



Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith, serving with love, and welcoming all



Eighth Sunday after Trinity

21 July 2024

<p>Sunday 10.00 am Holy Communion</p> <p>Collect Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p>Readings</p> <p>Jeremiah 23.1-6 Jeremiah denounces the kings</p> <p>Ephesians 2.11-22 Jesus has broken down all human barriers</p> <p>Mark 6.30-34, 53-56 Jesus identifies the sheep without the shepherd</p> <p>Zoom Join Zoom Meeting: CLICK HERE Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616. Passcode: 599753 Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830</p> <p>12.00-2.00pm Church Picnic, Chambers Way Park, SG18 8ES</p> <p>5.30pm Taize Service at St John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley, SG19 2EA</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>This Week</p> <p>Thursday 25 July James the Apostle 9.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee, Chapter House</p> <p>Readings Acts 11.27-12.2 Matthew 20.20-28 11.00am Mantles Court Holy Communion 1.00pm Funeral of Sarah Joyner RIP, North Herts Crematorium</p> <p>Friday 26 July 11.00am Beaumont Park Holy Communion</p> <p>Saturday 27 July 10.00am –12.00pm <i>Africa Team Depart for Mafambisa</i> Coffee shop, Chapter House</p> <p>Sunday 28 July 10.00am Ninth Sunday after Trinity Parish Communion followed by coffee, Chapter House 12noon Baptism of Layla-Rose 1.30pm Burial of Ashes, Garden of Remembrance 4.00pm Philip Norman Martyn Hickin RIP Choral Evensong, St Georges' Church, Letchworth 4.00pm Choral Evensong at St George's, Letchworth SG6 1DA</p>
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Requesting our Prayers: Jennifer Baglin, Val Whiteley, Catherine, Princess of Wales, King Charles III, Bobbie Ball, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell and Paul Bennett.

Continue to Pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit.

Mafambisa. We pray for 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 careworker: Maria, children: Lucas, Sethu, Mbowane Prince. www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk.

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; Diana Parsons, and 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: 27th Rt Revd Richard Rutt, Bishop, 27th Malcolm Huckle, 27th Constance Newman.

BBC Bells –Biggleswade –winning Ridgman Trophy piece Following the recent win in the Bells and Beds, Biggleswade Bell Ringers will be on the radio! You can access the broadcast after it has aired via the link below or via BBC sounds. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006sgsh/broadcasts/upcoming> *John Loveless*

Mayor's Quiz Wednesday 24th July 7pm is being held at The Rose pub on the High Street for charity. Link for more details: [Mayor's Charity Pub Quiz | Biggleswade Town Council](#) *Jonathan Woodhead*

Exploring Silence 24 July 7.45pm will be held at St Peter's Church, Station Road Biggleswade. There's more information about what we hope to do at the website exploring-silence.org *David Hindle for Exploring Silence*

The Loss of the Ship HMS Captain and its Connection to the village of Sutton 28th July 2.30pm A talk from Dr. Howard Fuller of The University of Wolverhampton and the Find the Captain Project at All Saints Church. Sutton, SG19 2NB, followed by Afternoon Tea. Tickets are £10 and are available from Jo Hollington: joannahollington@btinternet.com or on the door. All proceeds go to All Saints Church. Find the Captain Project: [Find the Captain | HMS Captain | University of Wolverhampton](#)

Choral Evensong, St George's Church Letchworth 28th July Following the contribution by their choir made to our choral evensong last year in aid of our heating appeal, some of our choir will be joining them at 16.00 Sunday 28th July to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St George's consecration. It will be a grand service featuring mainly the famous choral works of CV Stanford whose 150th anniversary falls this year. Further details from me. *Rob Butcher, Organist and Musical Director*

MU Wednesday 7th August Meet at Sandy RSPB from 2pm. All welcome - just a chat and a cuppa at the café. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

Holiday Club Service of Praise and Barbeque - Sunday 18 August at 11.00am Please join us for the Holiday Club service of praise and BBQ. This is a real opportunity to support the leaders and volunteers and to share with the children in what they have been doing all week! *Chris Parker*

Children's Society Collection Boxes: I will be happy to receive your box for opening and counting from Sunday 21st July to Sunday 4th August and the Thursdays in between. *Rob Butcher Children's Society Box Organiser*

LEPROSY MISSION I will be opening the collection boxes on Monday 5th August and sending the money collected to the charity. If you have a box which needs emptying, please it to church on any of the following dates: Thursday 25th, Sunday 28th, Thursday 1st or Sunday 4th August. If it is easier, I can collect boxes so please contact me on 01767 310394 or 077382 39243. I can provide new collection boxes and leaflets about the charity. Thank you *Sue Oldroyd*.

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The End of the Academic Year Your prayers are requested for our schools –pupils and staff, governors, parents and carers, following the conclusion of the Academic Year 2023-2024. At a time of significant transition in our region as the two tier system of schooling begins in September, we remember all involved in the planning and introduction of Primary and Secondary Schools; may they find some rest and refreshment in addition to important planning initiatives, including building programmes, and change. *Revd Liz*.

Sunday School Sunday School is now in its summer break but we would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma and all of our Sunday school leaders and helpers running Sunday School week in week out! It is an important part of the mission of the church that we help our children to grow their own faith. The Sunday School team could do with growing and so if you feel that you could be part of that team please speak to Emma, Carolyn or Chris.

St Andrew's Youth Team As we approach the end of the Summer Term please can we say thank you to our youth team who support our young people week in and week out! We say thank you to Peter, Claire, Emma, Carolyn, Lucy and Mandy. It is so important that we run our youth programme week by week and offer youth groups in a Christian setting to our community. Even though it is the end of term and the summer holiday is before us, we need to be thinking of next term. We expect to have a fresh intake into 10plus as young people move into year 5. This will mean we potentially could have 3 groups again on a Thursday evening. To run 3 Thursday groups we need more volunteers –please think if this is for you. As already said it is an important aspect of Church life. If you are able to help –please do speak to Chris or one of the youth team. It would be great to have a full team ready to go in September! Thank you. *Chris Parker*.

Future Dates

Tuesday 30 July	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 1 August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 4 August	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 11 August	6.00pm	Holiday Club Preparation Service
Tuesday 13 –Friday 16		Holiday Club
Thursday 15 August	9.30am	Holy Communion (NB. No Coffee today)
Sunday 18 August	9.30am	Parish Communion

Bishop of St Albans Open Garden A two acre oasis in the middle of St Albans. Every Sunday from 9 June to 11 August from 2pm to 4pm. Entrance £5 per person (children free) Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD.

Team Africa we are still collecting items to take with us that we can use to play with the children like bubbles, skipping ropes, balls. Also some toiletries like nail polish and hand cream. If you would like to donate any of these please put them in the box under the noticeboard in the foyer. Thank you. *Chris Parker*. **The Africa Team Blog** Go to Standrewslink.blogspot.com where you can read about the team as they make their final preparations to go! Please pray for them all as they prepare. Thank you. *Chris Parker Hands at Work*.

MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We receive weekly updates from Hands at Work - from different communities via WhatsApp. If you would like to receive these I will add you to the WhatsApp group. Please text your mobile number to Chris on 07702 250776 or email on chris2parker@btinternet.com

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Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important especially at this time that we give them all the support possible.

Gill Hibbert

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. *Thanks*.

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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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