



# St Andrew's Church Taunton Message from Father Robin—Vicar

Welcome to the second edition of *Re-Inspire*, which arrives slightly later than planned. As you will understand, the illness and sad loss of Alan Cook in August meant that it was important for Ruth to have some space before continuing her work as our compiler.

It has been a difficult summer for us all. Only in July we marked the passing of another church family member, Ali Perry. Both Alan and Ali did so much to enrich the life of St Andrew's, each in different ways, but all in ways that went to

the very heart of all we do together. We continue in our prayers and loving support for Ruth and for Bill at this time of grief and re-adjustment.

I'm writing this message on a gloriously sunny day, yet aware that the seasons are changing. Autumn is knocking at our door with a subtle change of light, not least the growing lack of it first thing in the morning.



For those adjusting to life on their own it can be a challenge. Yet the Christian message is one of hope and resurrection. We believe firmly of God's presence with us even in the darkest of times, confident that we shall celebrate together new life at Easter, in Springtime and in those moments in life when we think all is lost yet hear the voice of Our Lord deep in our hearts saying. *"Not so! Not so! For I have a new day for you."*

## Special Services coming up

Our Service of Remembering is on November 3rd at 5pm where we invite all who have recently lost loved ones. Tea will be served from 4pm



A Deanery Service of Reflection—a quiet service using music of Taize will be at St John's Church Park Street on November 17th at 4pm—all welcome

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**St Andrews Church**  
Taunton

Reaching lives for change and hope

## Fundraising Events

The Summer Fete in June was well attended and enjoyed by many.

There have also been some parish lunches which have raised church funds but also provided a hearty meal and good fellowship as well.

Next Big Event—  
The Christmas Market in church on **Saturday December 7th from 2pm**

All Welcome



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## The Church Diary—Regular services

### Our Regular services are:

Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist

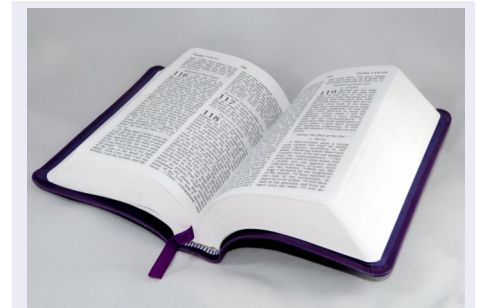
All ages welcome including children of all ages

Wednesday 10am  
Said Eucharist

Coming up in November/  
December

Our Advent Course on  
Wednesday evenings in church

Further details to follow—see  
our website



## The Spire Sponsors

Thank you to those who have sponsored  
“Light up the Spire”

For September *Happy memories of Reg Hearne, dearly loved and loving Dad and Grandad. In our hearts always. Judy and family*  
*In loving memory of Tony Phillips. A much loved husband, father and grandfather*



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For October  
and November

*In memory of Rosa Ash*

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion

## The Church Hall

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Our website gives everyone an opportunity to view the hall's weekly activities, for example, we have classes every evening, from Karate to Zumba. There is also Tai Chi on a Thursday morning plus other events in the daytime



If you are interested in hiring the hall for a private event, such as a party or conference, then you can view the hall's availability and send a booking request to the Hall Manager using the online booking form.

[www.hallbookingonline.com/standrews](http://www.hallbookingonline.com/standrews)

Or See p4 for the contact details of the Hall Manager Cherry Hingston

## Our Church Schools

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We have 4 church schools in our Parish: St Andrew's Church School, Priorswood Primary, Wellsprings Primary and Pyrland School.

At St Andrew's the Chair of Governors Mrs Dawn Booth is retiring after 20+ years of being a governor. We thank her for all her commitment and hard work and hope she enjoys all the free time she will now have!



## Mothers Union



In September Staplegrove Mothers Union welcomed the "Village Agent" manager. The talk was very informative and help to people caring for loved ones. This is a national registered charity, making no profit and works on a tight budget. In Somerset, the service is provided by The Community Council for Somerset and is funded by Somerset Council and Somerset Integrated Care System. Mothers Union meets at Staplegrove Church on the 2nd Thursday of each month and there are also branches at Kingston St Mary and The Minster

## Children are Welcome

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Children are very welcome at St Andrews and there is a special area set aside for them on Sunday mornings.

There are activities for children during the **10am service**—any age children are welcome.

On Tuesdays during term time there is Church Mice from 9.30am—11.30am. This is for pre-school children with their parents and carers and children are also welcome to come to Tea and Talk on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm—3.30pm.

Messy Church will meet on Saturday 30th November from 3pm—5pm in the Church Hall.

Families are very welcome at this event which is run jointly with Rowbarton Methodist Church

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## Our Values

At St Andrew's Church  
we are committed to being...

**WELCOMING** ... being inclusive,  
accessible and welcoming.

**CARING** ... treating each other  
and our visitors in a loving way.

**GROWING** ... trusting in God.

**RESPONDING** ... responding to our  
community's\* needs

**NURTURING** ... nurturing discipleship

*\*We believe that the word "community" should refer to both  
the church family and the whole*

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