



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking



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10am **Parish Communion**

Readings: Exodus 24.12-18 *God speaks to Moses*
II Peter 1.16-21
Witnesses of Christ's Glory
Matthew 17.1-9 *the Transfiguration*

Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Zoom Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

N.B. Please MUTE when joining Zoom

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

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All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets to be sent to:
office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk by Tuesdays, 11am

Wednesday 18 February

7:30pm Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Readings: Joel 2.1-2, 12-17
II Corinthians 5.20b-6.10
John 8.1-11

Thursday 19 February

9:30am Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-20
Luke 9.22-25

Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship, Chapter House

12noon-2pm MU Soup and roll lunch

Saturday 21 February

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop, Warm Spaces and Craft and Chat, *Chapter House*

Sunday 22 February

10am Parish Communion

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

6pm Deanery Evening Worship
St Mary's, Potton

Our church is usually open for private prayer
Monday to Saturday 9am-4pm. **Revd Liz**

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Intercessions

Let us pray for: Churches Together in Biggleswade, those living with special needs, the Ivel Valley School

Requesting our Prayers: Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, John Gutteridge, Revd Liz Lavelle, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Bobbie Ball, James Etienne, Jane Parker, Fran Sharp

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Chris Parker.

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: Willie Whittaker (17th), Dora Hewett (20th), Thelma Denholm (21st).

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: Dudu and children: Prudence, Mxolisi, Sethu, Sharlin, Celimpo, Lwandise, Surprise

Chris Parker, Rest in Peace

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, visits, prayers and thoughts. It has been lovely to hear lots of different anecdotes and stories about Chris.

As per Chris's wishes there will be a private family funeral followed by a celebration of his life/memorial service at St Andrew's. A service of Celebration for the Life of Chris will be taking place on Saturday 7 March at 3pm at St. Andrews Church Biggleswade. All welcome. *the Parker family*

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, finishing on 21 March. *Nettie van de Weerd*

ACTS OF HOPE: Lent Groups 2026

This Lent, journey together through the Book of Acts and reflect on the attitudes and acts of the disciples that can encourage us to be bringers of hope through Holy Spirit-led attitudes and actions in our own age. Lent Groups will be using a new resource from the 'Embrace the Middle East' Charity, drawing upon Bible readings and stories from Middle East partners, offering lively discussion, opportunity for prayer and action points. Come to one or two sessions, or come to all as we look forward to journeying together this Lent. Please sign up on the lists at Church. The cost of a booklet is £6.99

Monday Evenings: starting at 7pm with a simple soup and bread supper, finishing by 8:30pm in Church. Five evenings starting on Monday 23 February.

Thursday mornings: starting after the 9:30am Holy Communion and coffee, in St. John's Room. Five mornings starting on Thursday 26 February. *Growth & Mission Committee*

North Roof Works

It is anticipated that the works will begin on site from Monday 16 February, 2026. As the onsite works will involve scaffolding on the outside of the Church building, please ensure care is taken and observe all safety notices. For further information please contact Churchwarden Nettie van de Weerd on: 07767 711353 *Building and Grounds Sub-Committee*



The Big Blunham Book Sale

Will be held on Saturday 28 February 2026 10am to 3pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ

See poster in foyer for more details.

Snowdrop Garden Open Days

The Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open to visitors on: Saturday 14 February, Sunday 15 February, Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February, from 2pm – 4pm, offering a much-loved chance to enjoy God's creation in its early spring beauty.

Entry is £5 per adult and all proceeds will go directly to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

For more information, please contact: janesmith@stalbandiococese.org

Craft and Chat

The next Craft and Chat is on Saturday 21 February 10am-12noon, alongside the Coffee Shop. Bring your own crafts or take part in some daffodil pipe cleaner crafting with Helene (materials provided). All welcome.

Anna Rutt

Stamps for St John's Hospice

Many thanks for the used stamps from St Andrew's which raised over £20 for St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.

Gill Hibbert

Church cleaning rota

A big thank to everyone who helps to keep the Church so well cared for! However, our regular cleaners need some help as several have either moved away or decided to resign from the job for personal reasons. It would be brilliant if we could get some more volunteers to help with this important four weekly job. If you are interested and could help at all please have a word with me. Many thanks. *Nettie van der Weerd*

Open the Book

Do you like a good story? Have you got an hour free on a Wednesday morning? Then come and join the Open the Book team. We tell and act out stories from the Bible at Caldecote Academy once a week during term time as part of the children's collective worship. Scripts are provided, so no learning and no wondering what to say! No worries if you can't make every week—or if you want to come along and see what we do. Speak to Rosemary Jopson or Sue Thorn if you could give the odd hour.

suethorn@hotmail.co.uk

Rosemary Jopson and Sue Thorn

MU

Wednesday 4 March 2-4pm, Speaker: Alan Doughtey. '40 years on probation'.

Tea and cake to follow. All welcome!

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Choir

The choir would like to welcome any new members to join them on a Friday evening between 7:30pm and 8:30pm in church—and of course at any services you are able to attend. Sopranos and Tenors are especially needed at present. There is no requirement to read music or to attend every service, but a joy in singing and being part of our music-making team. Speak to Rob or Sue if you are interested or have any questions.

Rob Butcher and Sue Thorn



Keeping a Holy Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.

A Prayer for our World

Creator God, Thank you for the waters of the earth, for the life-sustaining rains, lakes, and deep oceans. Keep us mindful of how precious these are, and how vulnerable they are. Help us to work together for clean water, and for the sharing of it with those who have need of it today. Amen.

**Rt Revd Christine Hardman,
Former Bishop of Newcastle**

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. 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.

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade

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Future Dates

23 February	7pm	Monday Lent Group, Ivel Room
26 February	10:45am	Thursday Lent Group, Chapter House
1 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Andrew's, Biggleswade
8 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—All Saints, Great Barford
15 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Northill

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