

Window in Memory of Andrew:

This is our first Easter without Rev Andrew Dean. Andrew was ordained in 1995 as a Self Supporting Minister, and preached, celebrated and led worship at both our services for over two decades. More recent members may not remember him so well, because illness confined him to the 9am service. However, those who knew him remember his exemplary life and the passion with which he proclaimed Christ and served him.



Jean Dean, together with her family, felt that she wanted to mark Andrew's contribution to the life of St John's in a material way. She therefore offered to the PCC a stained-glass window in his memory to be placed in the wall at the end of the Church Room. This will take the form of a landscape with the words, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills."

There are various steps we need to go through in order to put a window in place. We first of all have to get the permission of the DAC, which is the diocesan committee that advises on alterations to church buildings. After that we need to obtain official planning permission from the diocese itself. This is known as a faculty. So there remains a process to go through. But we envisage the window appearing before too long.

APCM

Monday April 29th at 7.30pm

This is the evening on which we will review our year, look forward to the future and elect our new PCC members.

If you would like to stand as a PCC member you need to be proposed and seconded and your name added to the list in the foyer.

Church Electoral Roll:

Please remember to check your entry on the electoral roll which is displayed on the noticeboard in the hall.

Some Dates for Your Diary.

There are three special Sundays coming up in the summer.

Sunday, May 12 will see the official launch of our five-year Strategic Plan (2019 to 2024). You will see that the PCC is looking to the future. Ultimately, that will be a future without Raymond who will no longer be in place at the end of the plan. So we want to be ready not just for the vacancy, but for what lies beyond it. The Strategic Plan is part of that future.

We want to approach it with passion and belief and not as a list of things to do. That passion can only come from a strong relationship with Christ.

Therefore, on Sunday June 23 we will be having a visit from Rev Roger Morgan of *The Mathetes Trust*. Roger is a friend of the late Martin Cavender, who was himself a great friend of this church, and a huge inspiration to us. Roger comes from the same stable. He is also married to the Christian writer, Alison Morgan, author of *The Wild Gospel*. (Worth buying if you have finished *The Shack!*)

The Strategic Plan can only be a skeleton. We need the Holy Spirit to breathe life into it. We wait to see what God will bring from this new partnership.



In addition, on Sunday June 16th we will have a visit from the **Rev Rachael Markham**, who has not been here before. She will be speaking to us about *Bible Society* which is one of our four international mission partners. It's really important that we keep up to date with its work. Giving money is good, but we also need to pray for the work of this great organisation. You may recall that we have been supporting the work of *Bible Society* in bringing a new version of the Scriptures in Albanian. Albania was officially an atheistic state last century and its Bible is not in the language of today. We have been part of that for a long time. But the project is finally nearing completion.

So we aim, this summer, to keep the Word and the Spirit together in our worship.

LOST: 2 Jigsaw puzzles.

Last seen on the foyer table.

Any information, please ring Decima on 01793 706001

Filling Station: Next date is **Thursday 2nd May**. Please pick up your envelopes from the table in the foyer.

Tues 23rd	8pm 8pm	David Rudland's Homegroup, Purton Carol Nichol's Homegroup, 20 Furlong Close
Wed 24th	1-3pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Fri 26th	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Cafe
Mon 29th	9.30-11.30am 2pm 7.30pm	Pram Club Edna Webb's Homegroup in the Quiet Room APCM
Tues 30th	8pm 8pm	David Rudland's Homegroup, Purton Carol Nichol's Homegroup, 20 Furlong Close
Wed 1st	1-3pm 7.30pm	Craft Club in Church Room Bill Hunt's Homegroup at 17 Rother Close
Fri 3rd	10.30-1.30pm	Rock Cafe



Sunday

April 21 & 28

Easter Sunday

& 2nd of Easter

Good Cop Bad Cop (21st)

Because You're Worth It (28th)

The flowers for Easter Sunday have been given by Ann Startin-Field
in memory of her husband Bob.

Please pray for our church family	
Mon 22nd	Libby Gash & family
Tue 23rd	Janet Gash
Wed 24th	Barbara Gates
Thurs 25th	Eileen Gibson
Fri 26th	Simon & Yu-Ling Goh & family
Sat 27th	Colin & Lynda Gough
Sun 28th	Jane & Katie Gould



Services Next Week

5th May	9am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Praise	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams
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Parish Office Email: parishoffice@stjohnshaydonwick.org.uk or Telephone 726000. All items for the bulletin to the office in writing by first thing on Thursday. Thank you.

Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am 21st April	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Jeremiah 31.1-6 Matthew 28.1-10
11.00am 21st April	All Age Service & Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Matthew 28.1-10
9.00am 28th April	Holy Communion	Raymond Adams	Micah 4:1-5 Mark 14:1-11
11.00am 28th April	All Age Service	Raymond Adams	Mark 14:1-11