



Patronal Festival/ Advent Sunday

1 December 2024

1 December World AIDS Day / our Annual Toy Sunday

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion [Traditional]

Collect

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us, by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom: 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

Isaiah 52.7-10 Israel's futile idolatry
Matthew 4.18-22 Jesus calls the first disciples

10.00am Patronal Festival Family Communion

Zoom

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

12.45pm Sunday Lunch
6.00pm Advent Sunday Service of Light

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.**

This Week

Monday 2 December

7.30pm Advent Group, 33 Beech Avenue.

Wednesday 4 December

8.50am Advent Assembly at Edward Peake School
12.30pm MU Lunch

Thursday 5 December

9.30am Holy Communion,
followed by coffee in Chapter House.

Readings:

Isaiah 26.1-6
Matthew 7.21, 24-27
10.30 – 11.30 am Warm Spaces
10.45 – 12.00 noon Advent Group, in Church

Saturday 7 December

10.00 – 12.00noon Coffee Shop, warm spaces and Rotary
Shoebox stall

Sunday 8 December The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Penrose Court, Remembering Loved Ones
by invitation only
6.00 pm Sunday @ 6
Advent – Being Ready for Christmas

Vicar: Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong (01767 312243)

Churchwardens:

Chris Parker (07702 250776)
Nettie van de Weerd (01767 316214)

Parish Administrator:

Mandy Anning (01767 317207) secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk

office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk



Facebook: @StAndrewsBiggleswade



Instagram: @StAndrewsBiggleswade

All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets to be sent to **office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk** by **Tuesdays, 11.00 am**

office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk
bookings@standrewschurchbw.org.uk



Requesting our Prayers: Chris Ebeling, Percy Doughty, Maureen Wade, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell. **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 Hazy View Workers: Virginia, Eunice, Loneck, Audres, Prudence, Thembi, Angel, Audrey.
www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk.

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed: 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. 3rd Rosie Whittaker, 6th Betty Cox, 7th Heather Snell, 8th Doris Tierner.

Safeguarding Sunday 17 November, 2024 - The Vicar's sermon is now available on the Website, via this link: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/vicars-sermon-for-safeguarding-sunday.php> *Revd Liz*.

Advent Group Our Advent reflection group begins this week, we are meeting on Monday evening at George and Angela Dilley's house, 33 Beech Avenue (please note change of venue), on **Monday 2 December**, 7.30pm. The Thursday group meet after the Holy Communion service and Coffee, starting at 10.45 am on **5, 12 and 19 December**, also three evening sessions (different evenings of week) **2, 11, and 17 December**. During Advent we will be guided by Rachel Mann's book "Do Not Be Afraid: The joy of waiting in a time of fear" for our study and reflection. This is the Archbishop of York's Advent 2024 book. *The Vicar and Growth and Mission Sub-Committee*.

Rangers Quiz Ivel (St Andrew's) Rangers are hosting a Quiz on Monday 2 December in the Chapter House from 8pm for an 8.20 start. Teams of up to 6 members, £3 per person. Please email the Rangers confirming your team and number of players. Email: ivelrangers@outlook.com.

Rotary Shoeboxes My annual Christmas stall in aid of the Rotary shoebox scheme will be held on **Saturday 7 December** in the Chapter House during the Coffee Shop from 10.00am until noon, and again after the service on Sunday morning. On the morning of 14 November 295 shoeboxes (including a number of boxes from Trinity Methodist and St Mary's, Stotfold) were loaded onto the van bound for the Rotary warehouse in Lichfield, on the first part of their journey to children in Eastern Europe. A big thank you to all who donated. *Mary Dominey*.

Exploring Silence The next session is at St Peter's Station Road, at 7.45pm on **Tuesday 10th December** which aims to help people get into and explore a period of silence in their life. There's more information about what we hope to do at the website exploring-silence.org *David Hindle for Exploring Silence*.

Wreath Making Workshop We are pleased to be offering a Christmas wreath making workshop again on Saturday 14 December from 10am—12.00 noon. This will conclude with a 'soup and roll lunch'. We are asking for a minimum donation of £10 towards church funds. There will be a sign up sheet on the notice board. If you have any appropriate small cones or greenery in your garden that you could spare, to extend the range of materials, we would be very grateful. Please bring these to church nearer the time. As members of the Eco group we are keen that as much as possible is locally sourced. If you would like more information, please do ask either of us....and come! *Thank you. Hilary and Vaughan*.

Reverse Advent Calendar This year the donations will go to the Baptist Church food bank because Preen are no longer distributing parcels, but passing them to the Need Project. The Baptist food bank closes from 20 December until 3 January, so any donations for Christmas itself need to be in church by Thursday 19, or better still by Sunday 15 December. Flyers explaining and giving suggestions are in the church and will be in the pew sheets we print. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

Nativity Tableau 21 December, 10.30am, Market Square. Please sign up to be part of this year's Nativity Tableau. We need many characters including shepherds, kings and angels. We also require singers and musicians and people to help set up and clear up! We have a number of costumes that are used for this, stored in the attic: some of these are past their best and we need assistance to create some new costumes in order to add to the spectacle of the event. In particular we are looking for cloaks for the Kings, but other bits and pieces as well. If you are able to assist with the Tableau, singing, music or updating our costumes, please speak to Chris, Lucy, Vaughan, Peter or John on behalf of Growth and Mission Sub-Committee. Thank you. Please see the noticeboard.

Parish News - Advent and Christmas 2024 Printed copies of the 'Parish News –Advent and Christmas 2024' are available from the back of Church. Should you know of someone who would appreciate a copy delivered please let me know. Sue Oldroyd, 077382 39243 or 01767 310394

Year's Mind 2025 I am in process of completing the Year's Mind list for 2025. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in our weekly notices, please complete the Remembrance of the Departed – Year's Mind Form and post it in the box provided at the back of Church or directly to me by **Sunday 8 December**. Thank you. *Mandy Anning, Parish Administrator.*

PCC Secretary Vacancy: Advance notice that I shall be standing down as PCC Secretary at next year's APCM having held the position for 8 years, 6 of them as a member of the PCC. The role of PCC Secretary is an important one and the primary responsibility of the PCC Secretary is to support the PCC Chair and ensure the smooth running of the PCC. If you are interested or would like further information, please do come and speak to me and I can fill you in on more of the detail and provide a job description. The role would suit someone who has good organisational skills, is efficient and pro-active. *Ruth Marshall-Jones.*

Future Dates

Saturday 7 December	10.00 –12noon	Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces, Chapter House
Sunday 8 December	10.00am	Parish Communion
	3.00pm	Penrose Court, Remembering Loved Ones. <i>By invitation.</i>
	6.00 pm	Sunday @ 6. Advent – Being Ready for Christmas
Saturday 14 December	10.00-12noon	Wreath Making, Chapter House
Monday 16 December	6.00pm	Carols on the Lawn
Thursday 19 December	6.00pm	Carol Singing, Kings Reach and Orchard Close
Saturday 21 December	10.30am	Nativity Tableau, Market Square
Sunday 22 December	6.00pm	Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24 December	Christmas Eve	
	6.00pm	Crib Service and Nativity
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	Christmas Day	
	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 5 January	The Epiphany	
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion
	12.45pm	Sunday Lunch

Saturday Morning Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces The number of venues in Biggleswade offering warm spaces this year has reduced. We are now getting people regularly on a Thursday and Saturday. Our coffee shop rota has a few gaps in it that we need to fill in order to maintain this service to the community. Please sign up on the notice board in the foyer so that we have a team looking after the coffee shop each Saturday. Thank you. *Chris Parker.*

Be alert to possible scam emails We are aware some members of our community have received emails from fake accounts purporting to be the Vicar's. Please be vigilant, particularly if an email is unexpected, asks for personal information about you or a church member, or involves financial information. Scam emails are often poorly written, with spelling errors and tend to be vague, for example asking for something from the treasurer rather than giving a name. This is not always the case, and some can be more sophisticated. Please check the email address if you are unsure. The Vicar's email address is vicar@standrewschurchbw.org.uk. For other church members, check they are using the email address you are used to or check the website.

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

www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk



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.*

Facebook: [@standrewsbiggleswade](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsbiggleswade) Instagram: [@standrewsbiggleswade](https://www.instagram.com/standrewsbiggleswade)

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

Vicar: Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong (01767 312243)

www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk

Churchwardens:

office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Chris Parker (07702 250776)

Facebook: [@StAndrewsBiggleswade](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsBiggleswade)

Nettie van de Weerd (01767 316214)

Instagram: [@StAndrewsBiggleswade](https://www.instagram.com/StAndrewsBiggleswade)
