



St Andrew's News



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New Team and Opening Times at *Café Refresh*

Café Refresh will reopen at 12 noon on 6 October 2009 after a short break. We are delighted to welcome a new caterer, Tricia Jones. Trish lives locally and shares our vision for a community *café* in Leytonstone. The menu will stay much the same – not forgetting those lovely smoothies! Many apologies to customers for the changes in hours and opening days during August and September. We experienced a summer lull in trade, so our best option was to arrange a short closure to avoid making a loss. These first few months of operation have helped us to test the best opening hours. We are going to change and simplify these, as follows:

Tuesdays to Fridays: 12 noon - 3 pm

Saturdays: 10 am – 3 pm

Choir for Christmas

Any members of the local community who would like to sing in our choir for the *Christmas Carol* service to be held on the second Sunday in December get in touch with our organist Neil Houghton on 020 8503 6956. Rehearsals will take place every Friday evenings in November, in the church choir vestry at 7 pm

Christmas Bazaar

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held slightly earlier this year on Saturday 21st November from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be stalls, games, cakes, tombola, raffles and other great prizes. Father Christmas will also visit the grotto to see the children at 1 pm. Don't miss this great event.

Fair Trade

St Andrew's is registered as a Fair Trade church and it holds a fair trade stall every last Sunday in the month after service at 11 am in the Church Hall. On 12th September St Andrew's hosted a *Fair Trade Extravaganza* organised by Liz Gentle with representatives of Fair Trade organisations and businesses across the borough.

Friday Night Suppers – coming soon!

Trish is planning to experiment with offering Friday Night family meals from late October, offering a healthy home cooked evening meal for all the family from 6.30 pm – 8 pm. Please look out for further details around the church.

QUIZ NIGHT!

17th October 2009 at 7 30 p.m. in the church Hall - includes a fish and chip supper. Tickets £8, seniors and children £4.50. Tables of 8. Bring your friends and drinks for a fun evening of brain teasers and general knowledge. **For tickets call Peter Leighton on 020 8989 3582**

Connect through "The Tree of Life"

We are planning to involve the community in a new arts programme, "*The Tree of Life*" this autumn. Our first series of events will be on the theme of Roots and Remembrance – helping us to understand the history and different experiences of people here in Leytonstone.

The Tree of Life is a commonly used symbol across many different cultures and religions, which suggests the idea that all life on earth is related and has common roots. This programme will connect people in our community through arts activities, remind us of our shared heritage and recognize our connection with the environment in which we live.

We are planning an exhibition of art works by the community and professionals from November 8th-20th from 12 - 3pm (excluding Sundays and Mondays). There will be a children's fun day on October 28th, and we are planning activities for the Over 50^s club and Youth Group.

Building works start – but it's 'business as usual'

Repair works to our gutters and roofs are due to start at St Andrew's on 5 October 2009. All activities at the church and *Café Refresh* will continue as normal.

Our building contractors are members of the Considerate Contractor's Scheme, so if any residents experience problems please do call us to report it.

The work is being funded by *English Heritage*, *London Over the Border Council*, *Friends of Essex Church* and *The London Borough of Waltham Forest* as well as donations from our community – thank you to everyone!

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

'In the light of God's call, and our situation here, our vision is for St Andrew's to be an open, welcoming and thriving church serving our diverse community by caring for the spiritual, social and physical well being of all.'

ACTIVITIES AT ST ANDREW'S



Sunday School

Sunday school every Sunday from 10 to 11 am with crafts, bible stories and other activities suitable for young children



Messy Mites

Every Monday at 10:30 am to 12:00 noon our mother and toddlers group Messy Mites meets at the church. It is lots of fun for the youngsters and a good opportunity to meet other mums. So why not come along? Phone Dean'na on 020 8524 3656

Seniors Club

Mondays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm a meeting place for seniors at the church. Have a cup of coffee, meet with friends, learn to use the computer. It's a great facility for our older citizens. Ring Thelma on 020 8556 5709



Cubs and Scouts



Tuesday evenings is a great time for children interested in scouting. The beavers meet at 5:30 pm, cubs at 6:30 pm and the scouts at 8:00 pm. The group is run by Alan the local scout leader and they have great activities. Ring him on 020 8556 6023 for more details or e-mail alan@tolmers.org.uk

Playgroup

For children over 18 months up to nursery age why not join our playgroup. It meets on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and is great fun for the kids. For more details contact Rosemarie on 020 8534 8167



Youth Club - STAY (St Andrew's Youth)

A great new venture for youngsters from 11 to 14 meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm and is becoming very popular with young people in the area. It gives them something worthwhile and fun to do on a Thursday evening and is supervised by Rosemarie and her team of helpers. Ring Rosemarie for more details on 020 8534 8167



Fair Trade

Our Fair trade stall is open every final Sunday in the month after Sunday service in the church hall at 11:15 am. The church is a strong supporter of fair trade in the borough. If you want any fair trade produce ring Lorraine on 020 8989 3582

Tabletop Sales

St Andrews holds a tabletop sale every third Saturday in the month in the Church Hall from 10 am to 2 pm. It costs £6 to hire a table - speak to Jean CP in church or call her on 020 8556 4843.

Hall Bookings

Why not use the church hall for that special occasion, meeting or other activity for some evenings and at weekends - very moderate charges. Speak in church to Val Vivier or Amanda or call Valerie on 020 8558 3976.

An up-to-date listing of other events, activities or more information about the church, visit www.standrewsleytonstone.org

For any other requests, queries or any other events, please either contact our Priest-in-Charge Father Duncan Dalais at duncan.dalais@virgin.net or speak to any of our Churchwardens