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Week beginning Sunday 16th March
2nd Sunday of Lent



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**An Evening With Darron Garnett
The Voice Of Cool Swing
Friday 4th April 7pm for 7.30pm**

St Andrew's Church Rooms,
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