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July & August 2026

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The anglican and methodist church of



St. Andrew
Paddock Wood

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Services - July & August 2026

July

5th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
12th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
19th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
26th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Worship

August

2nd	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
9th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
16th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
23rd	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
30th	9.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Morning Worship

Parish Prayer

Lord God, we ask you to bless St. Andrew's. Strengthen our fellowship, that we may support and encourage each other.

Guide us in our daily lives, and help us to be instruments of your peace and love, reaching out to those in need and showing compassion to all.

May St. Andrew's be a beacon of hope and a source of comfort to all who seek your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FAIR TRADE SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday Mornings
10.00 am - 12.30pm

Sunday Morning - between services
and 11.30 - 12 noon

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From Bishop Simon Bishop of Tonbridge

What the penalty shoot-out tells us about life

Is there a more exquisite form of sporting torture than the penalty shoot-out?

Sport is laden with cliché, and the refrain, ‘it’s come down to the lottery of penalties’ is an established part of the lexicon. But is it just the spin of the roulette wheel? Not according to Geir Jordet, it isn’t. The Norwegian Professor of Psychology and Football is on a mission to convince the world there is lots you can do to get ready, and those that don’t are more likely to fail: see his book *Pressure* (2024).

There is skill involved in taking a penalty, an ability that can be honed with practice. Individual players can be trained to take their time (but not too long), to establish a routine that helps them take control of the situation, to take careful breaths, and to focus.

They can be helped with blocking out the trash-talk of opponents, especially goalkeepers, who can subtly try to get under their skin in the seconds leading up to a penalty.

There is nothing lonelier than the appearance of one man or woman taking the long walk from the centre circle to the penalty spot. But teams can support one another with words of encouragement and touch. Not just



in the grasping of each other’s shoulders in the centre circle, but in reaching out to those who both score and miss.

Missing a penalty in the shoot-out is inevitable; the only way it can conclude. And statistics show that the world’s greatest players, like Lionel Messi, are not notably better at converting penalties than others. On average, the best players have around an eighty percent success rate (which, significantly, is one missed penalty out of five in a shoot-out).

Reading *Pressure* cast my mind back to the archetypal shoot-out between David and Goliath. Deciding war between opposing tribes based on an individual contest was quite common in the ancient world – effectively moving the penalty shoot-out to before the game, to save the effort. Perhaps David should have lost it, and not just because of his size. Beforehand, he had a serious bust up

with his side and those who did not see him as a team player. Then Goliath trash-talked him like Emi Martinez is famed for with Aston Villa and Argentina. And finally, he ran up to take his shot very quickly, without much reflection. But then again, Geir Jordet would be the first to point out that preparing badly for a contest does not mean you can't win it – just that you are less likely to.

We are left with the feeling that hugely divergent outcomes can emerge from the smallest and most random of

causes. The human tendency is then to rationalise the outcome in ways that make it seem inevitable. Geir Jordet is aware of this in football, but in other walks of life, we continue to build up wobbly cases on shallow evidence as a way of warding off anxiety or the fear that others will think we are clueless if we admit to the existence of chance. Most people are right less than eighty percent of the time; something we might hold in mind when the next England players make that solitary walk to the penalty spot.

A summer of sports

Love it or hate it, this summer you might not be able to get away from sports. By the time you read this there will have been the women's T20 cricket world cup, we will be in the midst of the football World Cup and the Tour De France will have just started. Later this summer we have the Commonwealth Games, as well as regular annual competitions such as Wimbledon, the FI season, cricket test matches, The Blast and Hundred cricket competitions, and Le Tour Avec Femmes, to name just a few.

Even if you don't like sport, it's already and will continue to be on your TV channels and news feeds most of the summer. Millions of people will be talking about the big events that happen as part of it. If you are anything like me, I can't wait. As you know, I love sport, both playing and watching, and I've already had slight anxiety when there's been no sport available in the evenings on TV.

However, did you know that for many, Christianity and sport go hand in hand? From churches birthing premier league clubs, to athletes proclaiming their faith and refusing to run on Sundays (both are true – look them up!). Many athletes cite God and Jesus as their inspiration and the reason they have kept going through adversity.



Sport and running races are mentioned in the Bible. Two key passages written by St. Paul in the New Testament (in the books of 1 Corinthians and Hebrews), challenge us through sport to think about our faith. In Hebrews ch.12 we are encouraged, as we run the race of life, to keep our faith in Jesus through whatever circumstances we are going through, knowing that our focus should be on Jesus, who does not abandon us in difficult times.



In the second passage in the book of 1 Corinthians ch.9, Paul talks about how athletes run and train only for them to win a perishable (not lasting) garland or award, and challenges us to actually run for an eternal prize, which is faith in Jesus. Paul says we have a choice, to strive for things that don't satisfy for long – you know, that new phone, new car, job promotion, that you ultimately realise doesn't satisfy. Or to strive for a faith in Jesus that ultimately moves us away from just thinking about ourselves, to thinking about others, and how life is much more satisfying when we have a faith in Jesus.

The challenge Paul wrote about thousands of years ago is still relevant today. So which race are you going to run, the one that will never satisfy or the one that will satisfy forever?



Rev. Mark Montgomery

Open House

**Fridays 10.30 - 12 noon
in The Wallis Room**

**Last Meeting for the summer 17th July
Re-opens 4th September**

All welcome

Parish Prayer

**Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.00 - 9.30 am
in The Wallis Room All welcome**

Confusion and Uproar during the Biblical Olympics

Can you find the Bible stories this is based on?

There was a phenomenal display of strength in the archery tournament, with a new record of the furthest shot arrow. Jonathan had to direct those searching for the landing place to 'go further' and David searched so far he has yet to return.

Cheerleading took centre stage where this year the focus was more on the cheers themselves than the gymnastics. Joshua's army cheered so loudly that the very walls of Jericho came tumbling down, a feat not likely to be soon matched.

Another Olympic venue was compromised during the strongest man competition. Samson, previously disqualified after an unfortunate haircut, brought the house down a little too literally, crushing the opposing team. Those who died were in turn disqualified for failing to complete the task.

A slight slip occurred during the fencing matches when Eglon was stabbed by the left-handed Ehud. Paramedics had to be called as Eglon's very large stomach swallowed up Ehud's sword!

Further disaster struck during the self-built boating displays when an influx of animals stowed away on Noah's boat. In spite of constant rain, flooding and drifting to a mountaintop, Noah still managed to win the race as he was the only one competing.

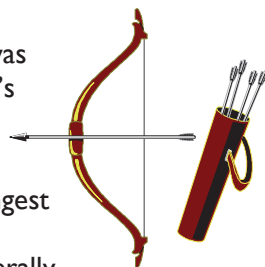


Confusion was caused during a chariot race when Elijah, fearing getting damp in the rain, outpaced the chariots on foot. Had he been in a running race he'd have set a new world record. We have yet to hear whether he will be disqualified for not actually competing in a chariot.

Finally, Moses's feat of strength is being reviewed after it was proved that he had 'a little help from his friends' who held his arms up for him when he grew tired.

Honourable mentions go to Samson in fencing, who in spite of losing his sword, defeated a thousand competitors with a donkey's jawbone. It was felt that this had not offered him an undue advantage.

Also to Gideon, whose team was severely depleted when those who didn't have proper manners when taking a drink were sent home. Whilst the remaining team



showed very little skill, the cheerleading carried them through and they shone brightly amongst a talented turn out.

Rev. Kirsty McGhee

Ed: See if you can find the Bible stories Kirsty is referring to. The prize is becoming more familiar with the Old Testament!

Small Steps to Becoming Greener

I've changed all my light bulbs, my house is insulated, my car is a mild hybrid, I try to walk if I'm going anywhere within Paddock Wood, I recycle ... so what more can I do to be a bit greener?

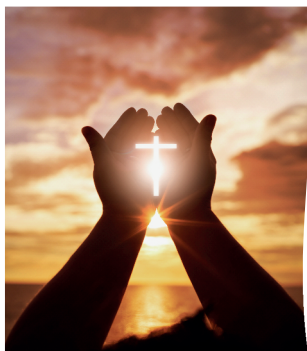
I know the big thing that I should do and that is to eat less meat, but it seems a step too far at the moment! I should probably grow vegetables in my garden, but we have wild rabbits that delight us, especially when they have babies. Anything we plant gets eaten by them or dug up by the squirrels. We do have lots of trees and although it means quite a lot of work in the autumn, I wouldn't be without them.

As I write this, at the end of May, it's very hot and water is the hot topic. I've turned my thoughts to saving water. A short shower each day. Not using the washing machine until there's a full load. And do I have to wash something that isn't dirty or smelly? Then there's the dishwasher; I make sure that it's full before I switch it on.



What small steps do you take to be greener? Maybe others will follow suit? Please let us know so that we can all improve our carbon footprint.

June Dean



Prayer Chain at St Andrew's

At St. Andrew's, church members can join our Prayer Chain to receive (by email) requests for prayer.

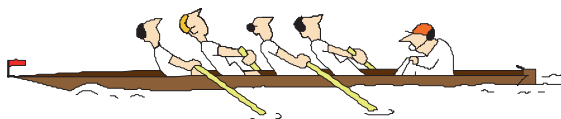
You don't have to be a member of St. Andrew's to ask for our prayers.

If you live or work in Paddock Wood and would like to ask for prayer, you can submit a request by email to: prayer@standrewspw.org.uk

Encountering God in Creation

I've never been sporty! At school, I was the bane of my PE teacher's life because I got changed at a snail's pace in order to limit the amount of time I actually had to participate in the lesson.

Once I got to university, I was keen to keep sports at arm's length but my neighbour and course mate persuaded me to try rowing. Two things she said convinced me. First, she pointed out that almost no one would have rowed before so we would all be hopeless together. Second, (and even more convincingly) she said that the Boat Club had the best parties and lots of fit young men! (Sorry, I was 18, those were important.)



Finally, I understood some of the positive aspects of sport that anyone who enjoys it will tell you about. I liked being in a team – I got to know the other women well and it was fun to train together. There was a real sense of achievement in learning a new skill and improving. We got fitter too, and I was finally able to run down to the river without thinking I was going to die! On race days, there was a great atmosphere along the river banks and a sense of excitement. Oh – and the parties were very good!

But most of all, I loved being out in the natural world on our early morning outings. In the autumn and winter, this meant getting to the river just as the sun came up, and a sunrise over the river on a beautiful morning is something I shall never forget. It also gives you a chance to watch the seasons changing, kicking through leaves in the autumn, watching the delicate tracery of branches appear in the winter and the frost on the long grasses. Then when spring came, seeing wild flowers and everything turning green again.



I was not a Christian when I was at uni but sometimes, when things were so beautiful in the natural world, I almost burst with wanting to express my gratitude for what I could see around me. Looking back, I think that desire to connect with creation was a step on the way to wanting to connect with the Creator. I'm sorry to say that I have never re-connected with rowing, but the sense of community and belonging to my church family, and indeed, to the church around the world, has become very precious to me. The only race

I'm taking part in these days is the one St. Paul refers to in his first letter to the church in Corinth. He writes:

"You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever."

He was talking about the prize of eternal life through faith in Jesus. Christians "train" by reading the Bible and praying so that they can understand more about the God who made us, and the wonderful world around us. He loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to show us how to live and, ultimately, Jesus died and rose again to take away the barrier which existed between us and God – the barrier of the mistakes we make and the wrong things we do. If this is something you'd like to know more about, then join us! You are always welcome at our Sunday services or, if sports fixtures for yourselves or your children make it hard to turn up on a Sunday, ask us about our midweek 'connect' groups and tell us what sort of setting would work best for you. That prize St. Paul spoke about is well worth having and it is on offer to anyone who wants it – will you join us in the race?



Hilary Sutton

The Bereko Community Partnership is holding a

Quiz Night

RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR WORK IN BEREKO

Saturday 19th September

at Mascalls Academy

7pm for a prompt 7.15 start

£6.00 per person

Teams of up to 6 people -

Please bring your own refreshments

**To book a table please contact
rachel.smith@standrewspw.org.uk**

Tel: 07725 768269

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Wow! What a Celebration!

2026 is the 50th Anniversary of the church shop being opened and, of course we had to celebrate. So on the 16th May we arranged 'A Sparkling Afternoon Tea'.



Cakes and scones were baked, sandwiches were ordered, the hall was decorated, and 'proper' china was acquired. An exhibition about the shop's history, staff, suppliers and charities we support was created. So we were all set.



The shop opened at 1.30pm and tea and coffee were available. People started to arrive and buy some of the lovely things in the shop. They gathered in the foyer of the church waiting until it was time to unveil the plaque commemorating this special milestone.

At 2.30 we gathered outside the shop and after a short address from Rev Mark,

Sheila Mutler, who started the whole endeavour, unveiled the plaque.



Then the Afternoon Tea was served. Sandwiches, cakes and scones with clotted cream and jam were eaten with plenty of freshly brewed tea. It was such a happy atmosphere with lots of chatting with old friends and new. It was lovely to see people



who were there at the birth of the shop but have since moved away.

Our thanks go to all those who helped put on such a lovely celebration, to all the volunteers who have served in the shop over the past 50 years and to all our customers who have supported us. But, ultimately, our thanks go to God for giving Sheila the vision in the first place and for renewing that vision throughout this past 50 years, expanding into Fair Trade, going out to other churches and schools, changing as the world and society moves on to keep abreast of things. To Him goes the glory!

A booklet about the start of the shop was produced for the occasion. If you would like a copy of this, we can let you have one for a small donation or we can send you a pdf if you would prefer. Please contact the church office.



Save the Date

Our Harvest Celebrations

will be on 27th Septemeber

10.30 am Harvest Praise Parade Service

Donations for the Community Storehouse

12 noon Bring & Share Lunch in the Winter Hall

**We would love to see you as we celebrate
God's generous love through his creation**



Food shared with Love

Paddock Wood Carnival – 12th July

The Paddock Wood Carnival is taking place on Sunday 12th July.

This annual event is a brilliant opportunity for St. Andrew's to engage with its wider community, and perhaps forge a purposeful connection with those who may have had very limited prior engagement with our church, if any at all.

The success of previous years' endeavours rests on those faithful individuals who help with preparations in the weeks beforehand as well as on the day itself.

And we do need help...

Our involvement on the day comprises:

- Craft activities and refreshments provided by the Children & Families team.
- Display and information on the work of the Bereko Community Partnership. A water-carrying assault course is a perennial favourite for those who don't mind a 'dowsing'!
- Information on St. Andrew's (services, groups etc) – and this is where we need volunteers to step forward:
- To meet & greet visitors at the marquee: general chat about what goes on at St. Andrew's.
 - Mingle with passing visitors and share information packs / goodies that will be prepared in advance.
 - Support during the afternoon would be hugely appreciated, either for the entirety of our presence (12.30 – 4.30pm) or for an hour or two.

Help to set up / close down the event is critical. Individuals prepared to transport the frame of the marquee to the event site (and/ or return leg) are needed.

Medium to large sized cars are needed for this task.

Offers of support should be directed to Siobhan c/o office@standrewspw.org.uk, who will also provide any further information you need about what the tasks on the day entail.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Foyer noticeboard at St. Andrew's.



ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN & YOUTH

July is a favourite time of year for many children & families – it's the month of school trips and special events at school, summer picnics and barbeques and, of course, the summer holidays! For St. Andrew's Church it also means having a stand at the **Paddock Wood Carnival**, and our popular annual **Holiday Club** for children aged 5-11.

Do come and find us at the **Carnival on Sunday 12th July**. There will be the Bereko Team with their water challenge, as well as free games and activities for the children to do!



The **Holiday Club** will run for four mornings **from 20th - 23rd July** and will include team challenges and games, crafts, Bible stories and worship. Our theme for this year is 'Kingdom Builders'. We will be learning about the kingdom of God that Jesus spoke about through parables during his time on earth. We'll be



having different building challenges each day, using Lego, so if you or your family/friends have any Lego they would like to lend us for the week, please do get in touch.



Also, if you would like to help us at this popular week of activity, please do get in touch. Offers of help with our teams of children on all or some of the days of the Holiday Club are always much appreciated, so if you would like to help in any way, please contact Hanna on 01892 837617 or email: hanna@standrewspw.org.uk.

We also hope to have our annual Teddy Bears Picnic for families with little ones following our last Little Pickles session on **Monday 13th July from 11:30**, making use of our church gardens. So, if have a little one (child/grandchild), please do come along and don't forget to bring a teddy!



Due to the popularity of our Stay & Play sessions last summer we will be holding some of these sessions again this year – these will be for children aged 0-11, with activities for the little ones as well as for the older children, and hopefully making use of the church gardens too! See below for dates:

Dates for the Diary for July & August 2026:

Monday 6th July:	Little Pickles (9:45am-11:15am)
Tuesday 7th July:	Rhyme Time (10am-12am) Pathfinders (7:15pm-8:45pm)
Sunday 12th July:	Paddock Wood Carnival (12pm-4:30pm)
Monday 13th July:	Little Pickles (9:45am-11:15am) Teddy Bears Picnic (11:30am-1pm)
Tuesday 14th July:	Rhyme Time (10am-11am) Pathfinders (7:15pm-8:45pm)
Sunday 19th July:	Voyagers & Survivors Groups (10:30-11:30am) Set up for Holiday Club (12 noon onwards)
Monday 20th July - Thursday 23rd July:	HOLIDAY CLUB (9:30am-12:30pm)
Monday 3rd August:	Stay and Play (10:00am-12:00pm)
Tuesday 4th August:	Stay and Play (10:00am-12:00pm)
Monday 10th August:	Stay and Play (10:00am-12:00pm)
Tuesday 11th August:	Stay and Play (10:00am-12:00pm)
Monday 17th August:	Stay and Play (10:00am-12:00pm)
Tuesday 18th August:	Stay and Play (10:00am-12:00pm)

PADDOCK WOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

CARNIVAL Weekend

HELD IN ST. ANDREWS FIELD

ROCKIN' IN THE REC

Sat. July 11

4:30-10pm

CARNIVAL & FETE

Sun. July 12

12-4:30pm



For full details visit
www.paddockwoodlions.co.uk



Farewell to Barsleys

As you are aware, Barleys in Commercial Road is closing after 135 years of trading.

It was started by Charles Barsley in 1891 when Charles took over the running of a tailoring establishment in Brenchley (this is now Brenchley Post Office). Charles was the eldest of eleven children of a master tailor and draper of Kimpton in Hertfordshire. He had qualified with a diploma in Garment Cutting at the "Tailor and Cutter" academy. He travelled around the area either on his bicycle or horse and cart, measuring clients in their homes. Some customers visited the shop, where there was a tailoring workshop which employed about three men.

By 1900, trade had increased so much that he needed larger premises and he found this in Paddock Wood, a small but thriving village at the time due to the railway and people from London coming down during hop-picking season (hence the railway from Paddock Wood to Headcorn being called 'The Hop Pickers Line').

In 1903, Charles purchased Alma Cottages in Commercial Road and enlarged the building to accommodate a shop. This was on the site of the present store. In 1919, the Brenchley shop was closed and all business transferred to Paddock Wood. Workshops which had been producing military uniforms during the war now began to turn out inexpensive ready-made civilian clothes and so, as the demand for home tailoring decreased, Barsleys extended their trade to include footwear and outfitting. Charles's son Bob was apprenticed to C.E. White, the Tunbridge Wells mens' outfitter, and he joined the family business in 1934.

Charles died in 1940 and, after the war, Bob extended the premises into Station Road, allowing more departments to be opened. In 1952, the acquisition of further buildings in Station Road enabled Barsleys to open drapery, haberdashery, soft furnishings and ladieswear departments.



In 1961, an extension to the rear of the Commercial Road property was built and a furniture and carpet department opened. Between 1968 and 1970 further construction was carried out to re-build the Station Road part of the shop and join it to the Commercial Road building.

Charles Barsley's grandson John joined the firm in 1972 after training in linens, soft furnishings, curtain making and drapery at Noakes' of Tunbridge Wells. He was followed in 1974 by his brother Richard, who was trained in clothing and outfitting at Sharp's of Maidstone.

In 1987 the original cottages that formed the shop were demolished and the front of the store rebuilt. In 2000, the premises facing Station Road were extended and a lift installed, giving customers easier access to the first floor and coffee shop. In 2013, Alice Barsley (Charles' great granddaughter) joined the company, having gained a first in economics at UCL, then working in Debenhams head office in London for 3 years. In 2014, a huge refurbishment sale was held to enable the re-flooring of the entire store. In 2016 there was a celebration of 125 years with staff dressing in "original" uniforms.

I spoke to Richard and his daughter Alice, and these are their responses.

How many family members have been involved?

14; this includes Richard's children, together with his brother John and his children, plus other members of the family. Richard has been involved for 52 years and Alice for 13 years.

How has the store changed over the years?

It started as an outfitters and, as fashion changed, so did they. At one time they used to provide PPE for the people in the hop fields. As custom increased, demand for other items increased and they expanded into beds and furniture.

Decimalisation was also an issue which required quite a lot of change as all the tills had to be changed, as well as all the labelling of stock. In later years things changed again when computerisation was implemented,



involving training for managers and staff. Covid was a difficult time and unfortunately sales have never recovered to pre-Covid levels.

What are your favourite memories of Paddock Wood?

The characters and customers. Also the suppliers (one of their main suppliers was Baldocks in West Malling). The Carnival and Lights Up were also events they enjoyed. Richard said that it is sad that the Carnival is now on a Sunday as they don't get to see any of it with the shop being closed. Alice said that one of her favourite memories was as a child when there was an open evening and she handed out chocolates to customers.

Are there any things you regret?

Apart from having to close the store, no. We have been very happy in Paddock Wood.

What are you hoping the replacement will be with the new owners?

Hopefully a similar business to now, but it depends on who takes over. The store is on the market for sale or rent, so we will wait and see when any offers come.

Do you have a closing date? Not at the moment. All the while there is stock available, the store will remain open. Further reductions to existing stock will take place over the next few weeks.

Have the staff been supportive to you since the closure notice and how have you helped them?

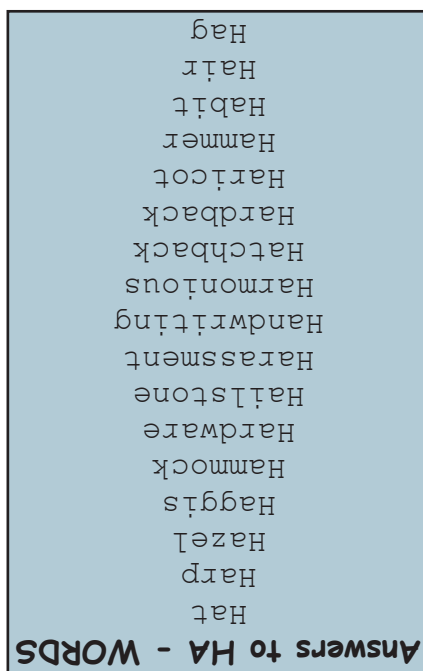
Yes, they have been very understanding with the situation. They have had outside professional help with compiling CV's and talking about redundancy.

What are your plans for the future once the store is closed?

Richard will look forward to retirement and to doing some DIY and gardening. He also enjoys cycling and will hopefully be able to do this more.

Alice has three young children and will spend some more time with them and may at some point look for another job.

Carol Barnett





The anglican and methodist church of
Saint Andrew
Paddock Wood



Parents/grandparents & carers with children 0-11 yrs are invited to join us for Play, Puzzles, Colouring & Crafts at St. Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood – with healthy snacks for the children and tea/coffee for the adults – on the following days in August:

Monday 3rd August – 10am-12pm

Tuesday 4th August – 10am-12pm

Monday 10th August – 10am-12pm

Tuesday 11th August – 10am-12pm

Monday 17th August – 10am-12pm

Monday 18th August – 10am-12pm

Just £2.00 per family

For further details, contact Hanna on 01892 837617 or
email: hanna@standrewspw.org.uk

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On Thursday 9th July at 2 pm
our visitor will be Lucy Allen
The Highs & lows of a stunt woman's life

After graduating from Bristol University with a Drama degree, Lucy worked for some years as an actress, aerialist and physical performer in circus & theatre. In 1990, Lucy joined the Stunt Register and commenced her highly successful career as a Stunt Artiste, performing numerous stunts in films and TV. These included Casualty and East Enders, Titanic and Braveheart. After a 30-plus year career, she is still going strong as a stunt performer, with recent jobs in Wicked, Doc Marin, The Crown and Meg 2.



Come along and hear all about her fantastic career.

St. Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood, TN126DX

For further details see: www.paddockwoodu3a.org

ALSO

Our August meeting will be on Thursday 13th August at 2pm and will be a special one, as there is no speaker. We will have music, dancing, some food and drink, and chat.

St Andrew's Coffee Shop

As you know, the Coffee Shop is open on **Tuesday & Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 12 noon**. Everyone is welcome to come along when we are there, to enjoy good Fair Trade Coffee and Tea and Home-made Cake.

While the Coffee Shop is open we also have a Craft Club on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month and on the 3rd Wednesday Brian Banks is there to lead a discussion on topical news stories. You don't need to join in with these activities - if you wish, just come along and enjoy the coffee!

We shall be **closed on the 21st & 22nd July** for Holiday Club but will be open the following week. We will open on **Tuesdays only in August**.

Craft Club at the Coffee Shop

Wednesday 8th July
10.00 - 12 noon in The Foyer
All welcome

Discussion Group at the Coffee Shop

Wednesday 15th July
10.00 - 12 noon in The Foyer
All welcome

A Prayer for the Summer

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless this holiday season, that it may be a time of refreshment and renewal.

We pray especially for those who are not able to take a break, that they may still find time to relax.

We pray that everyone may be able to experience the joy of your creation, whether at home or further afield.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary Dates for July & August

July

9th	10.30am	Friends Together
12th		Paddock Wood Carnival
13th	8.00pm	Church Council
19th		Holiday Club set-up
20th – 24th		Holiday Club @ St Andrew's

August 2026

3rd – 4th	10.00am	Stay & Play
10th- 11th	10.00am	Stay & Play
13th	10.30am	Friends Together
17th – 18th	10.00am	Stay & Play
27th	10.30am	Friends Together

Children and Youth Contact Details

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Solve the clues to find the words all starting with HA

1. Covering for the head
2. Stringed instrument
3. A type of nut
4. Burns Night favourite
5. Hanging bed made of netting
6. Computer physical components
7. Ice that falls as precipitation
8. Persistent, hostile behaviour
9. Producing text with a pen
10. Pleasing blend of notes
11. Car with rear upward opening door
12. Book with rigid covers
13. Small, white dried bean
14. Tool used for striking
15. A routine behaviour
16. It grows out of the head
17. A wizened old woman

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