



**ST ANDREW'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.  
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*“But those who hope in the Lord will  
renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary;  
they will walk and not faint“.*

*Isaiah 40:31*



*From The Manse*

*November 2021*

*Dear friends*

In November, 2019 I was helping with a session on Remembrance with 4<sup>th</sup> Weybridge Cubs. We'd gone into church and had looked at the various war memorials from Weybridge, from St Andrew's and from the old Hersham URC. At the Weybridge memorial I explained that although the fighting has stopped in 1918 the reason why the memorial dated the war as being 1914-19 was because the Peace Treaty hadn't been signed until the year after the ceasefire. One of the older Cubs then asked me a superb question. She said, "Why, if they signed to stop fighting, did they start fighting again in 1939?"

Talk about a first class question! I said that it was brilliant and that she'd learn the answer to that when she was a little older in her school history lessons but that I'd catch her before the evening was out and say a little more. (Didn't think that Cubs was quite the place to go into a detailed account of the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, of Germany's humiliation, of reparations, of Hitler taking advantage of a demoralised nation and the rise of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich in the 1930s.) What a good question though and one which impressed me.

Back in the hall I managed to catch up with that cub and started to say something to answer her question a little more adequately. However, another cub overheard this and interrupted. He proceeded to give a brilliant resume of Hitler's rise to power and why it had happened which, if his teacher had been listening, would have made them very proud. Clearly, they'd been doing a project in school to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Second World War and clearly, he'd engaged with it fully. So, he spoke clearly, concisely and accurately. He was 10. It's one of those things which it is an absolute privilege to have been part of and one which left me feeling very humble - and incredibly hopeful too.

To balance things out a little, though, I perhaps ought to tell you the other "comment of the evening" from Cubs. I told the children that my father had been in the Navy and that at the end of the war in 1945 Dad was stationed in Hamburg. One of the Cubs then asked me if my Father survived! (The Cub nearly didn't!!)

A couple of years ago I wrote in this letter about an experience from taking a Remembrance Day service at a school in Brecon a few years ago. This year I share with you a story from a couple of years ago from 4<sup>th</sup> Weybridge Cubs. "Why, when they'd signed to say they'd stop fighting, did they start again?" has to be one of the most leading questions of all time. I'm impressed. I'm also impressed and glad that a 10 year old boy so clearly knew and understood the tragic answer to that.

It's moments like this which give me hope and which keep me an optimist.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Cad", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

## ELDERS' OPENING DEVOTIONS - OCTOBER 2021

After the Resurrection there are several references to Jesus taking part in a meal, including my personal favourite, the story of breakfast on the shore. At the end of Luke's Gospel, after appearing to the two on the Road to Emmaus, Jesus appears to the disciples in the Upper Room, giving them a great fear, and to finally convince the disciples He was not a ghost, he asks 'have you anything to eat?'.

There are more occasions when Jesus is found to be hungry and eating: walking through the fields; curing Andrew's mother-in-law so that she could prepare a meal; eating with pharisees and friends.

So, we see a hungry Christ who enjoys food and eating and drinking with friends.

When we celebrate communion, we are eating and drinking at His table, offering hospitality to all present. Hospitality is very much part of the Gospels, Jesus playing the role of stranger, host, and guest. We are shown how we can do our part welcoming neighbours, friends, and strangers into the life of our church and community. This should be a challenge to us, and an important part of our outreach to those in need of nourishment, not just in body but also in mind, heart, and soul.

Christ not only shows us that we should provide for others through our hospitality, but that it is right to acknowledge His hunger and our own, and to meet that hunger for food and drink, for forgiveness and hope, for peace and kindness, for justice and love when and where we can.

*Anne Fitzgerald*

The sun still shines,  
The rain still falls  
And the wind still blows –

The constant rhythms of life  
Reminding us that your hand  
Still rests upon all Creation.

Amidst the uncertainty,  
And confusion,  
And untold tears,

When the ups are far outnumbered  
By the downs,

Remind us that you are still there -

With us,  
Amongst us  
Around us,

Ever constant.  
Always there -

Just as the sun still shines,  
The rain still falls,  
And the wind will never cease to blow. Amen

*Karen Campbell, URC Secretary for Global & Intercultural Ministries*

## POSSIBLE UNION OF ST ANDREW'S AND WEYBRIDGE URC CHURCHES

The last Church Meeting at Weybridge URC, held on 26 September was an extremely useful and helpful occasion. For some time, Weybridge URC has been looking at ambitious plans to make radical changes to its life and to its premises. Sadly, the recent lockdowns have impacted negatively on us in a number of ways and our situation has changed significantly as a result. At the Church Meeting, we were able to take stock of where we are now, to assess the options that appear to be before us and to share our opinions on it all. At the end, the Weybridge Church Meeting gave a clear mandate to explore the possibility of a union with St Andrew's, with a number clearly saying that this was their preferred way forward.

Quite a bit has happened since then. St Andrew's congregation has greeted the news informally with a warm, spontaneous round of applause and St Andrew's Elders responded equally positively, spending quite a time talking about it at their meeting on 5 October. The Moderator and our Synod Training and Development Officer have also responded positively and encouragingly.

There is shortly to be a joint Elders' meeting. Both sets of Elders are quite clear that they are seeing this as being a union of the two churches and are keen to respect the culture of both congregations. Given some of the practical issues facing Weybridge, we would do well to think of any union happening in two stages: firstly the union of the congregations and secondly the sorting out of the Weybridge site.

Very shortly there will be a letter going out to the two congregations with details of the necessary Resolutions required to take this step. For the Weybridge congregation, there will also be a resume of the costs and requirements of upgrading the premises if we were to decide to remain an independent congregation.

Notice is therefore given of a Church Meeting to be held for Weybridge URC at Weybridge URC on **21 November, 2021**, following Morning Worship, to discuss the future of the church and to receive formal Resolutions for the union of St Andrew's and Weybridge URCs.

Notice is also given of a Church Meeting for St Andrew's URC to be held at St Andrew's on **28 November 2021**, following Morning Worship, to respond. The same union Resolutions will be for both Church Meetings. However, if it fails in Weybridge URC, or if Weybridge URC decides to follow a different option, it will obviously not be put to St Andrew's.

Finally, a reminder that in the United Reformed Church votes can only be received from those "present and voting", since our basis for making decisions in Church Meeting is the belief that, in the meeting, we collectively seek the mind of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Proxy or postal votes are therefore not constitutional. If you cannot come to the meeting, then you can still make your view known by writing to me or to the Church Secretary/Secretariat.

*Michael Hodgson*



### SHOE BOX NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK 15-20 NOVEMBER



Last year, due to the difficulties of preparing the shoeboxes in the Covid situation, the Elders agreed that a donation should be given to Samaritan's Purse. We suggest we do the same this year. If you wish, you can give a cheque to Alan Crawford **by latest Sunday 7 November**. Or you can have a look at the website: [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](https://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ) or call 020 8559 2044. Please be generous!

## SERVICES AND OTHER KEY DATES NOVEMBER 2021




All our services are also accessible on Zoom



<b>Sunday 7 November</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship taken by the Minister.</b>
Tuesday 9 November	7.30 pm	Joint St Andrew's and Weybridge Elders' meeting at St Andrew's, Bill Topping Room
 Friday 12 November	12.30 - 1.30 pm	People Who Lunch - Weybridge URC
 <b>Sunday 14 November</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service at Weybridge URC taken by the Minister</b>

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<b>Sunday 21 November</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship taken by the Revd David Netherwood</b>
	3.00 pm	 Messy Church, St Andrew's Church Hall
<b>Sunday 28 November</b> (Advent 1)	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Worship taken by the Minister followed by Church Meeting</b>

### ZOOM SERVICES

Sunday services will continue to be Zoomed from St Andrew's for the rest of the year. It's good to see people joining us in this way and zooming our services remains important to us. In January, however, we reluctantly are going to have to reduce it to twice a month. This is simply because our small tech team are buckling under the commitment every week. Not only does this cause them stress, they are also finding that they are too busy to be able to concentrate on the service themselves. At a team meeting, they all said that they would love the opportunity just to come to church sometimes and to worship rather than have the worry and the pressure - which seems extremely reasonable.

From January, the Zoom Services will be twice a month but if there are people who'd like to join the Tech Team we could re-visit this in due course. Which begs the question - is this something you could help with? It's not difficult to do. You don't need to be an IT expert - just some basic computing skills and your wits about you. There are notes to tell you what to do and the Tech Team are hugely caring and supportive of each other. So, if this is something you think you could help with then do have a word with me or with any member of the team. You can always observe for a week or two first to see what it does involve and we will train you in what to do.

*Michael Hodgson*



## FLOWER POWER



**Mavis Netherwood** writes:

*"It was good to return to St Andrew's on October 10th and thanks once again for the warm welcome. Special thanks to Moira de Kok for her delightful floral arrangement which was a lovely surprise and gave much pleasure."*

**Norma** was delighted to receive a beautiful bunch of yellow roses after the service recently. They lasted two whole weeks and filled the sitting-room with sunshine. Thank you so much!



We were sad to learn of the recent death of Mary Taylor. Her funeral will be held at St Andrew's at 5 pm on Monday 15 November, preceded by cremation. Our sympathy and condolences go to her son, Tom, and his family, who live in the USA, as well as to Mary's friends.



### PEOPLE WHO LUNCH

It's great to have People Who Lunch back on track on the second Friday of the month - this month on 12 November. Margaret Faultless asks if you could kindly let her know at least three days before you are attending, as this would help her with the planning and catering.



### CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that Mrs Joan Hearn's telephone number is: **01932 847726** and not as it appears in the most recent Directory of October 2020.

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."



## **ELMBRIDGE MENCAP**

Reg Charity No. 109466

Burview Hall Queens Road Walton-on-Thames KT12 5AB

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER - 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM**

### **COME AND MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTO!**

It would be lovely if anyone would like to pop in after church!

**Lots of Bargains!**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**Gifts Toys Tombola Raffles**

**Crafts and Cushions Toiletries**



This year Jean Rigden would appreciate your donations of only unwanted gifts or good quality items - toiletries, jewellery, bottles etc (no bric a brac) - as this year it will be a smaller fair so as to be able to do social distancing

### **BARISTAS WANTED FOR COFFEE DUTIES!**

Another opportunity to join the select gang of Coffee Baristas who do all they can to make your after-church coffee, tea and biscuit(s) experience a good one! Duties - which are not at all onerous - include getting to church a little earlier than usual in order to set out the tables and biscuits, bringing the milk, switching on the water heater in the kitchen and lining up the mugs, not forgetting a chance to share your brightest smile. Tea and coffee are in the cupboard along with sugar and biscuits. Washing up afterwards allows time for bonding and even a bit of fun. We are very few but a friendly bunch and would love to welcome new recruits. Training happily given. It would be a real shame if we had to discontinue our Coffee get-togethers after church for lack of volunteers!



Please get in touch with James (or Norma or Susan Simpson) if you would like to be added to the Rota, or sign up on the Rota board next time you are enjoying your coffee/ tea break in the Church Hall.

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless but because they're priceless."*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year Remembrance Sunday is 14 November and, once again, St Andrew's and Weybridge URCs will unite for a service at Weybridge URC at 10.30am. Although it is not a parade service I am hoping that representatives of our uniformed organisations will be present to parade their colours and to dip them for the silence. As always the roll of those who fell from Weybridge, from St Andrew's and from the old Trinity URC, Hersham, will be read as we remember.

So do come along to this service which I know that many of you have found to be extremely moving and appropriate. Sunday 14 November- 10.30am – at Weybridge URC (no service at St Andrew's).

Sadly, we are unable to zoom the service from Weybridge URC and so I encourage those of you who are Zoomers to join the National Act of Remembrance on radio or the television instead. This year the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall will be on 13 November.

*Michael Hodgson*



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## 100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE TRADITIONS

In 2021 the Royal British Legion is marking 100 years since the nation's collective Remembrance traditions were first brought together. In their centenary year they are celebrating the people who have not only contributed to their history but to their own communities. From silk poppies to personal testimonies of support, there are stories to be explored that celebrate 100 years of honouring and supporting those who protect our way of life. Since it was first worn as an act of Remembrance just over 100 years ago, the poppy has become an enduring symbol of support for our Armed Forces, past and present, and every poppy counts.

On the Sunday nearest to 11 November at 11 am each year, a Remembrance Service is held at the Cenotaph to commemorate British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two World Wars and later conflicts. The Cenotaph was designed by Edwin Lutyens and the structure we see now was built from Portland stone. Portland stone is a limestone formation from the Jurassic period quarried on the Isle of Portland in Dorset. Quarried on Portland since Roman times, it has been used extensively as a building stone throughout Britain, notably in major public buildings in London such as St Paul's Cathedral and Buckingham Palace.

The first memorial structure was of wood, plaster and canvas and was unveiled on 18 July 1919 on the present site outside the Foreign Office building in Whitehall. The Cenotaph made a deep impression on the public and within a couple of days over a million people had visited it, a great many of them laying wreaths there. Lutyens's subtle design responded perfectly to the national sense of grief and loss. Two days after the parade, *The Times* observed that: "The Cenotaph is only a temporary structure made to look like stone, but Sir Edwin Lutyens' design is so grave, severe and beautiful that one might well wish it were indeed of stone and permanent."

The permanent monument of Portland stone was built by the contractors Holland, Hannen & Cubitt for the Office of Works. It was unveiled by King George V at 11am on 11 November 1920, the second anniversary of the Armistice. In the same ceremony, the remains of an anonymous British soldier, exhumed from a war cemetery in France, were interred in Westminster Abbey to form the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Within a week, the Cenotaph had been visited by over one and a quarter million people and was 10 feet deep in flowers.

The service has changed little since it was first introduced in 1921 with hymns sung, prayers said and a two minutes silence. Official wreaths are laid on the steps of the Cenotaph. The ceremony ends with a march past of war veterans; a poignant gesture of respect for their fallen comrades.

*(The Royal British Legion and English Heritage websites)*



## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS !



It was wonderful to be able to welcome two new members on to the Roll at St Andrew's on 3 October, Hilary Bennett and John Turner. Hilary, who lives in Weybridge, is a librarian. She joined us during lockdown and subsequently volunteered to help on our Tech Team. John is retired and lives in Windsor. He has been worshipping with us since he and Shirley met a few years ago, and his smile and positivity have been a great gift to us. It's lovely to have them formally join us although there were a few challenges around how to respect certain customs/traditions within their reception into membership whilst maintaining Covid security. Where there's a will - and a face-mask and bottle of hand sanitiser - there's a way though, and so both were given the right hand of fellowship and were served their first Communion as members by the Minister. For us all I think that the service was an emotional one - and a real joy as well.

*Michael Hodgson*

## THE KINDNESS CORNER

After-church refreshments is back with the added attraction of individually wrapped biscuits that are not only delicious (thanks to Anna for sourcing them) but every mouthful crisp and fresh. This means that the Coffee Rota is also back and with that comes responsibility for the volunteers. It was my turn on 3 October when I was also supplying the milk. After the usual last-minute rush, tootling along the A3 from Putney to Walton I couldn't remember having put the milk in the car. Hopefully, it was in the boot. In order to check, I pulled into the Texaco garage by the Barley Mow roundabout in Hersham). No milk! So I popped into the shop, picked up two litres and took it to the counter, thankful to have saved the day.

Unfortunately, when I went to pay, wallet there was none. Mortified and mindful that most people's coffee would be ruined without milk, I stood pathetically at the counter and said, "Oh, no, I've forgotten my purse and the milk is for the church coffee...". Sendhu (for that is his name) looked at me for a moment and then said, "You can have it." What a star! I gratefully accepted the free offer and the following week popped into Texaco again with the money. Sendhu gave me the widest smile and I made sure to tell him that we needed more like him. When I got home, I found the milk sitting happily on top of the gas meter box outside the front door - exactly where I had left it!



Do you have a story for the Kindness Corner? We could make it a regular feature of the Newsletter! *Ed*

*A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it. (Scottish proverb)*

“God respects me when I work, but  
he loves me when I sing.”

*Rabindranath Tagore*

“The woods would be quiet if no  
bird sang but the one that sang  
best.”

*Henry van Dyke*



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**DATE: TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**  
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WEYBRIDGE, KT13 9TJ**

Oatlands Singers website:- <https://oatlandssingers.club>  
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“A bird doesn't sing because it has an  
answer, it sings because it has a song.”

*Lou Holtz*

“Music can change the world.”

*Ludvig van Beethoven*





## SPREAD A LITTLE HAPPINESS

“Please don’t remove or damage me, for I am here for all to see!  
If you don’t like me, please be kind, and leave me here for others to find.

It takes many hours of work and graft to create me in this happy craft,  
So my owner keeps an eye on me and will take me away for some TLC.”

*Seen at Whitley Village (details from Facebook - The Whiteley Homes Trust)*

## WREATHS FOR THE ANNUAL FALL FAIR IN TEXAS

The ladies craft group at The Woodforest Church in Montgomery, Texas has an annual Fall Fair in November to support global missions. This was my first time to make a wreath and it was fun to learn something new. We made 25 wreaths and plan to sell them for \$45 each. Each lady received a bag containing all the supplies needed to make their wreath. A few ladies cut and prepped all the materials in advance for the work day. Running a short strand of battery operated fairy lights through each wreath was key to selling out last year. The Honduras mission will receive the money raised to help those affected by earthquakes and hurricanes.



*Sophia Swanson (Houston Texas)*



## MESSY CHURCH

We are looking to restart Messy Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November. This will be our first session following Lockdown. We’ll be aiming to attract back many of our former regulars as well as hopefully some newcomers.

Volunteers from the congregation are once again urgently required.  
Please get in touch with Anne Fitzgerald 01932 228732 if you can help.

The Ely Diocesan magazine Contact quoted with delight a local newspaper report:  
“The sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony completely by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the Vicar’s speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.”

A minister who was involved in a minor accident with a cyclist stopped his car and rushed back to apologise. Anxious to make amends, he gave the cyclist one of his calling cards, saying that if ever he could be of assistance the man had only to contact him. When the cyclist arrived home he found the card read, “The Revd J Smith is sorry he missed you today.”

*From Holy Wit - The Revd James A Simpson*

## VISIT TO LIVERPOOL

We recently stayed in Newport in the grounds of Tredegar House. This was our last stop on our caravan trip to the Lake District and Wales. The caravan site is situated in the grounds of this National Trust property with its 500-year old house. We were so happy to find we could set up camp in a quiet spot under wonderful big trees on the grass, next to a beautiful and tall old dry stone wall. Lovely, until we found there was a motorway on the other side of wall. Noisy at night but then, the grounds and house were worth a visit. We chose this site as it was close to many towns and cities we wanted to visit, one of which was Liverpool.

Never having been to this city we were pleasantly surprised at the lovely Albert Dock and the city with some very pleasing architecture. We had seen the Liverpool Cathedral on our way in and decided we wanted to visit it. It is actually quite a brutal, red building and is the largest Anglican Cathedral in Britain. It took 74 years to build after the foundation stone was laid in 1904. However, when we entered the cathedral it was so different from the exterior. Triple volume ceilings and an immense sense of space and peace met us.



*A view of the interior showing the ribbons at the far end*

We were immediately struck by the art installation called Peace Doves. Suspended from the ceiling was a massive circle of ribbons hanging down into the well of the church. This was lit from underneath by soft lights. In all, 15.5 miles of ribbon were used by the Internationally renowned sculptor and artist, Peter Walker. Each ribbon was decorated with white paper doves on which people were invited to write messages of peace. The artist said the artwork had been created by the hands of the people. He said, "Together they collectively form a beautiful artwork which, as a whole, reflects joining together in unity, peace and hope moving forward."



As we stood looking in awe at this beautiful and massive installation, we were aware of the most peaceful music which was the soundscape created by the musician David Harper. Thousands of children and adults were invited to participate by writing a message of peace, hope and love on a white paper dove. The response was overwhelming and 18,000 doves were sent back. The Dean of Liverpool, The Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, said, "I have been reading messages on doves written by young and old and found them incredibly moving. They range from tributes to those they have lost to wishing for better times and, of course, peace. I pray that this installation will bring peace."

*Ribbons hanging in a circle into the well of the cathedral. Lit with atmospheric lights that changed colour, white paper doves were attached to the lower part of the ribbons.*

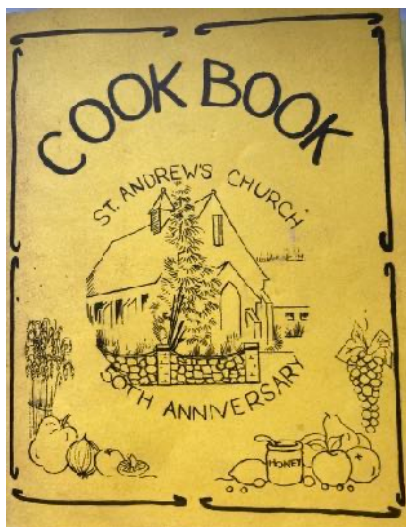
People were invited to come and stand, sit or lie under the installation and look up at the doves and experience a sense of peace and serenity. We certainly felt that peace as we gazed up to the doves illuminated by atmospheric, ever-changing lighting. Throughout history, the dove has been a symbol of peace in many cultures. In Greek mythology the dove was seen as symbol of the renewal of life. We know that in Scripture the dove appeared at the baptism of Jesus and Noah saw it as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

The Peace Doves have brought £1.4m to the local economy with 60,000 visitors in the first month. Besides the amazing light installation, we also found a very large outline of a dove on the cathedral floor which was filled with buttons. There was a large tin of buttons for people to use to add their own button and to say a prayer. So much more meaningful than tossing a coin in the fountain!! We will always remember this amazing experience.

*Moiria de Kok*

## MORE TASTY BLASTS FROM THE PAST

*God, we thank you for this food. For rest and home and all things good.  
For wind and rain and sun above. But most of all for those we love.*



In 1978, members and friends of St Andrew's got together to produce a Cookery Book for St Andrew's 50th Anniversary. Our then minister, Bill McCrorie, said in his foreword:

"As I browsed through the proofs of this splendid 50th Anniversary Recipe Book I was reminded of one of those Scottish Sunday Post jokes which appear in the Fun Section next to "The Broons" and "Oor Wullie".

Diner: Waiter! This stew is most unusual What kind is it?

Waiter: The chef calls this his enthusiastic stew.

Diner: Why?

Waiter: He puts everything he has into it.

Truly we have before us an enthusiastic recipe book!"

It's a while since I included a Cookery Corner in the Newsletter (May 2018 issue, when I highlighted the St Andrew's Cookbook from 1999) so here is a recipe from this, much older, book. As I said last time, any new contributions are welcome and if there is a story behind your favourite recipe, do please include it. This time I am taking into account the rising tide of vegetarians! *Ed*

### MIXED NUT ROAST (Mrs Joan Davis)

- 3 large onions
- 4 oz peanuts (not salted)
- 2 oz hazelnuts
- 2 oz cashew or Brazil nuts
- 4 oz breadcrumbs
- 3 oz margarine
- 1 level dessertspoon yeast extract
- 1 tsp mixed herbs
- 1 egg (optional)

#### Method

1. Peel and cut the onions up quite small and fry for about 30 minutes in the margarine
2. Add the remaining ingredients and place the mixture in a greased baking dish
3. Bake in a hot oven for about 30 minutes.

*... I went down to a garden of nut-trees... to see if the vine had budded  
or the pomegranates were in flower. (Song of Solomon 6 v 11)*



## ARTPEACE AND FRIENDS

**ZIMBABWE VIGIL:** Every Saturday in all weathers since October 2002, a group of Zimbabweans meet outside the Zimbabwean Embassy, London from 2 – 6pm to protest against



gross violations of human rights by the current regime. The Vigil will continue until internationally monitored, free and fair elections are held in Zimbabwe. There are again mounting fears for Zimbabwe's currency and the Zimbabwe dollar is in real peril. The American economist Steve Hanke, who has been tracking the Zimbabwean economy for many years, said: 'The Zimbabwe dollar had depreciated by 93% since it was brought back into circulation two years ago. Zimbabwe's currency is in a death spiral. Now the corrupt government is threatening to suspend all businesses using black market exchange rates to price goods. I've seen this movie before. It has a tragic ending'. Fortunately, our donations are received in US dollars. Meanwhile for ArtPeace and ordinary Zimbabweans the nightmare is accelerating. Food prices are

escalating because retailers are charging more in order to keep up with the cost of buying US dollars to import goods to restock their shelves. Many areas are crippled by electricity power cuts often lasting up to fourteen hours at a time three, four or five times a week.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** News from ArtPeace is scant nowadays partly due to a 30% increase in phone charges from Tel One, the country's telecommunications provider owned by the government and partly because most of their old mobiles have problems.

However, the good news is that next week, Catherine from Bristol will deliver eight used Smart phones in reasonable condition; also, lots of Poundland reading spectacles – no expense spared! A big thank you to those who donated a used Smart phone as mobiles are our sole means of communication. However, another worrying black cloud has emerged. From November, WhatsApp will not work on certain old mobiles which could prove a major blow – there is always some problem or other!

**READING:** On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct., our Church service link becomes even closer when a video recording of Psalm 67 read by artist Mike Masedza (right) will be relayed to St Andrew's congregation. Although artists are back at their own Church, they so enjoy our different style of service.



**RAIN:** ArtPeace fields are ready, and they anxiously await the arrival of rain to sow maize seed.

**FORTUNE SMILES ON HERBERT:** Readers may recall that Herbert was brutally attacked. His mobile and some money were stolen. He has recovered well and tells me his luck has changed. His sculpture 'African Beer Drinker' (left) was bought by Beverley during a visit to the Southwark Cathedral shop. Beverley recently visited St Andrew's and often tunes into our Zoom service. She

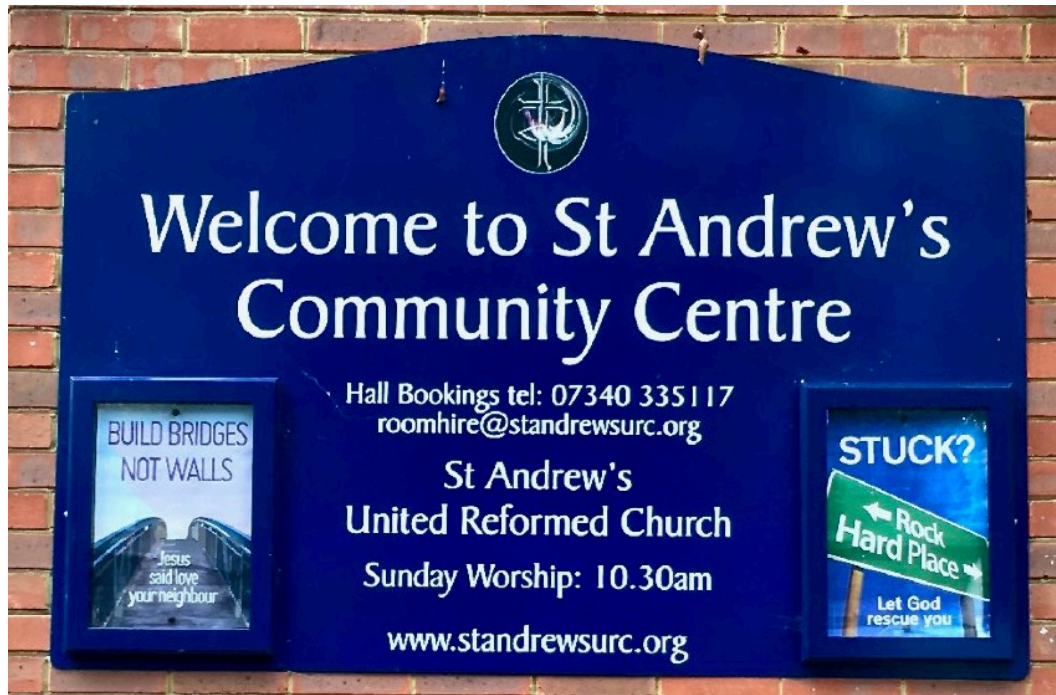


is delighted with her buy which will soon adorn her home in Norway.

**COMMISSION:** Herbert has received more good news in the form of a commission from a Chinese Gold Mining concern in KweKwe. They want him to carve their company logo onto an enormous antimony rock (right). Despite all the artists' trials and



tribulations, very occasionally a golden nugget shines through. Some cheerful Christmas news for our friends' families is also in the pipeline but more on this next article. **Johnston Simpson**



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Covid-safe services start at 10.30 am. Services are also accessible on Zoom.

Anyone who wishes to take part in the Zoom service should contact the minister, who will be able to send them a link to enable easy participation.

You are all most welcome to join us!

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

I Peter 4 vv 8-10