



## Services Today

A very warm welcome to any visitors or newcomers here today. Feel free to make yourselves known after the service, and to stay for refreshments, and to fill in one of the green welcome cards.

If you would like to revisit a sermon, the texts of some of them are on our church website under the 'worship' tab.

**8am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

**10am SUNG EUCHARIST (CW)**

**Collect** Almighty God,  
Whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns:** 812, (Psalm 50), 422, 358, 584

**Readings:** 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Mark 9: 2-9

### Psalm 50

- 1 The Lord our God the | Mighty One • has | spoken:  
and summoned the earth \* from the rising of the sun to its |  
setting | in the | west.
- 2 From Zion | perfect • in | beauty:  
God has | shone | out in | glory.
- 3 Our God is coming he will | not keep | silent:  
before him is devouring fire \* and | tempest | whirls a|bout him.
- 4 He calls to the | heavens • a|bove:  
and to the earth so | he may | judge his | people.
- 5 'Gather to | me my | faithful ones:  
those who by sacrifice | made a | coven-ant | with me.'
- 6 The heavens shall proclaim his | righteousness:  
for | God him|self is | judge.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son:  
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning is | now:  
and shall be for | ever. | A- | men.**



# St Andrew's Church Soham

11 February 2018

The Sunday next before Lent

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*We aim, through our Christian faith, to actively share the love of God in our parish and wider community.*

## Services Today

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP - Quinquagesima)
- 10 am Sung Eucharist

## Events this week

- Shrove Tues 13 Feb 1pm Little Fishes
- Ash Wed. 14 Feb 1.30pm Creative Minds  
7.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
- Thursday 15 Feb. 10am Holy Communion (BCP) followed by coffee  
7.15pm Mothers' Union meeting at Millbrook House
- Friday 16 Feb 11am Funeral of Brian Hills in church
- Saturday 17 Feb 10am Bread Basket drop-in breakfast café in church  
Ministry Team away morning

## Services next Sunday, 18 February

*The First Sunday of Lent*

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP).
- 10 am All Age Eucharist

For details of events and services further ahead, please pick up a **January - April Services & Events calendar** from the back of church, and a purple flyer for information about activities specific to **Lent, Holy Week and Easter**. The pattern of services until Easter is a little irregular: the calendar will tell you what's happening when.

Please remember in your prayers:

**The Sick:**

Father,  
by the power of your Spirit  
you have filled the hearts of  
your faithful people  
with gifts of love for one  
another.  
Hear the prayers we offer for  
our relatives and friends.  
Give them health of mind and  
body  
that they may be able to do  
your will with love.  
We ask this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**The Departed:**

Brian Hills



**Reports for APCM**

Can all those who write a report  
get it to us by the **end of  
February** please,  
dawn@lavertowers.co.uk. Thanks  
*Howard and Dawn*

**Looking ahead...**

The 10am service on **Mothering Sunday 11 March** will be an 'all age' service which, unusually, won't include Communion. Following the success of our recent Christingle service when flocks of people came, the PCC has agreed to use the opportunity offered by Mothering Sunday to invite families whose children have been baptized in St Andrew's over these last 14 months back to church to join us for a main Sunday service. Please pray for all who will come, and for our welcome of them on the day.

*Eleanor*

**THANKYOU**

We would like everyone to know how grateful we are for your love, prayers and good wishes. It has been a wonderful support during the past year.

Timothy had 9 yours of complex surgery last Tuesday which went well. He has retained part of his oesophagus and part of his stomach contrary to expectations.

He has been out of bed and moving around - with difficulty! Professor Griffin, Timothy's surgeon, said he hadn't done enough exercise on the day after the operations and hoped there would be an improvement the next day! Please will you continue to keep Timothy in your prayers; he faces a long recovery time ahead.

*Peter and Judith Scott*



**Lent Groups begin next week...**  
Pick up a purple flyer from the back of church for details, and/or a white flyer with ideas for Lent. Colouring sheets are available too.



**Church Clean-up!**

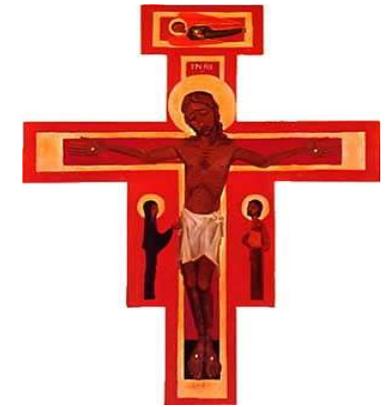
Don't forget our 'all hands on deck' church clean-up on **Saturday 3 March** between 10am and 12 noon. There's a lot to get on with both inside and out. Please bring dusters, garden tools etc. and come along for as long as you can.  
*Eleanor*



**Fundraising Ideas**

Thanks to those who came to Thursday's meeting came up a number of fundraising activities are planned for the rest of this year. Of these, a summer BBQ in the vicarage garden and a stall at Soham Carnival still need someone to volunteer to make them happen. Please have a word with Christopher Palmer (721920) if you can help.

**Taizé Service**



**Thursday 1 March 7.30pm**  
**St Andrew's Church, Soham**  
*A Lenten service of readings,  
silence & candle-lighting*

*All Welcome*



**WE ARE BACK!** On 15 February I'm pleased to say Lynne Turner will be leading our evening entitled 'New Beginnings': a time to prayerfully reflect on the many blessings we've received, a time to recharge our batteries and be energised whilst also being mindful of being Spirit-led for the term ahead. We will meet as usual at Millbrook 7.15 for 7.30. As always a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us.  
Love and Blessings to you all *Jan x*