

Harvest Thanksgiving

Next Sunday 20th September at 10.45am

Holy Communion

We will be doing things differently this year!

We are planning to hold our service outside unless there is torrential rain so please come prepared for all eventualities!

We will not be decorating the church the day before. Instead you are invited to bring jugs of flowers, baskets of fruit and vegetables and anything else suitable to create instant harvest arrangements in the churchyard from 10.15 am onwards on Sunday morning.

We are still awaiting guidance about the new restrictions which come into force tomorrow. Sadly, therefore, we have taken the decision that our proposed picnic after the service will not now go ahead.

Sadly too we can't open the church to visitors in the afternoon, but do still invite your family and friends to join us for our service.

You are invited to bring Harvest gifts of non perishable foods, household cleaning products and toiletries to support the Cranleigh Food Bank.

Welcome to St Andrew's Grafham

13th September 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

It is now mandatory to wear a face-covering in church.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion you are encouraged to sanitise your hands before and after removing your face-covering to receive the bread, and again before and after putting your face-covering on again.

If the service takes place outdoors you do not need to wear a face-covering but must observe social distancing. You are still advised to sanitise your hands before and after receiving the bread.

Our additional guidelines for attending worship at St Andrew's are available on our website.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not

despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and

all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM, which was postponed due to lockdown, will take place on Sunday 11th October following the morning service.

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

In preparation for that the annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place between 9th and 23rd September 2020. If you are already on the Electoral Roll there is no need to complete a form this year. If you are entitled to have your name entered on the roll and wish to do so, forms are available at the back of church or from the Electoral Roll Officer, Lesley Spencer (oldstonnards@gmail.com). They must be returned either to church by 20th September or to Lesley by 25th September.