

An increased focus on **prayer** will also be part of the new season. For example a whole church corporate prayer meeting is being planned for St Andrew's day, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### What about mission?

Being effective in mission remains a core value for St Andrew's. However development of a coherent new strategy for mission needs perhaps to follow later. At this stage our main aim is to make our Sunday services accessible to visitors and newcomers. In addition to the announced changes to service content we are also merging our current white service sheet and Family News sheet into a single sheet which presents information in a way conducive to the needs of a visitor or newcomer. Similarly in the first part of 2018 we intend to revamp and relaunch our church website, again with the goal of better meeting the needs of newcomers, visitors or inquirers.

### Who should I talk to if I have questions or concerns?

Tim would very much like to hear from you if there is any aspect of the changes which concern you. Alternatively, if easier, please talk to one of our churchwardens or indeed any member of PCC.

## St Andrew's Vision Sunday Q&As

### Why make changes to our service pattern?

Tim's recent consultation exercise with PCC, life groups etc. has revealed some strongly divergent preferences between us around preferred style of service. e.g. Some church members would prefer more use of liturgy in the 10.30 service whilst others would like less liturgy and more exercising of the charismatic gifts. Similarly some would prefer worship to be louder, others quieter. Some favour more traditional worship, some more contemporary, and so on. Another strong theme emerging from the consultation was a desire from all age groups to encourage our youth and young adults. The proposed changes announced today are designed to address these two themes in particular.

### Why move the 8am service to 9am?

This is to make it easier for more people to attend, and also to make it easier for church members to invite friends to the service

### Why not have both an 8am and a 9am service?

Turnaround times would be too tight. Also we simply do not have the resources currently - notably just one member of clergy - to run four services on a Sunday.

### What will be the main differences between the current 8am service and the new 9am one?

Apart from the later time, the new 9am service will take place in the sanctuary rather than the chapel, and it will be supported by all age children's work in the chapel. The style of service will be broadly similar to the current 8am service, i.e. strongly liturgical.

### What will be the main differences between the current 10.30am service and the new 11am service?

Apart from the later time there will be relatively little change other than perhaps having more time spent on exercising the charismatic gifts. Compared with the 9am service this service will have a more contemporary feel and will involve less liturgy.

### At which services will there be children's work and what will this look like?

There will be provision for children at both the 9am and 11am services. At the 9am service children will be catered for on an all-age basis in the chapel. At the 11am service provision for children will be broadly the same as for the current 10.30am service.

### What about Funday Sunday?

Funday Sunday will continue in broadly the same way as before. We may need to slightly change its timing in order to accommodate the new 9am service.

### When will the 11am service finish?

The intention is for the 11am service to last around 90 minutes and so to finish at about 12.30pm. Refreshments will be served before rather than after this service. So for people whose current pattern is to come to the 10.30 service, stay on for refreshments and then leave at about 12.30pm, they can expect to be in the church building for about the same amount of time as before, however taking refreshments before rather than after the service.

### When and where will refreshments take place for each service?

For attendees of both the 9am and 11am services refreshments will be served between 10 and 11am, in the foyer. In this way it is hoped that there will be significant cross-over of fellowship between the two services. For the 6.30 service refreshments will continue to be served after the service in the foyer.

### What will be the main changes to the 6.30 service?

These will be subject to the results of some planned consultations with our youth and young adults. Possibilities include provision of food (e.g. toasties), informal seating, lower lighting and more involvement of youth during the service. However nothing is yet firmly decided.

### What about Café church?

At present we still intend to run this monthly on the second Sunday of each month. However that may change in the future as our thinking for the 6.30 service develops. If so there will be a further announcement later.

### Will older people continue to be welcome at the 6.30 service?

Yes very much so. Indeed it is hoped and expected that many will continue to come to this service. Our goal is to make this service more attractive to younger church members, not to repel older ones.

### I am currently on one of the 10.30 service rotas (welcome, children's, worship etc.). In future will I automatically be placed on the 11am rota?

No not automatically. It is hoped and expected that in many cases this will turn out to be the case. However it will not be assumed and you can expect to be contacted soon by the ministry leader who co-ordinates the rota concerned.

### Will we have enough volunteers to cover all of the new 9am service rotas?

Between now and the start of November we shall be working hard to make sure that we do.

### Why make the changes for a proposed trial period only?

These are major changes and we have to acknowledge the possibility that they may not work as intended. If necessary we will make adjustments or perhaps even reverse some or all of the changes altogether.

### What will happen at the end of the trial period at Easter?

We will review how the new service pattern has worked overall. We will then decide whether to continue on a permanent basis, make some adjustments before continuing, or discontinue. We shall also monitor the changes throughout the trial period, and so make some adjustments before Easter should these be deemed necessary.

### Beyond changing the service pattern what other changes are planned?

The Sunday service changes announced today are intended to enhance the accessibility of our church's **teaching** and **holy communion**. In addition there are some other, less radical changes in the pipeline.

Through our newly formed Social Committee we want to boost the amount of **fellowship** between us. The social committee is charged with delivering a varied, integrated programme of well publicised social events. The recent harvest ceilidh and the Bring and Share lunch planned for November 26<sup>th</sup> are two examples. Holding refreshments between our two morning services rather than after each one is also intended to boost the amount of fellowship between us.