

St Andrew's Church, Ferring

Safeguarding Sunday November 17th 2024



A safer church Safeguarding

8.0am. Holy Communion

9.30am. Worship with Holy Communion and hymns

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Bible Readings:- 17th Nov The Gospel: Proverbs 31: 1-9

8,00am. Reader:- Tony Hall

9.30am. Reader Angela Simmonds

9.30am. Intercessor Roger Stevens

Hymns

352	In Christ alone	Set
639	Restore O Lord	Set
63	Be still my soul	Finlandia
	Lead me, Lord	
	The love of God comes close	
792	We cannot measure	Ye banks and braes

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. *The Third Sunday before Advent*

For your Prayers :-

The long term needs of:- Bob, Claire, Janet, Tim, Eileen Head , Lilian, Ryan, Steven, Sam Bezants, David French, Shay Emerton, Wendy, Daphne, Jacky Lewis, Iris Menary, Rachel McQuillan, Sharlene Sweeney, Jeannette Frost, Chris Wood and Robert Johnson .

And please pray for the family and friends of Maureen Middleton who has recently died

Please contact Revd. Shirley if you wish to add anyone to the prayers.

Christingle Making.

If you have an hour we would love you to help us with our Christingles. Tea and biscuits too! Please come along and share the fun to the Church Centre on 30th November at 10.30am. Thank you so much.

Any queries please phone Barbara Clarke 01903 417572.

Christmas Tree Festival December 7th and 8th We are fast approaching the dates of the Festival, and we really need your help to make it a success. Would you be able to spare an hour on the 7th or 8th to steward in church or help serve refreshments in the Church Centre? We have hourly slots to fill and would be really grateful for your help. Lynda Potter and Margaret Mason will be happy to take names after both services today. Thanking you in anticipation.

Thank you to all who arranged, attended and took part in Poetry and Puds. A wonderful £260 was raised. Special thanks go to Lesley and Derek Smith for hosting.

Mr James Cox has been appointed as the next Head Teacher of Ferring CE Primary School as from 1st Jan 25. Please pray for James as he takes on this new position.

Christian Christmas and greetings cards on sale in church hall today after both services.

Diary 18th to 24th November

Thursday 21st 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion Service

Thurs 21st Nov at 2pm Burial of Ashes for the late Anne Hews.

Next Sunday Christ The King 24th November

8.0am. Holy Communion.

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Advent Coffee & Reflection. Monday 9th & 16th December, 10.30-11.30am. No need to book, just come along.

An Act of Commitment

As the people of God, we are called to follow in the way of Christ, to walk humbly and love mercy, and to speak up about injustice so that the church may be a place of safety and refuge for all. In acknowledging the role we all have in making our churches safer places, let us join together and pledge our commitment before almighty God:

Will you treat everyone with respect and dignity and seek to never knowingly hurt or harm others by what you do, or say?

With the help of God, I will

Will you actively support the work of safeguarding in this church?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you support the Safeguarding Lead and all those who have safeguarding responsibilities?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you use your voice to speak up about the injustice of abuse?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you make space to listen to those who have been hurt and harmed in our community?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you commit to never knowingly hide or keep quiet about abuse that you know of or suspect?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you call on the wider church to take steps towards change in this area?

With the help of God, I will.

May the God in whom we trust, strengthen this commitment within us that we may truly be a place of safety and refuge for all.

Amen.