

Welcome to St Andrew's Church and the Church of the Resurrection. We hope you find this information pack useful and informative. It provides an overview of what goes on in the parish of Farlington, for newcomers to our churches.

1 - PARISH CLERGY, READERS AND OTHER STAFF

Our parish staff team is made up of both ordained clergy and lay readers, paid and unpaid. Listed below are their details and also a little about their respective roles in the two churches.

Rector of the Parish of Farlington:

Awaiting appointment. Enquiries to:-

Farlington Parish Office
Church of the Resurrection
Penrhyn Avenue
Drayton
Portsmouth PO6 2AP
Tel 023 9242 1849

Curate:

Revd. Trevor Filtness,
Tel. 077 8556 8056 e-mail: trevor@farlingtonparish.co.uk
Trevor is a non-stipendiary curate on a four year training placement in the parish and assists in all parish duties.

Deacon:

Revd John Fellows, 7 Court Lane. Tel: 9237 7270
John is a non-stipendiary deacon. He specifically assists at Communion and visits those who may otherwise have little regular contact with the church.

Readers:

Miss Jill King, 96a Havant Road. Tel: 9234 3925
Mr Simon Lemieux, 18 Salisbury Road. Te: 9238 7047
The readers assist at services, preach and may also conduct funeral services.

We also have a team of lay assistants who help at communion and also take communion to the housebound. The clergy and readers are always very happy to visit people at home.

More parish information is available on our parish website www.farlingtonparish.co.uk

2 - WORSHIP IN THE PARISH OF FARLINGTON

Sunday services:

St. Andrews

8am Said Eucharist

11.15am Family Eucharist with children's activities
(*apart from 2nd Sunday*)

5.30pm (winter) or 6.30pm (summer) Evening prayer
(*3rd Sunday only*)

Church of the Resurrection

9.30am Family Eucharist with children's activities

10am Non-Eucharistic Family Service for all ages
(*2nd Sunday only*)

Principal midweek services:

St. Andrews

Wednesday 10am Said Eucharist

Church of the Resurrection

Wednesday 7pm Said Eucharist

Thursday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 9.30am Morning Prayer

About our services:

In both churches we hope that our worship is glorifying to God and welcoming to all. Our style of services could perhaps be best described as 'middle of the road Anglican'. We use modern language orders of service in all our worship and try to combine dignity and reverence within a friendly and open approach. Families with children and babies are always welcome at our services.

There is little difference in the style of worship in the two churches. The average adult congregation at St. Andrew's is around 40, sometimes with a choir. At the Church of the Resurrection there is usually a robed choir and numbers are around 80 on a typical Sunday. We serve coffee after the service at both churches, and hope visitors and newcomers are made to feel welcome. Our midweek services offer the chance for a more reflective style of worship. Why not join us for worship if you haven't done so already!

Other services in the parish:

For the youngest inhabitants of the parish (and their parents) there is a **Toddler Service** on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Church of the Resurrection. This is a short service with songs, stories and games, and concluding with a drink and a biscuit.

For those unable to come to either church on Sundays, we are always pleased to hear from those who would like communion at home. Services for wholeness and healing are also held twice a year, one around St. Luke's tide and one in the spring. We hold an annual 'All Souls Service' in which those bereaved in the preceding year can join in a quiet service of thanksgiving and reflection for their friends and relatives who have died.

3 – CHOIRS IN OUR CHURCHES

Our choirs at both churches are very committed to leading and enlivening our worship and would always welcome anyone who enjoys singing. They comprise singers of all ages, and their repertoires range from traditional choral works to modern choruses and worship songs. Our choirs always welcome new members. The Church of the Resurrection choir practices on Thursday evenings and the St Andrew's choir before the service on Sunday mornings. Do contact the organist and choir master for more details:

St Andrew's	Mr. David Francis	9261 3807
Church of the Resurrection	Mr. Brian North	9248 3956

4 - YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's Church:

A Sunday School is run on a needs driven basis at St. Andrews during the main morning service at 11.15 am.

Contact: Amber Vincent-Prior Tel. 9238 5933

Sunday mornings at the Church of the Resurrection:

There are three groups currently running, catering for the ages 0 to 12. For the very youngest (under 4's), a supervised crèche in the church hall is run on a rota basis by parents and other volunteers.

Contact: Donna Mitchell Tel. 9238 6615

For the 4-8 year olds we run 'Seekers', and for 8-12's 'Super Seekers'. Both these groups meet in the church hall at 9.30am and enjoy a range of activities including singing, craftwork and teaching using professionally produced resources. The young people join the main congregation towards the end of the service, and are able to show the adults what they have been doing in their groups. Other activities include a New Year's party, a picnic for all the family in the summer and a service on Christmas Eve.

Contact: Karen Lemieux Tel. 9238 7407

For the teenagers there is a group activity once every two weeks during part of main church service at the Church of the Resurrection.

There are also opportunities for our teenagers in both churches to either join the choir or become a server when they have outgrown the Sunday Schools.

Youth Groups:

There are two groups that cater for different age groups.

For those aged 8-11 we have Wayfarers who meet weekly on Sunday evenings in term time from 6-7.30pm in the Church of the Resurrection hall. The emphasis is very much on fun, with plenty of games, drama and music! Every term there is an event for the whole family such as a Christmas Party, a treasure hunt or an outing.

Contact: Paul Wells Tel. 9261 4517

For the 12-14's, we have a group which goes under the title, of 'The Club With No Name'. This meets fortnightly in term time at St. Andrews Hall, with activities ranging from games to discussions on moral issues sometimes using visiting speakers. Cooking, orienteering and basic first-aid have also been featured.

Contact: Richard Jempson Tel. 9261 0392

5 - HOME GROUPS IN THE PARISH

We encourage members of our congregations not only just to be worshippers on a Sunday morning, but also to learn and share more about faith in fellowship groups, which enable a more informal and direct discussion and study of the Bible. There are several such groups which meet in the parish; all of them offer a friendly welcome to visitors and to new members. We can arrange transport to the evening meetings and this can be done by phoning the named person for each group on the number supplied. Please also contact these people for any further information they will all be very pleased to help.

Weekly Groups:

TUESDAY GROUP

Meets at Clare and Anibal Cruz's house, 21 Drayton Lane. Drayton For further Contact Clare Cruz Tel. 9237 1840

Starts at 7.30pm

Format: We start by singing a few songs and then study and discuss a bible passage, which leads into prayer. The evening finishes with a sociable cup of tea at about

9.30pm. We find that we are learning from each other and growing in our ability to apply the words of the bible to our lives.

WEDNESDAY GROUP

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at Jeremy and Maretta Nelson's house, 30 Widley Road, Cosham. Contact Harry Beeby Tel. 9264 0921

Starts at 8pm

Format: After catching up on each others news over cup of tea or coffee, each session has a period of bible study and discussion. This usually follows a booklet which sets out topics for discussion based on a particular theme or book or character from the bible. The leader for the evening changes, with different people preparing the session each week. This is not compulsory! Some of the topics covered in the past include Prayer, Psalms (a particularly challenging one!), Angels, and Ephesians. We have also used some of the Emmaus growth courses and the group completed the Diocesan review 'Kairos - theology of change' sessions. We end with a time of quiet and prayer. Transport can be provided if required.

Monthly Groups:

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Meets once a month, usually on a Wednesday evening, at various members homes. The meeting dates are movable to accommodate the members. For further information contact Jill King Tel. 9234 3925

Format: The meeting starts with prayer, followed by the study of a Bible passage and finishing with coffee. The group is led by various members who volunteer to do so and the passages to be studied are chosen by the group in general. No fixed course is followed.

6 – BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

As the local parish church we serve the whole community that lives within our parish boundary (see the website 'weddings page' for a map). Many people want to involve the church at key moments in their lives, most especially at the time of a new baby in the family or a marriage. We are happy to support parishioners in these life events. Do contact the Parish Office Tel. 9242 1849 if you want to know more about any of the following;

Baptisms

The baptism service normally takes place at 3pm on the second Sunday of each month, the venue alternating between St Andrew's and the Church of the Resurrection, but is occasionally part of a Sunday morning service. We normally only baptize those who live in the parish as it is important that contact is maintained by baptism families with their local church.

An alternative service of 'thanksgiving for the birth of a child' is available for those who are unsure about making the commitments required in the baptism promises. Although less familiar and common than a baptism, it is a meaningful and relevant occasion to give thanks to God for a new addition to the family.

We expect that the baptism candidates, or their parents if they are young children, will be willing to attend a preparation evening in order to discuss the implications of baptism and raise any questions. The clergy are always willing to visit and answer questions.

Weddings

Couples may be married at either St. Andrew's or the Church of the Resurrection, as long as one of the couple is resident in the parish or meets the revised criteria set out by the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008. Concerning the re-marriage of divorcees, it is important to speak to the Rector, but is often possible. During the marriage process, there will be a meeting with one of the clergy and plenty of opportunity to chat and plan out the service. We provide an information pack that will guide couples through the process. We are also happy to arrange a service of blessing after a civil ceremony if that is more appropriate, and are happy to conduct a 'renewal of vows' service for key points in a couple's relationship.

7 - THE PARISH AT PLAY! - SOCIAL EVENTS AT OUR CHURCHES

We try to create opportunities throughout the year for social events that cater for all tastes, as socializing is a key part of Church life. Our Social Committee organizes a variety of events and new members with new ideas are always welcome. There are some regular events which have taken place in the past include Barn Dances, Murder Mystery nights, Barbecues, Concerts, Quiz and Games evenings.

The Friends of St. Andrews also organise a coffee morning every six weeks in the church hall.

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8 -WHAT'S ON- AT ST ANDREWS CHURCH HALL

St. Andrews Church has a church hall right next to the church which is available for hire by individuals or groups. For further details/booking enquiries, please contact Ann Howells (9238 7571). Below are a list of the current activities and groups which use the hall. Only some are linked to the church, since the hall is very much a facility available for use by the whole community. **Please feel free to** drop in at the hall for any of the activities.

ORGANISATION/DAY & TIME	CONTACT/TEL. NO.
Garden Club 1st Thursday 7-10pm	Joan Baker 92375805
Guides Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm	Sylvia Foster 92734549
Brownies Monday 5.45-7.30pm	Theresa Abbott 92717324
Rainbows Thursday 5.00-6.30pm	drop in at meeting
Dog Training Wednesday 7.00-10pm	Wendy Mercer 9232 1501
40 Acres Womens' Institute 1st Tuesday each month 7.30-10pm	9279 9209 or drop in at meeting
40 Acres Craft 3rd Tuesday each month 7.30pm	9279 9209
Local History Society Last Tuesday each month 7.30pm (except May/June)	John Higgins 9232 6867
Farlington Womens' Institute 1st Tuesday each month 2-4pm	Marie Bodsworth 9232 1353

FWI - Art Classes 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 10am to 12 noon		9237 9754
Drayton Machine Knitting Club 2 nd Monday 1.30pm to 4pm meeting	Vivian Pittard	drop in at
Trefoil Group 2nd Tuesday 2-4pm	Marion Vyner	92371404
Little Steps Gym Friday 9 – 12am 12 - 3pm	Karen Hoare call in	9243 2393
Guitar Workshop for Classic Guitar – Advanced 2 nd and 4 th Thursday – 7.30pm to 10pm	Derek Hasted	9247 9200
Line Dancing – Tuesday 10am to 12 noon Wednesday 3pm to 4pm	Veronica drop in at meeting	

9 WHAT'S ON AT THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION HALL Revised June 2009

The Church of the Resurrection has a good-sized hall and Committee Room at the rear of the church which are available for hire by both groups and by individuals. For enquiries or further details, please contact the Hall Bookings Secretary Di Allen on 023 9248 1528

We've listed below the main current users of the hall, only one of which is linked to the church. The Hall is a facility available for the whole community of Drayton.

ORGANISATION/DAY & TIME	CONTACT/TEL NO	
Adult Tap Dancing Wednesday 7:30 – 8:30 <i>Except 2nd Wed Sept - April</i>	Lisa Marsh	9264 2482
Barn Dance Group Monday 7.30 - 1030 pm	Pamela Stallworthy	9248 4956
Beavers – 24 th Portsmouth Monday 6.00 – 7.00 pm	Paul Seaton	9232 5048

Brownies – 1 st Drayton Wednesday 5.45-7.15 pm	Vicky Ruzewicz	077 4890 8458
Care & Fellowship Group 2 nd Wednesday 2.00 – 3.30 pm	Margaret Blatt	9237 4816
Cosham Inner Wheel 3 rd Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00 pm	Joan Cheater	01329 310956
Cubs and Scouts - 24 th Portsmouth Friday 7.30 – 9.30 pm	Paul Seaton	9232 5048
French conversation Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00 noon	Nicole Ayre	
Friday Tap Friday 4.30 - 7.30 pm	Lisa Marsh	9264 2482
Friends of Portsdown Hill 2 nd Wednesday 7.30 - 10.30 pm Sept-April	John Goodspeed	9222 1361
Guides – 1 st Drayton Thursday 6.00-8.30 pm	Clare Rees	9238 2407
Karate Tuesday 6.00 – 7.00 pm	Mark Todd	9238 9850
Rainbows Wednesday 4.30 – 5.30 pm	Vicky Ruzewicz	077 4890 8458
Yoga Class Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30 pm	Margaret Murray	9232 5870

10 – OUR LINKS WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

In the Parish of Farlington, we are part of the local community with many links into local activities. Clergy and members of the congregation are closely linked with the local schools and these frequently visit the churches.

We take services in the residential homes for the elderly.

We offer support groups in parenting which are open to all.

We take part on the local neighbourhood forums.

We particularly welcome families at special times of the year, such as Christmas, All Souls for remembering the departed, Remembrance Sunday, Easter and Harvest.

11 – THE WIDER CHURCH

As a parish, we take seriously our relationship and responsibilities to the wider church, most especially in the Developing World. Below we have listed a few of the ways that corporately we try to look beyond our own parish and nation.

Support for the UPSG missionary society

For the past 8 or 9 years support has been given to the KWA Mkous Hospital in Tanzania. Money has been collected through the Monday house group and sent directly to Dr Mganga at the hospital.

Contact: Mrs. Christine White. Tel. 9247 5647

Makurdi

The Anglican churches in the Portsmouth Deanery are linked with the Diocese of Makurdi in Nigeria. We are looking to strengthen this link through prayer and the exchange of visitors. Bishop Nathan Inyom and his wife visited Farlington and our previous Rector visited Nigeria. The parish also raised money for three much needed bicycles for lay evangelists in Makurdi.

Traidcraft

Once a month there is a stall at the Church of the Resurrection selling 'Traidcraft' items and fairly traded produce. Items sold range from coffee and sugar to cards and jewellery. We aim is to support people in the third world by training fairly: encouraging them to produce goods and receiving a fair price for them. Justice is an integral part of the Christian gospel and this stall is a way of expressing our belief in this.

Contact: Mrs Jill Collings Tel. 9232 5868 Church of the Resurrection

Mrs Liz Francis Tel. 9261 3807 St Andrew's

Other Charities

At different times special collections are made for other charities and each year we are actively involved with the house to house collection for Christian Aid where we raise well over £1000 each year.

For several years we have been supporting Bibles for Children, a local charity that provides bibles to yr 4 in our two local junior schools.