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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Malachi 4.1-2a *The day of judgment*
II Thessalonians 3.6-13
A warning against idleness
Luke 21.5-19 *The destruction of the temple*

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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followed by coffee, fellowship in the Chapter House

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome.

12 noon Baptisms of Elias and Alexander

6pm Sunday @6: Care in Our Community
followed by coffee, fellowship in the Chapter House

Thursday 20 November

9:30am Holy Communion *Edmund, king, martyr*
Readings: Revelation 5.1-10
Luke 19.41-44

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

11am Mantles Court Home Communion

12pm-2pm MU Soup and a roll lunch—all welcome

Evening Youth Groups (see website for details)

Saturday 22 November

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

9am-7pm 'Show in a Day' - Scouts
(The church will be unavailable for private prayer all day)

7pm 'Show in a Day' (see poster for details)

Sunday 23 November

10am Parish Communion
Sunday School

11:30am Sidespersons, Fire Marshal and
Fire Warden Training

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Requesting our Prayers: Anita, Ruth Atkinson, Peter Clapson, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Rosamund Drakes, Shelagh Hizzey, Thelma Holden, David Johnson, Liz Lavelle, Angela Morris, Chris Parker, Ian Pearson, Tim Robb, Charles Rutt, Val Scott, Nick Smithers, John Spicer, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Sally Wells. We continue to pray for: Maurice Darnell, Jo Chelley, Joanna Friend.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: 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: Arthur Dilley (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, Lwandile and Surprise.

Church Grounds Clear Up

The church grounds clear up sessions are Saturdays 15 and 29 November. We will be raking leaves, clearing gutters, trimming bushes even eating bacon rolls all ready for the winter. We start at 8.30 am but join when you can - there will be jobs to suit all!

Buildings and Grounds Team

Christmas Wreath-Making and Soup Lunch

We are pleased to offer a Christmas wreath-making workshop on Saturday 6 December from 10am-12 noon. This will conclude with a 'soup and roll lunch' for a minimum donation of £10 towards Church Funds. There is a sign up sheet on the noticeboard in the foyer.

If you have any appropriate small dried fruits or flowers, cones, range of greenery in your garden to extend the range of materials, course members would be very grateful. The Eco Group are keen that as much as possible is locally sourced, thank you.

Hilary Johnson and Revd. Liz

Nativity

Our Crib Service will be held on 24 December at 6pm. If any school-age children would like to participate, we will be rehearsing in Sunday School over the next few weeks.

Emma Pallett

Christmas bookstall The Christmas bookstall is now open in the Chapter House with a selection of Christmas cards and Advent candles.

Chris Parker

Craft and Chat The next Craft and Chat session will be on 15 November between 10am and 12 noon alongside coffee shop. Coffee shop is open to all so why not pop into the chapter house for a chat and cuppa even if you are not a crafter. It would be good to see you.

Anna Rutt and Janet Castle

MU

Thursday 20 November 12-2 pm Soup and roll lunch. No set price. Donate what you can. All welcome!

Maggie McLoughlin

A Message from the Mayor

Thank you so much for your support in Biggleswade last Sunday! It was a wonderful turn out with mild weather too. A selection of photos can be found here:

<https://biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk/event-gallery/remembrance-sunday-2025/>

Cllr Jonathan Woodhead

Show in a Day Biggleswade Scouts and Guides Gang Show is 7pm on Saturday 22 November. Tickets available from <https://dub.sh/siad25> See posters for more details.

Nick Gurney



Mafambisa 2026

We will be taking a team to Africa again next year and are keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the team. Please speak to Chris Parker or Oliver Dilley if you are interested. We expect the dates to be 1 - 14 August 2026.

Oliver Dilley and Chris Parker

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

On 10 November, a van came down from Rochdale to collect our shoeboxes. In the rain, we loaded a total of 68 individual boxes, and due to the acquisition of some from another parish, there were 208 communal boxes. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the scheme in any way. I have been told that our boxes will be going to Moldova.

Mary Dominey

Community Agent

The Community Agent, Julie Balaam will come and join us during our warm spaces on Thursday 20 November. Julie can help with a great deal of different issues such as benefits, transport, housing issues, filling in forms, social prescribing etc. Julie will be a regular visitor to our warm spaces. Please look out for further details of future visits by Julie. Warm spaces at St Andrew's will start this Saturday from 10 till 12 and Thursdays from 10.30 till 11.30.

Nettie van de Weerd

Weekly Prayer Lists

Praying for the sick is a very important and valued part of our ministry. In order to keep our prayers current, from 30 November, we will pray for those on the list for 4 weeks.

If you wish this period to be extended, please inform the Admin Assistant at the end of that time:

secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Rev. Liz

Churchyard Flower beds

As you probably know Jan Gardner has now moved away and this leaves a big hole in our churchyard team. We are really grateful to Jan for all that she did in the church yard to keep it looking so good. We would now like to recruit people to take on the flower beds that Jan looked after. The good thing is that the flower beds are already in great condition. Please speak to Chris Parker, Vaughan Johnson, or John Dilley if you would like to care of a flower bed.

Year's Mind 2026

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in prayers during the coming year, please fill in a purple form and post it in the box provided. (Forms and box at the back of the church.)

Sue Thorn

Advent Prayer

We look forward this year to a regular weekly Advent Night Prayer in Church on Mondays from 7pm-7:30pm.

Rev. Liz

Food Bank

Please consider adding an item to your shopping basket to help those in need in our area. Current needs are: small jar coffee; tinned curry, chilli, ravioli, stew, minced beef, sweetcorn, beans and sausage; deodorant. Items can be put in the box in church or at the supermarket.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

Churches Together

Help needed to join our churches together stall at the Christmas lights switch on event, Friday 28 November 12noon-8pm. If anyone can spare just an hour or so to join the stall, help would be much appreciated. No skills needed, just a friendly face to represent St Andrew's, interact with people from the other churches and the general public. If you are interested, please speak to Harriet or Vaughan.

Harriet Shannon and Vaughan Johnson

Eco Survey Reminder

If you have not done so already, could you please complete the Eco Survey. We want to hear from you, particularly if you disagree or have a different view to us. Available on the website, paper copy in church or on this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7xADg_1D-bs09o257Hs2AwOOFsfDZttquAhExoOjtL9tslg/viewform

Peter Giles

Fire Evacuation Training

At 11:30am on Sunday 22 November we will be carrying out fire evacuation training for all welcomers and sides people. This is to ensure people can be directed to safely evacuate the building when the church is busy. Further training will be planned if you cannot make this. Additionally, we will be looking for volunteer fire marshals, these are the people who check the building is empty in case of a fire.

Peter Giles

Stewardship Envelope Packs

New packs of addressed Stewardship Envelopes are ready for collecting from the back of the Church for users of the weekly envelope scheme. The Packs are on the table by the South Porch. The new Packs start in December so please collect them by the end of the month. If you want more information about the ways you can make regular donations to the Church, then please have a word with me or telephone me on 01767 312347.

Adrian Maynard

Future Dates

22 November	7pm	'Show in a Day' Biggleswade Scouts and Guides in church
23 November	11:30am	Sidespersons, Fire Marshal and Fire Warden Training
25 November	7:30pm	PCC Meeting, Chapter House
26 November	10am and 2pm	St Andrew's School St Andrew's Day Services in church
28 November	12 noon-9:30pm	Biggleswade Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Fair

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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