections that Tim took, in the "Questions for discussion", we were invited to look at the following:-

Can you share any particular times when you have felt "known and loved" by God. How did this knowledge uphold you in whatever you may have had to face?

Before I could answer this, I fell and broke my hip. Lying awake in bed, on my first night in hospital, the following poem wrote itself in my head. I did not think that I would remember it well the next morning, but the words were there! And now here it is.

She knew the Lord was with her,
Not with the flowing locks and robes
of Sunday School pictures,
But in the faces of neighbours
Who rushed to help,
Bring a pillow, bring blankets
To soak up the dank water of the
puddle
In which she lay;
Hold an umbrella against the
threatening rain,
Call an ambulance,
Call her sister,
Run for a friend,
Take her dog home.
But most of all they stayed
A protective ring of love.

She didn't how long she lay there
Before the kindly ambulance girls
took her to hospital,
The hours in A & E,
The admittance,
The op,
The fear for the future.

But when she looked back,
She knew He had been there,
Written in the faces of those
neighbours,
Some, whose names she barely
knew.

Kath Wolfe

P.S. I found out later that they all
knew my dog Buddy. What it is to
be owned by a well-known dog!



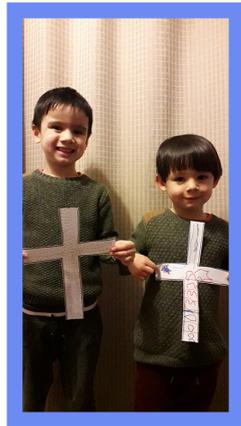
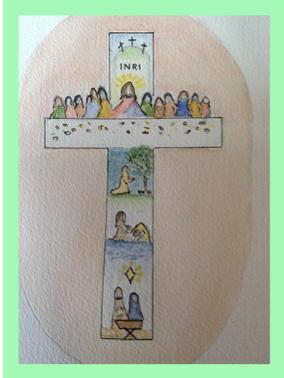
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Left to right
Lizzie, Elize &
Martha
Izalina
Alex
John B
Jane M
Anne Jones
Viva and John
Karen
Jeanette



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Creative Challenge! This is a selection of the entries.

- left to right
- Malcolm
- Josh & Brenda
- Celly
- Julia
- Viva
- Marcus & Pat W
- Jill M
- Shona

After lockdown there are actually two things I can't wait for! Firstly to be able to welcome our family into our home once more and to hug them in reality and talk with them face to face. Secondly to be able to Worship safely once again with our Church Family singing together in the Sanctuary.

Elizabeth Breckin



After lockdown I can't wait to see my family, who I haven't seen for a year and give them all a hug!

Gill Milner

After lockdown I look forward to venturing a little further afield for my fresh air and exercise.

Pam Clark

Life after lockdown



After lockdown I am looking forward to seeing people together at theatres, concerts, sporting events and the pleasure of seeing people with loved ones and not wondering whether I am breaking rules just by having my haircut or going to the chiropodist. To know that loneliness will be cast out! That lockdown has not created a new way of life of exclusion. Most of all to be in church with people I know and love.



Diana Sutherland

After lockdown I am looking forward to getting back to being a lady who lunches!

Claire Westgarth



After Lockdown I am looking forward to not having to wear a mask and steamed up glasses and not blundering around in a mist!

Lisa Large



Looking Forward

After lockdown I can't wait to sing in the Music Group again on Sundays.

Carol Parfitt



After lockdown I can't wait to go into town to shop, get my shoes mended and a new watch battery fitted.

Neil Parfitt



After lockdown I am looking forward to being able to go to the theatre again.

Sheila Telfer



After lockdown I can't wait to hug my family and friends.

Sarah Clarke

After lockdown I'm looking forward to seeing family and friends!

Karen Lamb



After lockdown I am looking forward to being able to go and visit Dad without worrying that the police will stop me at the Scottish border!

Jane Murray



After lockdown we are very much hoping to be able to travel to Switzerland to see our son Stephen, daughter in law Karen and our two grand daughters Emma and Alice. We saw them last in November 2019.

Eileen and Richard Belperstone



Lisa Large is thrilled to have had her hair cut!



Jane and Elaine - our very own Vaccination Angels helping to get us all jabbed. What an amazing job the NHS is doing rolling out the vaccination programme.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of St Andrew's magazine. The deadline for contributions to the June magazine is 20 May please.

Articles may be emailed to
magazine@standrews.cc

For handwritten or typed articles please contact the Editor (Claire Westgarth) - details in the directory

It is good to look forward, even though when you have reached a certain age it can be a bit depressing!! But you can see from the attached posters that I do have something to look forward to doing and that during lockdown have been busy preparing these activities. Creative work is so absorbing and stimulating and for me keeps me young and eager to get up on stage again as soon as possible, feeling free and alive whatever is going on in the world around me.

Rehearsing on your own, as many who have been involved with choirs during lockdown know is not always as much fun as rehearsing with others. In my case with Kathy, but soon we will be ready to get together to dust and polish our performances for a busy weekend on June 25th and June 26th. Collect our words and music, props and costumes together and pack the car to our venues. Of course we still run the risk, after all the hard work of being told that performances cannot take place. Let's hope that is not the case, especially as I am now the organiser of the Boston Spa Methodist Church Lunchtime Concerts and I have a full programme of artists from June to December all waiting to perform.

My calendar then for the year is full of these creative days, working and listening to others. So maybe your calendar would benefit in joining me too?

Margaret Jowett

Boston Spa Methodist Church Lunchtime Concert

Friday 25th June 2021, 1 pm

SERENDIPITY

(Margaret Jowett & Kathy White)

Present

The Joy of Music



Further information from:
margaretjowett@btinternet.com
0113 2682041

FEWSTON CHURCH

Saturday, 26 June

3.30 pm

SERENDIPITY

present

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COVENANTING CHURCHES IN ROUNDHAY

This year sees the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Covenant between St Andrew's United Reformed Church, St Edmund's Church of England and Lidgett Park Methodist Church. This means that the churches recognise each other's clergy and the sharing of worship and communion. This is expressed by an annual Covenanting service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity when the three congregations worship together in one of the churches in rotation. We also meet together for the last evening service of each month and share a communion service each Maundy Thursday. This has not been possible during the last two years due to covid restrictions.

The Covenanting churches share with the congregations of The Friends (Quakers) and Catholic friends from the Immaculate Heart of Mary as Churches Together in Roundhay (CTR). This enables us to share with all the local churches in ecumenical activities.

Neil Parfitt

Chair of Roundhay Covenanting Churches Council

Prayer Times

Tuesday Evening Prayer Time

7 for 7.15pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 892 9702 1135

Passcode: 973783

Thursday Morning Prayer Time

10 for 10.30am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 827 1953 9585

Passcode: 426039



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