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2026
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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity ~ Education Sunday

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10am Parish Communion

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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:

Genesis 50.15-21 *Joseph forgives his brothers*
Romans 14.1-12 *Do not judge another*
Matthew 18.21-35 *Forgiveness*

Zoom: To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School—all school-aged children welcome

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Thursday 17 September

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 7.36-50
12-2pm MU lunch
6:30pm Country Fayre set up time
7pm-9pm Youth Groups

Friday 18 September

4pm onwards Country Fayre set up time
(see notice in foyer)

Saturday 19 September

8am Country Fayre set up
10am-3pm Country Fayre
3pm Country Fayre tidy up time
(Any help gratefully received)
2pm Installation of Andrew, Bishop of St Albans
St Albans' Cathedral

Sunday 20 September

10am Parish Communion with Sunday School
11:45am Team South Africa 2026 Presentation
5:30pm Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley

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Intercessions: Let us pray for: Education Sunday, St Andrew Primary School – pupils, staff, governors, parents, carers, Edward Peake – pupils, staff, governors, parents, carers, Andrew Bishop of St Albans, Country Fayre, Cruse Bereavement and Homestart Bedfordshire

Requesting our Prayers: Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Charles Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Pat Boulter, Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Peter Swithinbank

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: Margaret Hardy (16th), David Maynard (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: Virginia and children: Enos, Life, Tomas, Khetho, Sphehile, Thabang, Thabo

Mafambisa Visit 2026

We will be sharing some of our experiences and stories after the morning service on Sunday 20 September, in the Chapter House over refreshments. We would love you to come and see what we did - and hear some amazing news about the future...

Team South Africa 2026

Country Fayre – Saturday 19 September

Exhibition (Calmness in Crisis)

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to create a display showing how they relax, we would love to hear from anyone else who is able to contribute a display to the exhibition.

Stallholders

Please see noticeboard in foyer we have put a list up of people who we believe have kindly agreed to run a stall at the fete, if for any reason these details are inaccurate please do let a committee member know. If you are able to help and you haven't been asked we would love to hear from you!

Donations

To make this year's fayre a success we need lots of donations of items for raffles, tombolas, cakes, preserves, crafts, unbirthday, toiletries, bottles, fresh produce, chocolate (in any form), second hand toys to name a few! Bring your donations to church on Friday 18 from 4pm or place in the box under the noticeboard in the foyer on Sunday 13.

GENERAL HELP REQUIRED!

We require significant manpower to ensure the fayre and exhibition are successful. PLEASE sign the list in the foyer if you are able to help in any way: Thursday 17 from 6:30pm, Friday 18 from 4pm, Saturday 8am and tidying up from 3pm. Small jobs and bigger ones available!

Country Fayre Committee :

Oliver, Lucy and Noah Dilley, Carolyn Marron, Jane Parker, Nick Gurney, Sue Cleghorn

Country Fayre – Water into Wine Stall: We are running the Water into Wine stall once again at this year's Country Fayre and would be most grateful for any donations of bottles of wine. If you can help in any way, it would be much appreciated. Please pass your bottle(s) to Paul or Ruth. Many thanks.

Paul Daniels and Ruth Marshall-Jones



Shoebox Appeal 2026

Unfortunately due to illness on the team, the Rotary Shoebox Appeal will not be functioning for the next two years. Having done research, I have decided to use Teams4U—a charity we have used before. 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+. They also send household boxes. 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.

Mary Dominey

Leprosy Mission

I am happy to receive your collection boxes for opening/counting up until 13 September. You can hand them to me after services on Thursdays and Sundays (after the 10am service). My thanks to all who prefer to support this way.

Sue Oldroyd

Macmillan Coffee Morning

You are invited to coffee at St Peter's Church, Station Road, Biggleswade on Friday 25 September 2026, from 11am to 2pm

Coffee Rota

If you are able to help serve teas and coffees after 10am Sunday Service once a month and would like to be added to the team, please contact Lucy Dilley.

MU

Thursday 17 September 12-2pm. The last ploughman's lunch this year (soup if it's cold!). Join us, join in! All welcome.

Saturday 17 October 10.30am-3pm Quiet Day. Revd Barbara Ebeling will lead. Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Welcome back to a new academic year

As this new year begins, I write with deep gratitude for all that you do in our diocesan family of schools. Thank you for the commitment, care and courage you bring to your work, and for the many ways in which you help children and young people to flourish.

Each day, through your teaching, leadership, governance, pastoral care, worship and example, you help to shape communities and in doing so, you bear faithful witness to the love of God at work in education and help pupils to grow in confidence, character and purpose.

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

We are all conscious that the year ahead will bring both opportunities and challenges: yet, amid these realities, we begin with faith, resilience and hope. Your service matters deeply, and it will not be in vain.

"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

On behalf of the Board of Education, Bishop Richard and all the Schools Team, please know that we hold you, your staff, governors, trustees, members, volunteers, pupils and families in our prayers as this new academic year begins.

May the Lord bless you richly in the work to which He has called you.

Every blessing, *Duncan Gauld Diocesan Director of Education*



Future Dates

22 September	7:30pm	PCC Meeting, Chapter House
29 September	7:30pm	Growth & Mission Working Group
3 October	9:30am	Annual Gathering of Pastoral Visitors St. Luke's -Tide Holy Communion <i>(followed by refreshments)</i>
4 October	8am	Holy Communion, Order 2—Traditional—Harvest Thanksgiving
	10am	All Together Communion—Harvest Thanksgiving
	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch
11 October	6pm	Songs of Praise Church Fundraiser— <i>(details next week)</i>
17 October	10.30am-3pm	Quiet Day—Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis

Just as a **pencil case** holds the things we use at school, may God hold us, our family and friends safe in His hands.

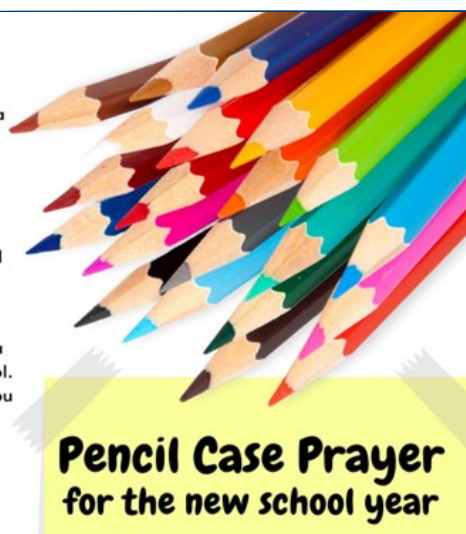
Each one of us is unique, just like the colours in a pack of **pencils**. Thank you, God, for our friends, be with them all, especially those who may be feeling a little blue or worried.

Help us remember that, like a **ruler**, your love guides us when we feel wobbly or uncertain and that we can always lean on you.

Pencil sharpeners help refresh and sharpen our pencils, just like teachers help us. Thank you for teachers and everyone who works in our school. Whether they feel sharp, blunt or broken, may you remind them how much they are loved.

Like a **compass** draws a circle, may your love create a circle of hope around our school, now and in the future.

Amen



A Prayer for the new school year

O God of all knowledge, your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
As the new school year begins, help me to know afresh your purpose for me,
and to commit all that I do to your glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who, as a child, grew and was filled with wisdom.
Amen

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