



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 20 September, 2026

10am Parish Communion

Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11, Philippians 1.21-30, Matthew 20.1-6

Zoom: To join [Click here](#) Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094 Passcode: 263739
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School—all school-aged children welcome

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House with a presentation from Team Africa 2026 from 11:45am

5:30pm Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley

This week

Tuesday 22 September	9:45am	Edward Peake 'New Beginnings' Service
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting, Chapter House
Wednesday 23 September	11am	Penrose Court Home Communion
Thursday 24 September	9:30am	Holy Communion
	7pm-9pm	Youth Groups
Friday 25 September	1:45pm	Beaumont Park Home Communion
Saturday 26 September	10am – 12noon	Coffee Shop
	10am-1pm	St Andrew's Primary Summer Fair, St Andrew's East
Sunday 27 September	10am	Parish Communion with Sunday School

Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church

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

Intercessions: Let us pray for: Churches Together in Biggleswade, International Day of Peace (21st), Yom Kippur, our Jewish friends

Requesting our Prayers: Pat Boulter, Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Charles Rutt, 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: John Loveridge

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: Bernard Jarvis (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: Virginia and children: Christina, Thando, Blessing, Snesipho, Jasper

Country Fayre 2026

If you are reading this prior to Saturday and are able to help set up or participate in this event on Saturday, please read the noticeboards in the church foyer. You can bring items for stalls on Friday from 4pm or early on Saturday. There is also a box in the foyer where items can be placed.

Thursday 17 from 6:30pm, Friday 18 from 4pm, Saturday 8am and tidying up from 3pm. Small jobs and bigger ones available! Any help gratefully received.

Country Fayre Committee

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Unfortunately due to illness on the team, the Rotary Shoebox Appeal will not be functioning for the next two years. Having done research, I have decided to use Teams4U—a charity we have used before. The scheme is very similar to Rotary and they send to the same countries. The cost of a shoebox including transportation is £4. The age categories are 3-5yrs, 6-11yrs and 12+. They also send household boxes. All items need to be new or as new (no liquids). If you feel that you cannot fill a shoebox but would like be involved, a donation would be very welcome.

Mary Dominey

Macmillan Coffee Morning

You are invited to coffee at St Peter's Church, Station Road, Biggleswade on Friday 25 September 2026, from 11am to 2pm.

Coffee Rota

If you are able to help serve teas and coffees after 10am Sunday Service once a month and would like to be added to the team, please contact Lucy Dilley.

MU Meetings and Events

Wednesday 7 October 2pm in the Ivel Room. Meeting. Speaker: Bobbie Ball on Army Life. Followed by cake, of course. All welcome! Join us, join in.

Saturday 17 October 10.30am-3pm Quiet Day. Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis.

A curtain of poppies: We would like to make a curtain of knitted or crocheted poppies for Remembrance Sunday and invite everyone to contribute. Please bring any crafted items to church by the end of October.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Praying the Spiritual Exercises

As mentioned in my sermon on Education Sunday I am about to begin a new nine-month Journey in Prayer this week. For a couple of hours, once a fortnight I will be joining a small group being guided through the daily praying of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Making this journey in prayer has been on my heart for a number of years.

As I prepare to embark, I would value your prayers, thank you ~ Revd. Liz, Vicar

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O Lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.

Ignatius Loyola

Songs of Praise: October 11, 6pm - Fundraiser for Church Funds

Entry £5, a raffle (tickets to purchase on arrival), followed by hot chocolate and homemade muffins in the Chapter House (other drinks available).

How it works: You are all invited to select your **three** personal favourite hymns or worship songs. Selection slips will be available from next week in church. These will then be used to create our 'Top 12' hymns and songs which we will sing at our Songs of Praise Fundraiser.

So, start thinking of your three favourites and make it a date to come along, bring family and friends, for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening raising much-needed funds for our Church.

Revd Liz & Sue Thorn

Future Dates

29 September	7:30pm	Growth & Mission Working Group
3 October	9:30am	Annual Gathering of Pastoral Visitors St. Luke's - Tide Holy Communion <i>(followed by refreshments)</i>
4 October	8am	Holy Communion, Order 2—Traditional—Harvest Thanksgiving
	10am	All Together Communion—Harvest Thanksgiving
	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch
11 October	6pm	Songs of Praise Church Fundraiser – <i>(see details above)</i>
17 October	10.30am-3pm	Quiet Day—Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis

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