

ST ANDREW'S IN THE GRANGE

JUNE - JULY 2026

GREETINGS FROM THE MANSE

Since having children, I have discovered the true importance of rest. Before children, I thought rest meant a holiday, a lie-in, or an afternoon with a good book. Now, it sometimes means managing to drink a cup of tea while it is still warm!

Yet real rest is about more than getting away. It is about finding space to reconnect with ourselves and with God. We live in a world that celebrates busyness, and it is easy to rush from one thing to the next. In all the activity, we can miss our deepest need: to know that we are loved, held, and valued not because of what we achieve, but simply because of who we are. No wonder one of the Ten Commandments calls us to honour the Sabbath. They knew that we would need regular reminders that our worth is not found in our productivity.

Summer on our island invites us into a gentler pace. More walks, more ice creams, more time with friends and family, more laughter, and perhaps a holiday. For some, it may also mean the gift, or the challenge, of visitors coming to stay! Whatever this season holds, my prayer is that you find moments of rest and restoration amidst the busyness of life.

Summer has a habit of passing us by before we know it. Perhaps this year is an invitation to slow down, breathe deeply, notice the beauty around us, and enjoy the gift of the season while it lasts.

Blessings, Justin



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE:

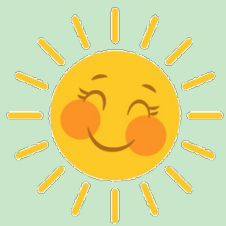
- 6th SAFFERY ROTARY WALK
- 14th COMMUNION SERVICE
- 15th BOOK CLUB AT LES COTILS AT 9:30
- 20th PRESBYTERY MEETING AT 10:00
- 21st FATHER'S DAY SERVICE
- 25th PRESBYTERY ELDER'S CONFERENCE 19:00
- 28th EARLY BIRDS WEE SERVICE AT 8:45

JULY:

- 1st BOOK CLUB AT THE LES COTILS AT 9:30
- 5th COMMUNION SERVICE
- 7th KIRK SESSION VISIONING EVENING
- 12th EARLY COMMUNION AT 9:00
- 19th CAFÉ STYLE CHURCH
- 26th EARLY BIRDS WEE SERVICE AT 8:45
CAFÉ STYLE CHURCH

Outdoor Service and Bring & Share Lunch

Join us for our Outdoor Service at Les Cotils on Sunday, 9th August at 10.30 am, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. We are delighted that members of the United Reformed Church will be joining us. This is a relaxed and informal service, and if you have not been to church for a while, it is a great opportunity to come along. Whether you are a regular worshipper or simply curious, you will be made very welcome.



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CHURCH AUDIT: HAVE YOUR SAY

As we look to the future of St Andrew's in the Grange, we invite everyone connected with the church to take part in our Church Audit on the church website. Inspired by Sam Wells' book *A Future That's Bigger Than Our Past*, this process helps us reflect on who we are, where God is at work among us, and what kind of church we are being called to become.

The audit comprises five short questionnaires, each focusing on a different aspect of church life. You can complete them at your own pace, and every response matters. Whether you have been part of the congregation for many years or have joined us more recently, your experiences, ideas and insights are important.

This is not simply a survey; it is an opportunity for us to listen to one another and discern together how God is calling us to serve Guernsey with hope, courage and compassion in the years ahead.

You can find all five questionnaires on our website: cofsguernsey.org.gg

EARLY BIRDS WEE SERVICE

Our Early Birds Wee Service takes place on the last Sunday of each month, with breakfast starting at 8:45 am and finishing by 9:30 am, leaving plenty of time for sports and other Sunday activities.

We would love to see more children join us. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews are all welcome. We believe it is important to invest in our young people and give them the opportunity to experience the joy, faith and community the church can offer.

Why not bring a young person along this month? A simple invitation could make all the difference. nieces and nephews are all welcome. Why not invite a young person you know to come along? A simple invitation could make a lasting difference.

Hospital Visits

Due to a change in hospital policy, we are no longer automatically informed when members of our congregation are admitted to the hospital.

If you or a family member goes into the hospital and would appreciate a visit, please let Justin or Carolyn know. If we do not hear from you, we may not be aware that you are there.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Our Book of the Month is *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. In this thought-provoking and accessible book, Rohr explores the two halves of life and how faith often deepens through challenge, loss, growth and transformation. Drawing on Christian spirituality and wisdom, he invites readers to see life's ups and downs not as obstacles to faith, but as part of God's work in shaping us.

Whether you are a regular reader or simply curious about exploring faith in a fresh way, we warmly encourage you to give it a try.

The Book Club will be meeting at Les Cotils to discuss the book, and everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

ECO CHALLENGE

As part of our Eco Challenge this month, why not consider walking, cycling, or taking the bus whenever possible? With longer days and warmer weather, summer is the perfect time to leave the car at home and enjoy the journey a little more.

Not only can choosing greener forms of transport help reduce our environmental impact, but it can also benefit our physical and mental well-being. You may even discover something new in your neighbourhood or enjoy a slower pace of life along the way.

Why not challenge yourself to swap just one car journey each week and see where it takes you?

NEW MINISTER AT CROWN COURT

Please remember in your prayers the induction of Rev Tara Porr Granados as minister of London Crown Court Church of Scotland on 20th June.

Pray for Tara and her husband, Ramon, as they begin this new chapter, and for the congregation as they welcome their new minister. May God bless them all as they begin this journey together in faith, hope and love.