



Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

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10:00am Parish Communion

Readings: Genesis 32.22-31 *Jacob wrestles with God*
II Timothy 3.14-4.5
A final charge to Timothy
Luke 18.1-8
The parable of the persistent widow

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

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Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
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followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Sunday School: all school-age children welcome.
Under 5s may use the children's area in church or the Ivel Room (supervised by an adult)

5:30pm Taize Service at Cockayne Hatley

Tuesday 21 October

7:30pm Buildings and Grounds Meeting
Ivel Room

Thursday 23 October

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: Romans 6.19-23
Luke 12.49-53

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

11am Mantles Court Home Communion

Evening -Youth Groups—all welcome

Friday 24 October

1:45pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

Saturday 25 October

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop

Sunday 26 October

10am Parish Communion

Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church

Please note our church is usually open for private prayer Monday—Saturday, **9:00am - 4:00pm**

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Requesting our Prayers: Anita, Ruth Atkinson, Bobbie Ball, Peter Clapson, Maurice Darnell, 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, Maureen Sibley, Nick Smithers, John Spicer, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Sally Wells

We continue to pray for: Cory Sherry, Joan Betts

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:

Evelyn Collins (21st), Jill Aves (23rd), Sgt Keith Rutt, R.A.F. (24th)

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 Bongali, Mfanafuthi, Lindokuhle and Maira.

Blessing of New Albs

This Sunday during the service, Rev Liz will be blessing the ten new servers' albs given in memory of Norman and Jo Gurney.

Nick Gurney

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Shoeboxes are now available from Mary Dominey at church or from 91 London Road at a cost of £2.50 each (this includes the transport of your box). Please make sure each box contains something for hygiene, some school stuff, a couple of toys, a hat and, of course, a small cuddly toy. Everything in boxes for 2 and 3 year olds **MUST** be brand new, for other age groups 'as new' is acceptable. Filled boxes can be brought to All together Worship at 10am on 2 November.

Mary Dominey

The Gloria

As part of a plan to vary the musical setting of the Gloria over the church year, we will revert to the New Wine ('old') version up until Advent.

Rob Butcher

ECO Church Survey

We would like to hear from you on ECO issues. We are looking to update where we are and where we want to go as a church in relation to environmental issues. This will help with our Mission Action Plan objective as a Committed Eco Church and help us progress to a Roche Silver Award.

The survey needs to be completed by 25 October and can be accessed either on the Eco Group Part of the website or on paper—copies are also available at the back of the church and can be returned there.

<https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/groups16/eco-church/>

Peter Giles

MU Quiet Day Saturday 8 November

10:30am – 3:00pm Revd Barbara Ebeling will lead sessions on the theme of The Prodigal Son.

This will include time for quiet reflection in and around the church premises. Craft materials, books and other reading matter will be available, but you can bring your own - this is a day for your individual spiritual needs. Lunch is not provided, but there will be tea, coffee and cake available. The lunch break can be quiet or chatting, as you choose. More details of the day and a list to sign up are in the foyer. Numbers are limited to 20. There is no charge, but donations towards the heating cost would be appreciated.

12.00 noon Holy Communion: Celebrant, the Vicar Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong. All are invited to join us for the Sacrament in Church.

Revd Barbara Ebeling and Maggie McLoughlin (MU)



Parish Giving Scheme - New Digital Platform

The Parish Giving Scheme are launching their new digital giving platform. The PGS website is currently down and will relaunch on Thursday 30 October. During this time, you will be unable to register or amend regular or one-off gifts.

Adrian Maynard

Nativity

Our Crib Service will be held on 24 December at 6pm. For any children wishing to take part, rehearsals will begin in Sunday School today. Due to half term and All Together Worship and Remembrance, the next Sunday School will be on Sunday 9 November.

Emma Pallett

All Souls Service

On Sunday 2 November at 6pm, there will be an evening service where we remember the faithful departed. If you wish a friend or relative to be remembered, please fill in a card – available at the back of church and post it in the All Souls' box by Wednesday 29 October.

Rosemary Bentley

Play the Organ Day

Many thanks to all those who supported the 'Play the Organ Day' by performing, listening, contributing to the raffle or partaking of the refreshments, provided by the Coffee Shop and John Dilley. We raised at least £233.56 for the Friends of St Andrew's Church funds.

Rob Butcher

Advent Prayer

We look forward this year to offering a regular weekly Advent Night Prayer in Church on Mondays at 7pm.

Revd. Liz

'Phishing' Emails—Beware!

Please be aware that a number of parishioners have received 'phishing' emails on Gmail which appear to have been sent from Revd. Liz.

Peter Giles

Food Bank: Deodorant, hot dogs and custard - these are all items on the urgent list for the foodbank.

Please consider adding an item to your shopping basket to help those in need in our area. Items can be put in the box in church or at the supermarket. Many Thanks.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

Christmas bookstall

The Christmas bookstall will be available from Sunday Nov 1st in the Chapter House with a selection of Christmas cards and candles.

Chris Parker

Future Dates

2 November	8am	Holy Communion—Order II—Traditional words
	10am	All Together Worship—please bring filled shoeboxes
	11:15am	Presentation of Country Fayre cheques to charities - Chapter House
	6pm	All Souls Evening Service –remembering the departed
8 November	10:30am-3pm MU Quiet Day in church	
9 November	9:30am	Parish Communion
	10:45am	Remembrance Day Service, Market Square

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, currently Bishop of London, has been nominated as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. She will be the first woman to hold the office and will be installed at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026. Bishop Sarah said she approaches this new ministry “with a sense of peace and trust in God”. The Diocese of St Albans offers its congratulations and prayers.

A Prayer for the new Archbishop of Canterbury:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Recognising the weight of the ministry she will undertake, we ask that you strengthen and guide her in all things. We pray also for the Diocese of London, as they prepare for the change and transition that her departure will bring. May she be upheld by your grace and surrounded by the prayers of your people, as she leads with wisdom, courage and compassion. Amen.

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 Black History Month

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, 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.

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 contact Oliver Dilley or Jessica Mephram 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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