



Pentecost

24 May 2026

Pentecost, Sunday 24 May, 2026

10am Parish Communion

Readings:

Acts 2.1-21 *The coming of the Holy Spirit*
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 *The gifts of the Holy Spirit*
John 20.19-23 *Jesus appears to the disciples*

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Zoom To join [Click here](#)
Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094
Passcode: 263739
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830
followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Thursday 28 May

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Peter 2.2-5, 9-12
Mark 10.46-52
followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Saturday 30 May

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

Sunday 31 May—Trinity Sunday

10am Parish Communion

Sunday School—all school-age children welcome
Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

6pm School Assembly Songs
(Mafambisa fund-raising evening)
£5 entry, plus raffle.
Tea and coffee served afterwards.

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Intercessions Let us pray for: Pentecost, The Holy Spirit, those preparing for Confirmation and Baptisms

Requesting our Prayers: Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Revd Liz Lavelle, Ann Pridmore, Charles Rutt, Philip Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Richard Albone, Jacqueline Pearce

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: Phyllis Wilson (29th)

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: Dudu and children: Prince, Nkazimulo, Owethu, Anisa, Safina, Neila

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM, 10 May, shared a strong sense of gratitude for everyone's contributions over the past year. The following have agreed to serve on new PCC, and as Churchwardens for the coming year. PCC: Rev Liz Oglesby-Elong (Chair), Lucy Dilley, David Franklin, Peter Giles, Vaughan Johnson, Claire Leeks, Harriet Shannon, Angela Sharp, Mark Simmons, Christopher Wheelhouse. Representatives for Deanery Synod: Rosemary Bentley, Hilary Johnson. Churchwardens: Rosemary Bentley, Rob Butcher. We offer them our thanks and prayers as they take up their responsibilities, and we look forward to working together in faith and fellowship. Signed minutes from the APCM will be available on the website, with hard copies in the foyer.

Harriet Shannon, PCC Secretary

North Aisle Roof and Clerestory Window Repairs

The project continues and internal scaffolding is now in place, facilitating the removal of some clerestory windows for repair, so there is restricted seating access. Ongoing prayers for all the skilled and gifted craftsmen, also for those who continue to worship in church during different times; also for Vaughan Johnson, chair of Buildings and Grounds sub-committee, who is kindly co-ordinating liaison with the numerous contractors, often daily.

In order for our Sunday and Thursday worship to continue as planned, (as well as funerals and other occasional offices,) any extra help with cleaning, dusting and sweeping would be gratefully received. Please contact us if you are able to offer occasional help as the restorative work continues. Thank you to so many willing volunteers already offering support.

Vicar and churchwarden

Mafambisa Fundraising Events – Supporting Freya and Jack

Freya and Jack are heading out to Mafambisa this year as part of the mission team. To help them fundraise, a number of events are taking place over the coming weeks. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and support them.

- **Sunday 31 May: School Assembly Songs – 6pm** An evening of songs you may remember from school days. £5 entry, plus raffle. Tea and coffee served afterwards.
- **Saturday 6 June: Car Wash – 10am–12pm** Bring your car for a shine. Minimum donation £5.
- **Saturday 20th June: Quiz Night with Bangers & Mash – 7pm** A fun evening with a hot meal and dessert included. £12 per person. Teams of up to 8.

Mafambisa 2026 Team



St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2026

Just a reminder - Holiday Club this year Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 August plus the Service and BBQ on Sunday 23 August. If you are able to help in any way, even for an hour or two, please contact:

Emma Pallett, Holiday Club Leader, emmapallett@hotmail.com, 07900 697945

Sally Wells, Registration Co-ordinator, sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk, 07932 760864

Further information will be out shortly if you wish to enrol children for Holiday Club. *Holiday Club Team*

MU Wednesday 3 June

We will be at the Sandy RSPB Lodge for a wander and a cuppa at the cafe. Do join us, we may be able to offer a lift if you need one, so please ask. **We leave the church car park at 2pm.** *Maggie McLoughlin*

Biggleswade in Bloom 2026 - St Andrew's Church has entered this inaugural event with judging expected the week of 6 July. Eco Group is aware that several are involved in tending the flower beds and borders and keeping the church grounds looking so beautiful. Volunteers are invited to help with a wider Community Planting Day in early June when seasonal bedding plants arrive, with the exact date still to be confirmed. Financial donations towards purchasing plants for display in the churchyard will also be warmly received. Please see Mark Simmons.

Eco Group

Cafe Mocha is a small but very friendly - not for profit - cafe in town opposite the White Hart Pub. They are now looking for volunteers for all aspects of running the cafe. For more information about the Cafe and its vision, or about what help is needed please contact Helen on Helen.horner@outlook.com

New Water Butt – Given in memory of my late father Norman Gurney who was a keen participant of the Buildings and Grounds Team, this donation is now installed and harvesting rainwater on the south side of the church. Not only will this have a practical use, but it will also make a valuable contribution towards St Andrews' credentials as an Eco Church. *Nick Gurney*



Churches Count on Nature

Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. It is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK.

How many plants, birds, animals and insects can you spot in the church grounds between 6-14 June? Our next All Together Communion will start to get you thinking and we will then hold an Eco-themed Sunday School on 28 June.

If you would like to find out more, please visit:

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/about-love-your-burial-ground-week-with-churches-count-on-nature/>

Design a logo for history in the making!

2027 marks 150 years of St Albans Cathedral, The Diocese of St Albans and St Albans city status. At the Cathedral, we're looking for a standout logo to bring our Alban150 campaign to life.

Whether you're a designer, artist, student, or simply full of ideas, this is your chance to create something seen across a landmark year - from events and exhibitions to digital and merchandise.

Win prizes including:

- £100 St Albans Gift Card courtesy of St Albans City Centre BID
 - A bundle of Cathedral event tickets and gifts
 - Your design used across the entire anniversary year
- Deadline: Friday 17 July 2026

See full details here: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/alban150-competition>

The Holy Spirit, a force unseen,
A presence felt, yet not yet gleaned,
A guiding light, a source of hope,
In darkest hours, it helps us cope.

It moves within us, like a gentle breeze,
A whisper soft, that puts our hearts at ease,
And though we cannot see its face,
Its touch is felt in every place.

It's the voice that speaks within our hearts,
A wisdom deep, that never departs,
A counsel wise, that guides us well,
A light that shines, in darkest hell.

It fills us up, with love divine,
A force so strong, it's hard to define,
And though it's something we can't explain,
Its power moves, like a mighty train.

It's the fire that burns within our soul,
A passion strong, that makes us whole,
And though we may be battered and torn,
Its love will heal, and make us reborn.

So let us open up our hearts,
And let the Holy Spirit do its part,
For it is a force so pure and bright,
That fills our lives with love and light.

Future Dates

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| 6 June | 10am | Eucharist - all welcome |
| | 10am—12noon | Fund-raising car wash for Mafambisa Team 2026 |
| 7 June | 8am | Holy Communion, traditional liturgy |
| | 10am | All Together Parish Communion |
| | 6pm | Summer Deanery Evening Worship at St Mary's Church, Potton |
| 14 June | 10am | Confirmation Service |
| 20 June | 7pm | Quiz Night with bangers and mash—fundraiser for Mafambisa Team 2026 |

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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