



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



XI Sunday after Trinity

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 *The Covenant*
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 *God's mercy*
Matthew 15.21-28 The Canaanite woman's faith

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Zoom: To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Holiday Club set up in church

5:30pm Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley

6pm Holiday Club Opening Service

St Andrew's Holiday Club: 18—21 August

Thank you to everyone who has already got in touch to volunteer to help at Holiday Club this summer. We have had a wonderful response from the families of Biggleswade and will be welcoming over 160 children to our church for the 4 days. Please join us from 11am on Sunday 23 for our service and BBQ.

Thursday 20 August

9:30am Holy Communion—*Bernard, Abbot 1153*

Readings: Ezekiel 36.23-28

Matthew 22.1-14

(No coffee this week due to Holiday Club)

Friday 21 August

4pm onwards Holiday Club tidy and taking down marquees—any help gratefully received

Saturday 22 August

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

Sunday 23 August

9:30am Parish Communion

11am Holiday Club Service

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Intercessions

Let us pray for: Churches Together in Biggleswade, Holiday Club, those receiving public examination results

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

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

We pray for the souls of the recently departed : Janet Castle, Brian Davison

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: Elizabeth van de Weerd-Wildenkamp (16th), Vicky Maynard, (18th), Martyn Hibbert (22nd), Peter Vickers (22nd)

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, Lwandile, Surprise

St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2026 – Holiday Club Preparation Service

Please join the Holiday Club team for our preparation service on Sunday 16 August at 6pm. Come along to support the team as they prepare for an exciting week in the church calendar. Many thanks.

Holiday Club Team

Zoom

'Normal' zoom service will be resumed on 16 August. However, if you have enjoyed the services from St Alban's, the service sheets can be found here: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/sunday-service-sheets>

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuluP-WWPQ-dxOImR8WxHlg> -Zoom Team

MU Wednesday 2 September 2-4pm in the Ivel Room. Meeting: making table decorations with Helene.

Join us, join in! All welcome.

Maggie McLoughlan and Rosamund Drakes

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

Children's Society Boxes

I am happy to receive your Children's Society boxes for opening and counting until 16 August. Please bring to church on Sunday or hand in to Parish Office.

Rob Butcher

Country Fayre Exhibition 'Calmness in Crisis' 19 September This year our exhibition will focus on Calmness in Crisis - different ways we all cope when going through challenging times, linking in with our charities Cruse Bereavement and Homestart Bedfordshire. We would love to hear from the congregation as to what you do to keep calm and if able to represent this in our exhibition (e.g. art/painting, craft, photography, exercise, poetry). As usual, we will be asking for help with running stalls and refreshments on the day as well as setting up and clearing up - please volunteer if you feel like you would be able to help.

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

Team Africa 2026 - Extract from Blog: The home we reached belonged to a mother of eight children and two grandchildren. Her husband passed away eight years ago, leaving her to shoulder the weight of survival alone. Their story is marked by displacement, fleeing Mozambique in 2010 with three children, they arrived without papers, and to this day, that absence shadows their lives. The family lives in a three-roomed building, unfinished since the father's passing. Rainwater leaks through the roof, a constant reminder of fragility. One daughter manages to earn a little through piece work, but the rest depend on what little the land provides. Chickens roamed freely and two of the children settled on a colourful mat their mother had woven a symbol of her creativity and quiet strength. We prayed together for papers to restore dignity, for safety in uncertain times, and for the wellbeing of every child in that home. It was a moment of faith, of community, and of hope that tomorrow might bring relief. This visit reminded me that resilience often blooms in the harshest conditions. The mother's mat, the children's laughter, and the vegetables in her garden are all signs of life persisting against the odds.



The Africa Blog for 2026 - if you would like to see what the team have been doing:

<http://standrewslink.blogspot.com/2026/07/team-2026.html>



John cooking breakfast

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and prayers.
Alice, Ben, Carolyn, Freya, Jack, John, Lesley, Lucy, Rachel, Sally



Freya, Jack, Ben and Rachel leading the singing

Future Dates

23 August	9:30am	Parish Communion
	11am	Holiday Club Service followed by BBQ
28 August	10:30am	Funeral—Janet Castle RIP, St Andrew's Church
8 September	7:30pm	Standing Committee, Ivel Room
19 September	10am-3pm	Country Fayre
	2pm	Installation of Andrew, Bishop of St Alban's, St Alban's Cathedral
22 September	7:30pm	PCC Meeting, Chapter House
29 September	7:30pm	Growth & Mission Working Group
3 October	9:30am	St.Luke's Tide Holy Communion followed by refreshments and 'Time to Talk'

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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