

Christ-Centred -Welcoming -Inclusive -Outward-Looking



Trinity
Sunday

15 June 2025

Trinity Sunday, 15 June

10.00 am Confirmation, and Admission to Holy

Communion, during Parish Communion.

Jane, Bishop of Hertford presiding.

Readings: Romans 5.1-5, John 16.12-15

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Followed by Reception in Chapter House

Zoom Join Zoom Meeting: CLICK HERE

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

5.30 pm Taizé Worship, Cockayne Hatley Church

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*

Monday 16 June

12.15 pm Funeral Kenneth Harrold RIP. Church

7.30 pm Growth and Mission sub-committee. Ivel Room

Wednesday 18 June

09.15 am Leadership and Ministry Meeting

Thursday 19 June Corpus Christi

09.30 am Holy Communion,

Readings: Genesis 14.18-20,

I Corinthians 11.23–26, John 6.51-58 followed by coffee in Chapter House

12 noon—2.00 pm MU Ploughmans Lunch, Chapter House

Friday 20 June

1.45 pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

7.30 pm Church Choir—Practice

Saturday 21 June

The Alban Pilgrimage—St Albans

09.30 am-1.30 pm Bell Peal

10.00 am -12.00 noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

Including Craft and Chat

The First Sunday after Trinity, 22 June

10.00 am Parish Communion

Followed by Coffee in Chapter House

Friends' Renewal Day

6.00 pm Deanery Summer Worship

St Mary the Virgin Church, Potton

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Requesting our Prayers: Derek and Gill Whinnett, Nick Smithers, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Tim Robb. We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed. Kenneth Harrold, Pamela Eldridge, John Gray, John Newlin, David Tharby: 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.

Confirmation, St Andrew's Church. Sunday 15 June. Please pray for our candidates -Bianca, Christopher, Emily, Harvey, Kizzy. Ava, Charles, Isabella for Confirmation, and Admission to Communion, their families and friends, as we walk and pray with them during the Sacrament on Sunday 15 June, 10.00 am, and join us, if you are able, for the service, [Zoom available please see front page] followed by a Reception in the Chapter House. *Revd Liz*

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 children: Lwandile, Nkuna Surprise, Berlina Nsimbini, Costance nsimbini, Maria Nsimbini. Please visit our blog at www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk.

Craft and Chat. The next Craft and Chat session will be on Saturday 21 June during the regular coffee shop time 10.00 am and noon. There will also be a sales table with second - hand books and jigsaws for sale in aid of church funds. It would be good to have some new faces join the regulars. Any questions: please just speak to me. *Anna Rutt*

Holiday Club 2025 - Jungle Adventure. Holiday Club registration has now opened. If you would like to register your child/children, please go to the church website St Andrew's Biggleswade and follow the registration link. This year's event is proving extremely popular, and we have already sold over 75% of our allocated spaces so don't delay, get them registered today! *The Holiday Club Team 2025*

Zoom Team. As you are probably aware since Covid we have been sharing our main services via Zoom! This has worked well; we have a regular Zoom congregation of 10-12 people! Rob Lackey has been doing most services, for which we are very grateful: however, Rob is unable to continue, and so we are looking for one or two people to take this on! There is time for Rob to train people if we can sort this fairly quickly. Many thanks. *Chris Parker*

Tinned Vegetables Needed. If you use the Bank the Food app you may have noticed that **they are always short of tinned vegetables - peas and carrots** but also **potatoes and sweetcorn**, plus any other vegetables. So, whether you use it or not, please consider putting tinned veg in the food bank collection box. It may not look like much, but it's what they need. *Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt*

MUmalade. We would appreciate it if you could return jars after use, or bring some in to keep our supplies going. There is a collection box in the vestibule. *Angela Sharp*.

Used Postage Stamps. Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important that we give them all the support possible. Please place your used stamps in the container adjacent to the area in church where service books are distributed. Thank you. *Gill Hibbert*



From the new Diocesan Director of Education. I am deeply honoured and humbled to introduce myself as the new Diocesan Director of Education. The dedicated and hardworking diocesan Schools Team have made me most welcome, and this has made my first week in office even more enjoyable. I must start by paying tribute to Charlotte Johnson, our Deputy Director, who stepped up as interim Director since October last year, and has supported our network of schools with such care and compassion. I extend my warmest greetings to all our schools and academies—leaders, teachers, support staff, governors, trustees and directors, —our Diocesan and Local Authority colleagues, our clergy, Bishops, partners in the central Church of England Education Office, and all those who serve and support our shared mission across our Diocese and beyond. It is a privilege to join this vibrant and faithful community committed to nurturing children and young people through a distinctly Christian vision for education one that seeks to develop wisdom, hope, community, and dignity in every child and every adult. We are all aware that the education sector in England is currently facing significant challenges. From the pressures of funding, recruitment and retention of staff, to rising SEND needs and widening inequalities—our schools and leaders are navigating unprecedented demands with resilience and grace. At the same time, societal shifts and policy changes continue to reshape the educational landscape, calling for deep-rooted values, moral courage, and collaborative vision.

In this context, I look forward to working closely with you all—to listen, to learn, and to lead with humility and faith. Together, we can build on the rich legacy of Christian education across our Diocese, while discerning bold and compassionate responses to the challenges ahead. I believe that our shared calling—to serve children and young people so that they may flourish in all aspects of life—has never been more vital.

Let us move forward with hope and determination, supporting one another in prayer, fellowship, and action. "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9. With every blessing. Duncan Gauld

Future Dates

Sunday 22 June	10.00 am	Parish Communion
		Friends of St Andrew's Renewal Day
	6.00 pm	Biggleswade Deanery Summer Worship
		St Mary the Virgin, Potton
Sunday 29 June	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12.00 noon	Baptism—Benedict
Saturday 5 July		VE/VJ Day Celebrations, Market Square



Diocesan Prayer for the Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing 2025

God of life and love, pour out your blessing on our diocese as we journey to your kingdom on the Emmaus Road: where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith; where there is fear, establish us in love; where there is discord, bring reconciliation and healing: that together we may be renewed in hope by your Spirit and be ambassadors of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Spiritual Renewal 2025

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with you forever, Amen.

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. Thank you.

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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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