



## The Second Sunday before Lent

23 February 2025

**Sunday** 10.00am Parish Communion

**Collect**  
Almighty God you have created the heavens and the earth, and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings**

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25	The Garden of Eden
Revelation 4	Heavenly Worship
Luke 8.22-25	Jesus Calms a Storm

**Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.  
Passcode: 599753  
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

**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.** *Revd Liz and Churchwardens*

**This Week**

**Monday 24 February**  
9.05 am Leadership Meeting

**Thursday 27 February**  
9.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee in Chapter House.  
Readings: James 2.1-9 Mark 9.41-49

10.30 –11.30 am Warm Spaces  
11.00 am Mantles Court Home Communion  
12.00 noon Marmalade Making—Chapter House

**Friday 28 February**  
1.45 pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

**Saturday 1 March**  
8.30 am onwards Work Day—Outdoor Jobs  
10.00 –12.00noon Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces

**Sunday 2 March** **The Sunday Next before Lent**  
8.00 am Holy Communion—Order II Traditional  
10.00 am All Together Parish Communion  
12.00 noon Holy Baptism—Atticus  
12.45 pm Sunday Lunch

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**Requesting our Prayers:** Lisa Ling, Thelma Holden, Percy Doughty, Maureen Wade, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker. We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit

**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 Children: Gugu, Lifa, Sivamthantha, Prince, Tswarelo, Andile. Please visit our blog at [www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk).

**We pray for the souls of all the recently departed:** 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: 25 Thomas Morris, 27 James Tufts, Ann Phillips, 1 Daisy Thatcher, Corrie van de Weerd-Spee

**Work Party Grounds Day, Saturday 1 March.** Thank you to those who helped with our indoor working day! We managed a good amount of tidying up! We will have our first outside job day on Saturday 1 March. If you can help that would be great! We will start from 8.30 am. There are lots of jobs to be done in the churchyard - see you then. *Buildings and Grounds sub-committee.*

**MU. Wednesday 5 March 2 - 4pm.** Meeting. Pancakes and baked cakes. All welcome!

**Marmalade.** We've sold out of the first batch so will be making the next on **Thursday 27 February** from 12 noon. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Angela Sharp (chief cook) or me (bottlewasher). This is a church activity to help with heating costs, not an MU exclusive. If there are enough cooks, we can have a rota. *Maggie McLoughlin*

**'Farewell' and 'Thank you' to the Parish Administrator:** Mandy Anning gave her Resignation and by mutual agreement her last working day as Parish Administrator here was Thursday, 13 February, 2025. We extended our gratitude to Mandy and thanked her for all she had done in this role as Parish Administrator here at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade. On behalf of all at St. Andrew's Church we wished her all the very best for the future. In due course the Vicar and Churchwardens, on behalf of the PCC, will begin a new recruitment process. In the meantime, for a short, limited period the production of weekly Pew News and Reading sheets will be overseen by the Vicar and Rosemary Bentley. Other administrative tasks may be shared out, or may need to be put on hold. Please bear with us during this vacancy period. Thank you. All contributions for Pew News can continue to be sent to: [secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk) by Tuesday 11am. *The Vicar and Churchwardens.*

**New Mission Action Plan: Christ-Centred –Welcoming –Inclusive-Outward-Looking** On behalf of the PCC, I am delighted to share with you all the good news that the PCC adopted a new Mission Action Plan (MAP) Website via this link: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/mission-action-plan/> *Revd. Liz –Vicar and Chair of the PCC.*

**Receiving Holy Communion** A reminder that at present intinction of the wafer into the wine during the administration is not permitted at St. Andrew's Church. Receiving in one kind is a possibility, and observed by a number of our communicants.

### Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2025

During this Diocesan Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing 2025 it is good to confirm that Bishop Richard is planning to join us for Holy Week and Easter this year. This special year is inspired by the Emmaus story in Luke's Gospel, where the risen Christ walks alongside two disciples in their confusion and doubt, listens to their concerns, and renews them in hope and love. As you may already know Bishop Richard is currently Chair of the Church of England's work on disability, which includes a working group on Mental Health. In 2023, members of that group published 'Struggling with God – Mental Health and Christian Spirituality' by Christopher Cook, John Swinton and Isabelle Hamley. During Lent we'll be exploring the themes of mental health and Christian spirituality, wellbeing and resilience. This will then feed into the Bishop's teaching and preaching during his time with us during Holy Week and Easter. *Leadership and Ministry Team.*

**Lent Study Groups, with Biblical Reflection and Prayer:** This year we are running two Lent Study Groups which will be held in Church, starting the week beginning 9 March: Monday Evenings 7pm to 9pm on 10, 17, 24, 31 March, 7 April starting with a simple supper (donations welcome) and Thursday Mornings 10.45am to 12noon on 13, 20, 27 March, 3, 10 April, refreshments available in the Chapter House from 10.15am. Based on the book above, study materials will be provided as needed. It will be useful for our planning to have an idea of numbers, so please sign up on the list at Church. *Growth and Mission Sub-Committee.*

**Deanery Lent Evening Worship 2025:** Theme: The 'I am..' sayings of Jesus. Sundays 6.00pm. All are welcome. We look forward to a variety of guest preachers and simple refreshments are usually served after the service. A Retiring Collection will be taken for the Deanery Project 2025-26: 'Triumph Heart' in Uganda.

- 9 March at St. Andrew, Biggleswade –Preacher: Rev Graham Buckle
- 16 March at St. Mary, Potton –Preacher: Ven. David Middlebrook
- 23 March at St. Swithun, Sandy –Preacher: Rev Jodie Brown
- 30 March at St. Leonard, Old Warden –Preacher: Rosemary Bentley
- 6 April at St. Lawrence, Willington –Preacher: Rt Rev Richard Atkinson

**Lost Property** Over the past couple of years we have acquired quite a large amount of lost property. These are displayed on a table in the Chapter House foyer. Please look to see if anything there belongs to you. Anything not claimed by the end of the month will be given to a charity shop. *Mary Dominey.*

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### Future Dates

Monday 3 March	7.30pm	Churches Together, St Peter's Catholic Church
<b>Wednesday 5 March</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	7.30pm	Sung Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 6 March	9.30am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Friday 7 March	7.30pm	World Day of Prayer. St Andrew's Church
Sunday 9 March	6.00 pm	Deanery Evensong. St Andrew's Church
Sunday 16 March	3.00 pm	Civic Service. St Andrew's Church

**Mafambisa** We are currently assembling our team to go to Africa in the summer (19 July to 2 August 2025) we are also starting to think about a team for summer 2026 - if you are interested in joining either of these teams –please speak to Chris Parker as soon as you are able.

**Food Bank** Due to the state of their premises, Preen no longer operates a Food Bank, so any donations left in church are going to the Baptist Church. They get the supermarket trolley donations too. For updates on their supply needs you can use the app BanktheFood. Details on the website [bbchurch.org.uk](http://bbchurch.org.uk)  
*Maggie McLoughlin.*

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### **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 Spiritual Renewal 2025**

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with you forever, Amen.

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## **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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