



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



The Conversion of Paul Epiphany III

25 January 2026

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 1.4-10 *Jeremiah's Call*
Acts 9.1-22 *The Conversion of Saul*
Matthew 19.27-30 *The first will be last*

Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

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Sunday School: All school age children welcome.

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Tuesday 27 January

7:30pm PCC Meeting, Chapter House

Wednesday 28 January

12:15pm Funeral of Martin John Smith RIP
Bedford Crematorium (*family only*)

Thursday 29 January

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: II Samuel 7.18-19, 24-29
Mark 4.21-25

Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship, Chapter House

Youth Groups—see website for details

Friday 30 January

1:45pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

Saturday 31 January

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop, Christingle Making and Warm Spaces, *Chapter House*

Sunday 1 February

8am Holy Communion Order II

10am All Together Communion

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

3pm Christingle Service

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Requesting our Prayers: Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, Revd Liz Lavelle, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Maurice Darnell, Jo Chelley, Joanna Friend

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Richard Cope, Sylvia Lowther, Revd Tim Robb, Martin John Smith. 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: Winifred Mayston (28th), Anne Maynard (28th), Dave Oldroyd (30th), George Mayston (30th)

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: Khethiwe and children: Ayisha, Felicia, Lovemore, Fikile.

Palm Crosses: If you have a cross from last year, please may we ask you to return it to church as soon as possible in preparation for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, also Thursday 19 February. Thank you.

Revd Liz and sacristan team

Risk Assessments: As part of ensuring those we welcome into our church are safe, we need to ensure activities are risk assessed. This should not be an over detailed process but ensures any likely issues are identified and dealt with. To help ensure this, if you have risk assessments for any church activities, could you please send them to me at the email address below or hand them to me in church? I am trying to create a central resource for them both to ensure they are in place and to allow people to reuse them rather than starting from scratch. healthandsafety@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Peter Giles

A Date for Your New Diary! We are inviting all those who would like to participate in our church production of 'Saints Alive!' by Roger Jones to a 'learn and perform afternoon' on Saturday 9 May, from 2pm – 5:30pm to be followed by a performance in church at 7pm. Singers, instrumentalists, readers and stage and sound crew all welcome. More details nearer the time.

If you would be interested in singing a solo part, narrating or playing as part of the band, please contact Sue or Rob at church or email suethorn@hotmail.co.uk

Sue Thorn and Rob Butcher

MU: Wednesday 4 February 2-4pm, Ivel Room. Speaker: Revd Barbara.

MU is 150 years old this year, and we intend to celebrate. Our little group has increased rapidly in the last year or so, and we'd love to have more come and join in. No commitment, no membership, just come and see. Our first principle is to share God's love, (and home-made cake).

We also run the coffee shop on the 2nd Saturday of each month and there is a soup lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month. So come and join us!

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

St Andrew's School Governor Vacancy: The Governing Board at St Andrew's School would like to give sincere and heartfelt thanks to George Dilley for his tenure as Foundation Governor. George's departure has created a new vacancy on the Board, and we would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved. You don't need to be an education expert or know everything about governance. What you *do* need is passion, curiosity, and the desire to make a difference - and full training is provided! Foundation Governors help steer the strategic direction of the school, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

This role will provide opportunities to develop leadership and strategic skills and work alongside passionate, skilled people who care about children and community and make a measurable difference to young people's lives. For further information on this vacancy please contact the Clerk, Sarah Greene, on clerk@standrews.beds.sch.uk by Friday 6 February 2026.



Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, finishing on 21 March. Julie Balaam, the Community Agent, will visit the Church during warm spaces on Thursday 12 February.

Nettie van de Weerd

Snowdrop Garden Open Days

We are pleased to share that the Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open to visitors on: Saturday 14 February, Sunday 15 February, Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February, from 2pm – 4pm. Entry is £5 per adult and all proceeds will go directly to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.,

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans

For more information, please contact: janesmith@stalbandiocese.org

Revd Timothy Simon Robb, RIP

From St.Mary's Website: An Announcement of Tim's Thanksgiving Service from Julie and Sarah.

"We are grateful to you for your patience and your prayers. The thanksgiving service for Tim's life and ministry will take place at 12 noon on Monday 2 February at St Mary's Church Eaton Socon. This will be preceded by a private committal. All are welcome to attend the thanksgiving service. Refreshments will be served after the service in the church.

Please be aware that due to the high numbers of people expected to attend, carparking will be at a premium. If possible, please avoid using the usual car parks.

Floral tributes will be from family members only. Regarding dress code, we ask people to be smartly and respectfully dressed but black is not required. We would like donations in memory of Tim to be made to St Mary's Church Eaton Socon. Thank you."

Revd. Liz, Vicar

Country Fayre 2026 - Charity Nominations

It is that time of year again where the committee begin the work to make this year's Country Fayre a huge success. We use many methods to choose charities for each year; nominations from our community, looking at previous charities that we have supported, looking at local charities that might be in need of support as well as looking at financial details for each charity.

We would appreciate any charity nominations from our local congregation for charities that you feel are special to you and would like us to consider supporting.

As always - we would welcome anyone who wishes to join the committee, we generally meet on a Monday evening once a month and then more frequently nearer the date.

Please put this year's date in your diary Saturday 19 September - with your help we can make it another great event.

Many thanks, The Country Fayre Committee: *Sue Cleghorn, Lucy Dilley, Noah Dilley, Oliver Dilley, Nick Gurney, Carolyn Marron, Chris Parker and Jane Parker*

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

2026 marks the 47th RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, which sees keen birdwatchers across the UK join the largest garden wildlife citizen science project by spending one hour tracking the birds they see in their gardens. The Big Garden Birdwatch is on January 23, 24 and 25. For more details go to:

www.rspb.org.uk

See how many birds you can spot in an hour and submit your results.

Church Eco Group



Exploring Silence

The next session of Exploring Silence is again at St Peter's, at 7:45pm on Wednesday 11 February, and all are welcome.

These sessions aim 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 a number of occasional sessions have been held at St Peter's Church in Station Road.

There's more information about what the sessions hope to cover at the website exploring-silence.org.

Revd Liz, Vicar

A Prayer for our world

Lord of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away. Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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. 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.

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade

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Future Dates

18 February	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
22 March	3pm	Civic Service
5 April		Easter Day
6 April		80th Anniversary of Easter Monday Pilgrimage
9 May	2pm onwards	Saints Alive!

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