

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM, which was postponed due to lockdown, will take place in church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am following the morning service.

Everybody is welcome to attend but only those people on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to participate in the meeting and vote.

The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll has now been completed and copy of the revised Roll is displayed in church. We need to elect 2 Deanery Synod Representatives and 2 PCC members at the APCM. Nomination forms are available in the church porch.

We would like to keep the meeting as short as possible and so are making all the Reports available electronically. Please contact Jill if you would like to receive a copy by email. There are also some hard copies available in the church porch today. If you have any questions about the reports it would be helpful if you could send them to the PCC Secretary (Jill) before the meeting. Emails please to [office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk)

Welcome to St Andrew's Grafham

4th October 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

**It is mandatory to wear a face-covering in church.  
Unless you are exempt from wearing a face-covering, a face-shield / visor is not deemed to be sufficient.**

If you have downloaded the NHS Covid-19 app, the QR code for St Andrew's Church is displayed in the church porch.

Psalm 80:8-16

- 8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt :  
thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
- 9 Thou madest room for it :  
and when it had taken root it filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it :  
and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.
- 11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea :  
and her boughs unto the river.
- 12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge :  
that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?
- 13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up:  
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.
- 14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven :  
behold, and visit this vine;
- 15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted :  
and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.
- 16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down :  
and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,

and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,

and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

Second Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants

seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner-stone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Collect:

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Sunday Eighteenth after Trinity 11th October

Holy Communion at 10.45am

Readings: Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14