

Teatime service @St Andrews Last Sunday of the month 3.30pm-4.15pm service followed by tea and cake

Thank you for taking an interest in the new congregation at St Andrews.

We hope this information may not only give you ideas of what to pray for but perhaps encourage you to get involved in some way.

Who will the service aim to attract?

- Those later in life who have little or no recent church connection.
- Those in care homes we already minister to but who have expressed an interest in attending church on Sunday
- Those who have a recent connection with our church but cannot, for various good reasons, make our morning services at Christ Church.
- To serve the wider community at the Hampton end of town

What would be the time, length and content of the service?

We would meet at 3.30pm for 45 minutes followed by refreshments (a hot drink and homemade cake) on the last Sunday of each month (apart from December). The service would include hymns and older worship songs, prayers and a short talk.

How would we build the congregation?

There are a number of ways we plan to build the congregation –

- Prayer walking with handing out fliers
- Website page set up
- Leaflets delivered to Care Homes.
- Invitations to ex-congregation members who have explained why they cannot come at present.
- Leaflets delivered to Studd Hill and local bungalows in late October
- Leaflets to Age UK and Doctors Surgeries.
- Posters up in both churches, care homes and other places as appropriate. Eg Shop, Studd Hill Hall.
- Encourage current congregations to be proactive in giving out invitations to older folk that they know in that end of town

What team would we need?

- Set up/Clear down team
- Refreshment team
- Provision of homemade cake
- Music
- Service leaders

- Speakers
- Technical/sound team
- Welcomers

Want to find out more?

Come along to a meeting on Sunday 26th October 3.30pm at St Andrews.

Opportunity to share the vision, to talk about the roles needed to run a service and to pray together.

When is the first service?

St Andrew's Day/Advent Sunday -Sunday 30th November at 3.30pm

Dates for 2026

Sunday 25th January Sunday 22nd February Sunday 29th March Sunday 26th April Sunday 31st May Sunday 28th June Sunday 26th July Sunday 30th August

Conclusion

Denise, our curate, would take the lead on this particular ministry including that of pastoral oversight with other clergy's support including those with Permission to Officiate (PTO).