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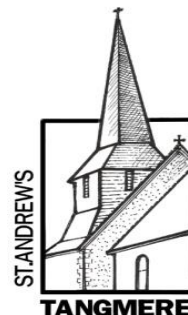
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The Harvest Supper - a great success!

A Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Supper was held in St. Andrew's, Tangmere, on Friday 27th September. All were welcome to join in, bringing food and drink to share. The church was decorated festively and Graham Claydon opened the evening, greeting everyone in the packed Church. He gave a brief talk reminding us about what Harvest means.

After we'd enjoyed the main course, Rosemary Moon and Alex Halswell gave a short cookery demonstration using seasonal produce from the community garden. Rosemary made an Eton Mess Trifle (whilst amusing us with her side liners!) and Alex made a plum jelly with lots of spices and some flapjacks. Everyone got a chance to taste Rosemary and Alex's creations and enjoyed the delicious desserts that had been brought.

A very enjoyable evening drew to a close around 9pm when everything was cleared away. We avoided leaving anything for Andy (our fluffy church mouse), but we may have left a few crumbs by accident! ☺ Have you seen him yet?

Our grateful thanks are extended to Rosemary & Alex for giving us such a pleasurable Harvest Thanksgiving evening.

N.B. £87 was raised from the Harvest Supper and the collection at the service on the Sunday for Stonepillow.

A Message from Fr Derek Humphrey - Beloved in Christ, November is the month of Holy Souls - those who have died to this world and are now completing their growth into wholeness (holiness) and we give thanks for the life, prayers and love of those who have completed this process. That great cloud of witnesses urging us on to join them (Hebrews 12:1). Later in the month we shall put prayerful arms around all who have died as a result of war or violence, The Church teaches that the departed soul is not dead, but alive and praying, safe in God's hand and heart, seeing everything in a new light, unlearning the taste for sin, learning God's goodness and beauty. Being clothed in the love of Jesus - sure to go to Heaven when ready, but greatly needing the encouragement our prayers give them. When we pray for our friends in this world, we pray for those whose vocations may be very different from our own; whose paths may

diverge widely from our own. Yet we still hold them up to God, we identify ourselves with our Lord's will for them - and that is all we can do for them. However, with our friends and loved ones departed it is rather different. With them we can identify to the fullest extent. They have gone the way we are certain also to go, and so our prayer for them is inevitably also a prayer for ourselves; because any prayer for the departed identifies us with the fellow sinner confronted with the purifying fire of the Divine Love. We know that at the font we were incorporated into Christ's death, therefore we are of one body with the departed and part of the mutuality of relationships within the Body of Christ. We know too that, as members of the one body, the Holy Spirit will make our prayers effective and enable us to recognise and benefit from the holiness of others. The Saints, the holy dead, share with Christ something of His own transcendence and universality - i.e. they belong to all times and all places. Their sins and imperfections have been purged by the love of Him on whom their hearts were set; they have become transparent to that love, i.e. they have become vessels of the Spirit towards their brothers and sisters in this world. That is why we may always legitimately turn to them, for in so doing we do not turn away from Christ, but to icons of Christ who reflect the glory of the God-man Jesus and which are filled with the power of His Spirit. For we are ALL one in Christ, loving each other as He loves us.
My love and prayers to, and for, you all. Father Derek

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Father Derek will be running classes for those who wish to go forward for confirmation. The date and time is yet to be confirmed, but if you are interested please contact Fr Derek on 01243 785089. *Any person who is already confirmed is also welcome to attend as a refresher course.*

The letter from the Chichester Foodbank (October 2013) says that the Church (and others) have donated 41.9kg of food and the Trust has been able to help 1272 people to date. We would like to thank everyone who donates on a regular basis.

Winners of the St Andrews Draw drawn on 29th September are: - 1st place Ralph Shuter, 2nd place John Rudkin, 3rd place Cheryl Brooks.

An important date for your diary ...

St. Andrews Christmas Market - Friday 6th December 6-8pm The church will look fantastic lit up and decorated and there will be jacket potatoes, mulled wine and lots of exciting things going on.

Andy the mouse - Some of you may have spotted him hiding in the church ... he's back from his holidays, so keep an eye out for him!





November Services at St. Andrews, Tangmere

Friday 1st November 7.30pm

***"All Saints day"* Low Mass**

Saturday 2nd November 12noon

***"All Souls day"* Requiem Mass (lists at church for your loved ones to be prayed for by name at the altar)**

Sunday 3rd November 9.15am

***"All Saints"* Parish mass with JiMs & JaMs and Ichthus**

Sunday 10th November 10am

***"Remembrance Sunday"* Joint Parish Mass at Tangmere with Oving including Act of Remembrance at the war graves**

Saturday 16th Nov 5.15pm

***"St. Margaret of Scotland"* The Bishop of Chichester will be present for a joint Tangmere and Oving Evensong at Tangmere.**

Sunday 17th Nov 9.15am

***"2nd Sunday before Advent"* Parish Mass with JiMs & JaMs and Ichthus**

Saturday 23rd Nov 12noon Low Mass

"Christ the King"

Sunday 24th Nov 10am

***"Patronal Mass for St. Andrew"* (at Oving)**

Weekday Service - Wednesdays 10am - Said Mass at Oving