



**December 2025
Newsletter**



Joy to the world!

Services and events in December

Thursday 4th December - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 7th December - Second Sunday in Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion with Energise

4.00 pm Messy Church

Thursday 11th December - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

Friday 12th December - 7.30 pm Carols at The Globe Pub

Sunday 14th December - Third Sunday in Advent

10.00 am Christingle Service

with Charity collection for The Children's Society

Wednesday 17th December - 6.00 pm Christmas Carols

including Lawford Mead Choir

Thursday 18th December - 9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Carols at Open Door Cafe

Sunday 21st December - Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.00 am Communion and Carols with Energise

6.30 pm Christmas Carols at The Place

6.00 pm Lessons and Carols at The
Ascension with All Saints

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Crib Service

(with charity collection for KidsInspire.org.uk)

11.15 pm Midnight Mass at The Ascension with
All Saints

Christmas Day

10.00 am Communion Together

Sunday 28th December 10.00 am Holy Communion

**Carols at The Globe
Friday 12th December
at 7.30 pm**

The band and musicians will be playing and singing in The Globe Pub. Come and join us to sing carols in a warm and friendly atmosphere.



**Christingle Service
10.00 am Sunday 14th
December**

with a charity collection for the
Children's Society

**Carols at St Andrew's
6.00 pm Wednesday 17th
December**

including Lawford Mead School
Choir





Carols at Open Door Cafe

Thursday 18th December 10.30 am

Crib Service

Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm

We hope you can all join us for
our annual Crib Service.



The Chosen at St Andrew's - Mark your calendars!

Everyone is welcome - please bring a friend!

We meet every Monday and alternate between watching the programme together and then meeting to talk about the programme.

Please feel free to come to all or just some of the sessions.

Roundtable discussions (Fortnightly at 7.15 pm)

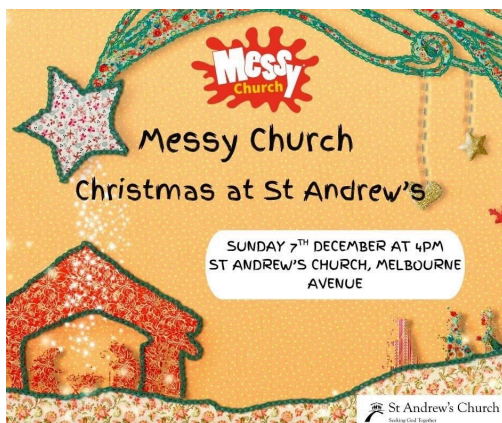
8th December - **Please note there is NO MEETING on 8th DECEMBER**

22nd December - Holy Night episode

Screenings (Fortnightly at 7.15 pm)

1st December, 15th December, 29th December

Monthly Events



Please join us on **7th December**.

Messy Church takes place on the first Sunday of every month



The Place will be on **21st December**, gathering from **6:30pm**.

at 4.00 pm.

Don't forget - Messy Church is for people of ALL AGES so come and join us!



This month, Energise will be on **7th and 21st December.**

Energise is for school age children and young people.

The Place is our contemporary worship evening. It's less structured than a normal morning service and often follows different themes. At the heart of the Place is a desire to create space to encounter God through different ways of worship. It takes place on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Weekly Events



MORNING PRAYER

Thursday Mornings
9:30am



HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday Mornings
10:00am



There is great coffee and tea with homemade cakes, soup and toast at our cafe.

There are plenty of friendly people to chat to so why not come and join us for coffee?

Little Fishes takes place in the Church Hall on Fridays **in term time**, between 9.45 and 11.45 a.m.

It is for children 0-5 years old with their parents and carers. There is indoor play, craft activities and song time and everyone is welcome.



And so we pray

Let us pray to the God who travels with us in our joys and sorrows, and understands what it is like to be human.

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise

as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

FOR THE CHURCH

As we celebrate Christmas, when the Word of God became flesh, we pray for the Church, the Body of Christ.

May we be so filled with God's loving life that our actions touch the world with hope which lasts even when the Christmas decorations are put away.

FOR THE WORLD

As the world is reminded of love and peace in the words of the carols,
May the reality of a God who loves us so much

Transform our social and political thinking and energise our plans and negotiations.

FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS

As Christmas brings together family members and friends, and we make contact with those we seldom meet, may all our relationships be nourished with love and forgiveness, and may we value one another more.

We remember those who find Christmas a sad or lonely season; we remember those for whom it brings to the surface memories, anxieties or dangers.

We remember all who are forced to escape from their homes, and live without security.

We think particularly of those with young children who are homeless or in danger.

FOR THE SICK

Lord, you know the need and pain of those we love and worry about. As you look after them, give them the sense of your caring presence to uphold and sustain them.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We remember those whose loved ones have died. We pray for those whose earthly journey has come to an end, and those who have tended them during their dying.

Lord, we recognise our great need of your grace and give you thanks and praise for making possible what would otherwise be impossible.

Amen

If you have any thoughts or news to share, do let us know.

WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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