



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, 11 October, 2026

10am Parish Communion

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 25.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

Zoom: To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School – *all school age children welcome.*

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House with presentation of Country Fayre cheques to chosen charities.

6pm Songs of Praise Church Fundraiser – all welcome – (see notice for details)

Come and sing the St Andrew's Church's top hymns and worship songs – chosen by you!

This week

Wednesday 14 October	10am	St Andrew's Primary School Year 1 Welcome Service
Thursday 15 October	9:30am	Holy Communion- Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582
		Readings: Ephesians 1.1-10, Luke 11.47-end
	12-2pm	Soup and roll lunch (MU)
	7pm	Buildings and Grounds, Ivel Room
	7pm-8:30pm	Youth Groups
Saturday 17 October	10am – 12noon	Coffee Shop
	10:30am- 3pm	Quiet Day in church (see notice in foyer)
	2:30pm	Holy Communion in church
Sunday 18 October	10am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
	11:45am	Friends of St Andrew's AGM
	5:30pm	Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley

Intercessions: Let us pray for: Prison Week begins - Prison Officers, Chaplains, those in prison

Requesting our Prayers: Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Ruth Loin, Charles Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Peter Noble

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: Hubert Hardy (11th), David Tufts (11th), Charles Barnes (16th)

Mafambisa

We remember 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 care-worker: Lucia and children: Prince, Tswarelo, Andile, Surprise, Nkosikhona, Amanhle

Harvest Thanksgiving



Many thanks to all who donated food, toiletries and money at our Harvest Thanksgiving. The food donations were collected on Monday and taken to the Baptist Church Food Bank. The wonderful bread and decorated church made a fitting setting for our Harvest gifts. The donations of money and the proceeds from Sunday lunch total will be published when available. With an

attitude of gratitude, thank you.

Revd. Liz, Vicar

Grounds and Buildings Working Party

If you are able to help in any way on Saturday 10 October – any time between 8am and 12 noon, we will be tidying the grounds, gutters and drains – please dress appropriately! Bring your own tools and gloves if you are able.

Vaughan Johnson, Grounds and Buildings Committee Chair

Songs of Praise: October 11, 6pm - Fundraiser for Church Funds

Entry £5, a raffle (tickets to purchase on arrival), followed by hot chocolate and homemade muffins in the Chapter House (other drinks available). The votes have been counted and we have a list of favourite hymns and worship songs – all chosen by you. Make it a date to come along, bring family and friends, for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening raising much-needed funds for our Church.

Revd Liz & Sue Thorn

Hands at Work UK Gathering - Saturday 17 October 2026

The Hands at Work UK Gathering is taking place on Saturday 17 October 2026 in Birmingham. The Gathering is open to everyone - volunteers, supporters, advocates, church partners, donors, those who have travelled with Hands, or are just exploring what Hands at Work is all about.

Further details are available here <https://www.handsatwork.org/uk-gathering>

A number of people from St Andrew's are planning to attend again this year and so lifts should be available. If you would like a lift or are able to offer a lift please let Sally Wells know asap. sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk or 07932 760864.

Nativity Tableaux 2026

Following a Growth & Mission Working Party we are seeking an individual, pair or small group to coordinate the Tableaux for this year. If there is interest, we are hoping to hold this on the morning of Saturday 19 December. If you are considering taking the coordination on this for this year, please could you speak to Lucy Dilley (Growth & Mission Working Group Member) in the first instance, by mid-October. We look forward to hearing from you.

Growth & Mission Working Party

Friends of St Andrew's AGM

The Friends of St Andrews will be holding their AGM and renewal of membership on Sunday 18 October around 11.45 after the morning service. Please come and support us. The Friends have contributed over many years to projects restoring and maintaining our beautiful building. Also have you considered being a trustee of this charity dedicated to supporting the work of our church?

Rob Butcher, Trustee and acting treasurer

MU Meetings and Events

Thursday 15 October, 12-2pm - Soup and roll lunch. No set price, donate what you can.

Saturday 17 October 10:30am-3pm Quiet Day. Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis 2:30pm Holy Communion will be celebrated by Revd Liz, our Vicar, and all are invited to attend, whether you join us for the day or just for the Eucharist. Lunch will be available or bring your own. A donation of **£5** is requested to help with costs.

Please sign up on the notice in the foyer. That's just for an idea of numbers, not a commitment.

A curtain of poppies: We would like to make a curtain of knitted or crocheted poppies for Remembrance Sunday and invite everyone to contribute. If you'd like to make a poppy but aren't sure how please join us at the Saturday morning coffee shop (10-12 in the Chapter House). There are patterns in the church for knitted and crocheted poppies. Please bring any crafted items to church by the end of October.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Shoebbox Appeal 2026

Due to illness on the Rotary Shoebbox team, this year we are supporting Teams4U. The scheme is very similar to Rotary and they send to the same countries. The cost of a shoebox including transportation is £4. The age categories are 3-5yrs, 6-11yrs and 12+. All items need to be new or as new (no liquids). If you feel that you cannot fill a shoebox but would like be involved, a donation would be very welcome. Your filled shoeboxes should be returned at the 10am service on Sunday 1 November.

Mary Dominey

St. Andrew's VC Primary School Information Evenings

Was your child born between Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2023? If so, then it's time to apply for a school place. Come and see what St. Andrew's Primary School has to offer. The Information Session will include a presentation and a tour around the school.

We are holding two Information Sessions:

East Site – Bantock Way, Kings Reach, SG18 8UQ 10 November at 7:30pm

West Site – Brunts Lane, off Shortmead Street, SG18 0LY 17 November at 7:30pm.

www.standrewslowerschool.co.uk 01767 312311/312212

office@standrews.beds.sch.uk

Bishop Richard's Retirement

Bishop Richard is retiring at the end of the year after 14 years as Bishop of Bedford. We have all greatly benefitted from Bishop Richard's wisdom, care, support, encouragement and friendship during his faithful ministry. To say farewell, to thank him for his ministry among us there are two services of thanksgiving and farewell. One in the afternoon of Sunday 15 November which is a ticket only service. And another, a farewell Evensong to be held on Saturday 21 November at 5pm at St. Alban's Cathedral to which everyone is welcome, there is no need to register, please do just come along.

Revd. Liz – Vicar

St Andrews's Crib Service - Christmas Eve at 6pm

The Sunday School Team are now planning this year's crib service. We will have parts, whether big or small, for any children that wish to join us on Christmas Eve. We will begin rehearsing for this exciting service on Sunday 16 November. Please come along so we can ensure everyone is involved.

The Sunday School Team



The Biggleswade Branch of the Royal British Legion
and
Biggleswade Town Council
warmly invite you to



BIGGLESWADE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

Sunday 8th November 2026

10.45am

The War Memorial
Biggleswade Market Square

LEST WE FORGET

An Autumn Prayer

O God of creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons and the bounty of the earth.
We yield you humble and hearty thanks for this your bounty.

As the leaves fall and the harvest is gathered, renew our hearts with your grace,
and-as you feed all creation- teach us to share your gifts with a generous spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Future Dates

20 October	7:30pm	Deanery Synod, St Andrew's
22 October	7:45pm	'Exploring Silence', St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
24 October	1pm	'Come and sing' Frank, Franc and Faure (<i>see notice in foyer for details</i>)
	7:30pm	Frank, Franc and Faure concert (<i>see notice in foyer for details</i>)
1 November	8am	All Saints' Holy Communion – Order II – Traditional
	10am	All Together Communion
	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch
	6pm	All Souls' Evensong

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