



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



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 2024

Sunday 10.00 am Parish Communion with Confirmation & Admission to Holy Communion

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now, and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 10.44-end

John 15.9-17

Zoom

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

12.00 noon Buffet lunch reception

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

Tuesday 7 May

11.00am

7.30pm

7.30pm

Funeral of David Rainbow RIP in Church

BDCS Rehearsal in Church

Standing Committee, Ivel Room

Wednesday 8 May

7.30pm

Churches Together, tbc

Thursday 9 May

9.30am

Ascension Day

Holy Communion, followed by Coffee

Readings:

Acts 1.1-11

Luke 24.44-end

7.30pm

Sung Eucharist with Incense and Choir

Saturday 11 May

10.00 –12.00pm

Coffee shop

7.30pm

The Spirit of Spring, BDCS concert in Church

Sunday 12 May

10.00am

The Easter 7/Sunday after Ascension

Sunday of Easter

Parish Communion followed by coffee, Chapter House

12 noon

Baptism of Clementine

6.00pm

Christian Aid Week Service at Trinity

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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, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott and Paul Bennett.

Continue to Pray for: Cory Sherry, Joan Betts.

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: Willson, Nancy, Thandolwethu, Makabongwe Simelane, Khoza Themba. www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; Morris Pulham, Philip Hickin, David Rainbow, 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: 6th Arthur Bridges, 9th Doreen Maynard, 10th Prudence Moore.

APCM Election Results Following the APCM last Sunday, the following people were elected to serve on the PCC: *Churchwardens –Chris Parker and Nettie van de Weerd *PCC –Lucy Dilley and Judith Thatcher for 1 year, Adrian Maynard and Peter Giles for 2 years, Rob Lackey, Theo Lewis, Claire Leeks and Harriet Shannon for 3 years. A list of all the members of the PCC and Deanery Synod is located on the board in the church foyer, together with the signed copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2023 and Minutes of the APCM 2023. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

Vicar's APCM Sermon Rev'd Liz's APCM sermon has now been uploaded to the website. Please follow the link <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/apcm-sermon.php> paper copies are available from the Parish Administrator upon request.

Biggleswade Choral is Presenting "The Spirit of Spring" here at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm. It contains a lovely collection of spring music from Ralph Vaughan Williams, Bob Chilcott and Eric Whitacre and features 'Songs and Sonnets' by George Shearing. It will be led by our new musical director, Simon Berridge and accompanied by Anne Wright, with guest soloists. Tickets for this great evening can be brought from our box office at www.biggleschoral.org.uk

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May Christian Aid week is 12-18 May and envelopes will be available for you to make your donation. You can also contribute to Christian Aid via our "GIVE" button on our website. We will be holding our usual Christian Aid Big Breakfast on Saturday 18 May, do come along and raise money for Christian Aid at the same time. Breakfast starts at 8.30am.

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

CRAFT & CHAT. The next session of Craft & Chat will take place on 18th May from 10am til 12. You will be very welcome to bring along some craft to do whilst chatting or just come and have a chat. The more the Merrier. The session will follow on from The Christian Aid Big Breakfast so why not come to that first?!

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.

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.*

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.*

Interested in starting a rambling group? If you would be interested in taking part in a monthly ramble, following footpaths across our local countryside then please add your name to the list in the foyer. *Sam Elong.*

Saturday Morning Coffee Shop We are still in need of a few people to help out at Saturday morning Coffee Shop –please add your name to the list in the foyer! *Chris Parker*

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.*

Future Dates

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
	12.00 –2.00pm	MU Ploughman's Lunch
Saturday 18 May	9.00am	Christian Aid Big Breakfast
Sunday 19 May		The Feast of Pentecost
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Biggleswade Churches Together Pentecost Praise at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 23 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 May	10.00am	Parish Communion

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.*

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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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 Dillely 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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