



Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith, serving with love, and welcoming all



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

Sunday 10.00 am Parish Communion

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 8.26-end Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

1 John 4.7-end God is Love

John 15.1-8 Jesus the true Vine

Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

11.30am APCM

Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church. Please note our church is usually open for private prayer Monday - Saturday, **09.00 am - 4.00 pm.**

Revd Liz and Churchwardens

This Week

Monday 29 April

2.30pm

7.30pm

Funeral of Teresa Stimson RIP in Church
Edward Peake Christian Ethos Working
Group, Ivel Room

Wednesday 1 May

10.00 –11.30am

2.00pm

Hertfordshire Bell Ringers
MU Meeting, Ivel room

Thursday 2 May

9.30am

Readings:

1.00pm

Holy Communion, followed by Coffee

Burial of ashes, Jennifer Doling RIP at
Stratton Cemetery

Saturday 4 May

10.00 –12.00pm

10.00 –11.00am

Coffee shop

Rehearsal for all Confirmation and
Admission to Holy Communion Candidates
In Church

Sunday 5 May

10.00am

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Parish Communion with Admission to Holy
Communion and Confirmation
followed by hot buffet reception,
Chapter House

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Requesting our Prayers: Catherine, Princess of Wales, King Charles, Bobbie Ball, Julia Pilgrim, Alan, Bishop of St Albans, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Philip Hickin, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott and Paul Bennett.

Continue to Pray for: Joy Botterell, Maurice Darnell, Jo Chelley.

Mafambisa. We pray for the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for careworker: Khethiwe, children: Alisha Mabaso, Felicia, Lovemore, Fikile, Josphina.
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We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; David Rainbow, Teresa Stimson, and for families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time: 29th Joan Albone, 3rd May William Daniels.

CHURCH HISTORY AND GUIDE ILLUSTRATED BOOKLETS The cost of a reprint of the latest edition of these has been met by the Friends of St Andrew's and they are now on sale, price £3, on the table near the font. Please place your payment in the wall safe in the foyer. All proceeds are for church funds. *Philip Rutt.*

Tibbs Dementia Foundation Activity Group. Following the dementia course a new bi-monthly group started this week. The Biggleswade Activity group is a relaxed and welcoming space to drop in for a coffee and a chat, to enjoy a range of fun and interesting activities, to gather information, signposting to other relevant organisations, peer support and to build new friendships in a warm and understanding environment. If you're affected by dementia this could be the group for you. We'd love to meet you, so please do get in touch or drop in. The group runs on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10.30-12.00pm in Chapter House. We ask for a contribution of £5 person if affordable to help cover our costs. No booking is required. Just come along. For more information email: charlott.capocci@tibbsdementia.co.uk. *Tibbs Dementia Foundation.*

MU Weds 1st May 2pm. Meeting in the Ivel Room. Various items to discuss, including Prisons project, but cake will follow. All Welcome.

Thursday 16th May 12-2pm Ploughman's Lunch. (Soup possible if this cold weather persists!)

Saturday 8th June. All day bell ringers competition. MU has volunteered to man the kitchen to supply drinks and snacks all through the day. There will be quite a few people coming and going. The Mafambisa team will be catering with us, but if you'd like to help please speak to me or Ros Drakes, or to Chris and the Mafambisa team. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

Ways of Giving to St Andrew's Church The monetary donations given on a regular basis support the work and ministry of our Church and the wider world. They are vitally important if we wish to continue and grow our ministry, mission and outreach. This can be done in a variety of ways: 1. Through the Parish Giving Scheme, visit www.parishgiving.org.uk quote our Parish Code, 320632291 2. A standing order through your bank 3. The Regular Giving Envelope Scheme 4. The Yellow Gift Aid Envelope 5. Cash in the Collection Plate 6. And if you are a UK Tax Payer please gift aid, which is worth an additional 25% of your donations. *Andrew Rutt, Church Treasurer.*

Kitchen Youth Group Sponsored Cycle Thank you to our Kitchen Youth group who completed their 24 hour sponsored cycle on Saturday/Sunday to raise funds to support our young people who will be visiting Mafambisa this summer! The group managed to raise £900 by cycling 1200 kilometres, which is equivalent to cycling to Düsseldorf via Paris. Thank you to everyone who supported them. If you still wish to sponsor you can do so on “go-fund me” or on the website “Give Button” Thank you. *Chris Parker.*

The Spirit of Spring Biggleswade & District Choral Society presents ‘The Spirit of Spring’ including ‘Songs and Sonnets’ by George Shearing with works by Bob Chilcott, Eric Whitacre and John Rutter taking place at St Andrew’s Church, Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 (including refreshments) for ticket office see www.biggleschoral.org.uk

Spring Afternoon Tea Sunday 2 June 2024 Chapter House We will be raising funds for the Africa 2024 Youth Team. Pre-booking is required and there will be a choice of 1pm and 3pm sittings. Tickets are £10 per adult/£8 per child. Please book online at <https://bit.ly/49N4dOV>. Any queries please ask Sally Wells sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk 07932 760864.

The signed Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 30th January are available to read and are located on the noticeboard in the church foyer. They can also be found on the church website <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/pcc>. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

Future Dates

Thursday 2 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 4 May	10.00-11.00am	Rehearsal for Confirmation and Admission to Holy Communion
Sunday 5 May	10.00am	Parish Communion with Confirmation & Admission to Holy Communion
Thursday 9 May	Ascension Day	
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Sung Holy Communion with Incense
Sunday 12 May		Christian Aid Week begins
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	12noon	Baptisms
Thursday 16 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 18 May	9.00am	Christian Aid Big Breakfast
Sunday 19 May	The Feast of Pentecost	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
Thursday 23 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 May	10.00am	Parish Communion

Bishop of St Albans Garden –Summer Opening The Bishop of St Albans will be opening every Sunday between Sunday 9 June and Sunday 11 August for people to come and look at the beautiful gardens and the summer display. Those who saw the snowdrops will have seen the potential that the garden had for summer and will be delighted at the change a different season brings. The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and visitors frequently comment on the fact they did not know the garden was here or how extensive it is. Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome, there will also be plants for sale on some weekends. Please wear footwear suitable for the time of year. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HS.

MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We receive weekly updates from Hands at Work - from different communities via WhatsApp. If you would like to receive these I will add you to the WhatsApp group. Please text your mobile number to Chris on 07702 250776 or email on chris2parker@btinternet.com

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Used Postage Stamps

Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important especially at this time that we give them all the support possible.

Gill Hibbert



Social Media

Keeping in touch with family and friends is something as a Church we are trying to undertake through the use of our social media platforms. The online sphere is another channel we are also able to use to be able to spread God's message. The platforms allow us to reach out to our community of faith, our local community as well as others who aren't as local. Please do contact Oliver Dilley or Jessica Mepham with any ideas, thoughts or content for the social media pages. In the meantime please continue to like, follow and share our social media accounts. *Thanks.*

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Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve, Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen

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