



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking

# SUMMER

## Bartholomew the Apostle

24 August 2025

### 24 August, Bartholomew the Apostle

**10.00 am** Parish Communion

#### Readings:

Acts 5.12-16 *The apostles perform signs and wonders.*

I Corinthians 4.9-15 *Apostles are fools for the sake of Christ*

Luke 22.24-30 *The Twelve dispute about who is the greatest*

**Collect.** Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same: 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.

#### Zoom

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**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*

### Monday 25 August

Bank Holiday

### Thursday 28 August

09.30 am Holy Communion. Augustine Bishop of Hippo, 430

Readings: I Thessalonians 3.7-13

Matthew 24.42-51

*followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

### Friday 29 August

1.45 pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

7.30 pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 30 August

10.00 am—12.00. Coffee Shop, Chapter House

### The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, 31 August

10.00 am Parish Communion

*followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

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**Requesting our Prayers:** Liz Lavelle, Peter Clapson, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Nick Smithers, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine & Percy Doughty, Tim Robb, Bobbie Ball. We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim.

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed:** Lika Dale, Richard Godfrey. 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: 27 Rosemary Wilson, 30 Nora Pickles

**Holiday Club "Jungle Adventure".** Our thanks and congratulations to all who contributed to the most enjoyable and successful Holiday Club, "Jungle Adventure". A wonderful, joyous, informative team experience for all the children and adults involved.

**Parish Administration Assistant.** Pleased to announce that Mrs Sue Thorn has been appointed as our new Administration Assistant. She begins her new role on Monday 8 September 2025; regular office hours in the Ivel Room, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Please join me in welcoming Sue as she prepares to take up this new role at St. Andrew's Church, Biggleswade. Our thanks to those who have generously offered of their time and talents to support our parish during this period of vacancy. *Revd Liz.*

**MU Meeting.** Wednesday 3 September, 2.00 pm, in the Ivel Room. Talking about birthdays: please dig out a photo of you as a baby/toddler and give it to Rosamund before the meeting or bring it with you. As always, tea and cake to follow. All welcome! *Maggie McLoughlin*

**Sponsored Bike 'n Hike, Saturday 13 September.** Each September the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust organise a sponsored event to raise money to enable them to make grants to churches across the two counties. Of the monies raised, half goes to the Trust and half to our own church.

We can all take part in a number of ways: Be sponsored to Bike or Hike around as many churches as you are able (packs on the notice board). Be a Steward at St Andrew's to welcome visitors (Bikers or Hikers) between 9am and 5pm. Sponsor John Dilley who is hoping to visit as many churches in the Deanery as possible (see notice board for details)

If you are interested or able to help please speak to John Dilley or Andrew Rutt for more information.

**Country Fayre – Water into Wine Stall.** Once again, this year we are running the Water into Wine stall at the Country Fayre; we should be most grateful for any donations of bottles of wine. If you can help in any way, that would be much appreciated. Please pass your bottle(s) to Paul or Ruth. Many thanks. *Paul Daniels and Ruth Marshall-Jones.*

**Country Fayre Saturday 20 September – Donations and Help Needed.** As we prepare for our upcoming **Fayre** we are reaching out to ask for your generous support to help make the event a great success. We are kindly asking for **donations** of the following items: **Produce** – fruit, vegetables, jams, chutneys, etc. **Plants** – garden or house plants, potted or cut. **Cakes & Baked Goods** – homemade items are always popular! **Crafts** – handmade items for sale. **Tombola Prizes**, including: Luxury gifts, Toiletries, Chocolates, General items, **Wine** – for our wine tombola. **Books** – in good condition, for our book stall. In addition to donations, we need **helpers** on the days leading up to, and during the Fayre: **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday** – help with setting up, running stalls, and tidying up afterwards. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with **raffle ticket sales** on Saturday, 13 September 09.00 am – 1.00 pm, at the charity stall, market square.. Whether you can donate items, give some of your time, or both, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Lucy Dilley if you can help or donate. Let us work together to make this a joyful and successful event for our church and community. Thank you.

***The Country Fayre Committee***



**Exploring Silence.** A session which aims to help people get into and explore a period of silence in their life. This started as a result of conversations in the "Churches Together in Biggleswade", and several occasional sessions have been held at St Peter's Church in Station Road. Our next session is again at **St Peter's, 7:45pm on Wednesday 27 August**, and we would be very pleased to see you. There's more information about what we hope to do at the website [exploring-silence.org](http://exploring-silence.org).

**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 Careworker: Khethiwe, children: Alisha, Felicia, Lovemore, Fikile, Josphina, Willson, Nancy, Thanolwethu.

**Tinned Vegetables Needed.** If you use the Bank the Food app you may have noticed that **they are always short of tinned vegetables - peas and carrots** but also **potatoes and sweetcorn**, plus any other vegetables. So, whether you use it or not, please consider putting tinned veg in the food bank collection box. It may not look like much, but it's what they need. *Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt*

**Used Postage Stamps.** Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important that we give them all the support possible. Please place your used stamps in the container adjacent to the area in church where service books are distributed. Thank you. *Gill Hibbert*

#### Future Dates

Saturday 30 August	<b>2.00 pm Open Air Theatre—'Emma'</b> - Jane Austen - 250th anniversary. followed by Afternoon Teas on the Terrace. Exhibitions of Art and Dolls Houses. Licensed Bar. Ice creams. <i>[A marquee just in case of inclement weather]</i> The Old Rectory, Sutton, SG19 2NB.
Sunday 31 August	<b>2.00—5.00 pm Sutton Classic Cars.</b> Afternoon Teas, Exhibition of Dolls Houses. Art Display. Raffle. Garden Railway. Plant Stall Please see posters for both days on our church noticeboards / website for further details. Proceeds to All Saints Church Sutton.
1 September [to 4 October]	Season of Creation theme for 2025: 'Peace with Creation'
Sunday 7 September,	8.00 am Holy Communion: <i>Order Two traditional</i> 10.00 am All Together Communion—Education Sunday
Saturday 13 September	9.00 am—5.00 pm. Bike 'N Hike Fund Raising for local churches. Beds and Herts Historic Churches
Sunday 14 September 12.45 pm	Sunday Lunch, Chapter House
Saturday 20 September	40th Anniversary Country Fayre.
Sunday 21 September, 11.30 am	Team 2025 Mafambisa feedback presentation in Chapter House following Parish Communion
Sunday 5 October	Harvest Thanksgiving

**The Diocese of St Albans: Vacancy in See Prayer.** As the process of discernment prior to the appointment of the next Bishop of St Albans continues, we share this prayer.

Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans. As we take this journey of discernment for our new bishop, open our hearts and minds to hear the wisdom of your Spirit. Be with those who sense a call to this ministry, with those discerning the appointment, and with all those leading and serving us at this time. In this shared discernment, and always, draw us deeper into your love, that we may live it with joy and courage for your world, in the name, and for the sake, of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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 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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