



Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 2.42-47 *Life among the believers*
1 Peter 2.19-25 *Christ's suffering*
John 10.1-10 *Jesus the good shepherd*

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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

Sunday School: all school-age children welcome.

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Monday 27 April

7:30pm Friends of St Andrew's Trustee Meeting

Tuesday 28 April

1:30pm Funeral—Celia Paterson RIP,
St Andrew's Church

Wednesday 29 April

10:30am Funeral - Jacqueline Loveridge RIP,
Stratton Way Cemetery

Thursday 30 April

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 13.13-25
John 13.16-20

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

7:30pm Mayor's Charity Quiz Night—see notice

Friday 1 May

7:30pm– 8:45pm 'Saints Alive!' rehearsal
band and extra singers welcome

Saturday 2 May

10am-12noon Coffee Shop,
Chapter House

Sunday 3 May

8am Holy Communion Order II – traditional
10am All Together Parish Communion

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Intercessions :Let us pray for: vocations, theological colleges, clergy and congregations in the St Albans Diocese, St. Andrew's Children and Young People's work: Youth Groups/Sunday School and leaders/helpers.

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

We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Jacqueline Loveridge, Celia Paterson, Nick Smithers. 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: Sharon Elong, Olive Spring (27th).

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

Saints Alive!

We are looking forward to our coming production of 'Saints Alive!' on Saturday 9 May. The choir and band are beginning to rehearse some songs on Fridays between about 8pm and 8:45pm to which additional singers are welcome. The Sunday School will be rehearsing some short pieces of drama to go with the songs.

If you would rather wait until the day, then 'come and sing' and learn a few songs from 2pm in the Chapter House or come and see the result of the hard work from 7pm in church. Admission is free, but there will be a raffle and collection to contribute towards costs. Speak to Sue Thorn or Rob Butcher to find out more. There is a poster with more details in the foyer.

Notice of Meeting of Parishioners and APCM to be held on Sunday 10 May 2026, 11:45am

All are welcome to attend the meeting of parishioners, where new church wardens will be elected. Anyone on the electoral roll is welcome to also attend the APCM. We have vacancies for 2 Church Wardens, 8 PCC Members (4x 3 years, 3x 2 years, 1x 1 year) and 3 members to Deanery Synod. The PCC plays a vital role in shaping the mission, stewardship and future direction of our church. If you feel you could contribute your gifts, please prayerfully consider standing for election. We would love to welcome new voices and perspectives. If you would like to know more about what being on the PCC involves, please speak to a member of the clergy or an existing PCC member. Forms for all vacancies are available at the back of the church, or from Harriet.

Harriet Shannon, PCC Secretary

Mayor's Charity Quiz Night

You're warmly invited to join us for a Charity Quiz Night at The Rose Pub on Thursday 30 April (7pm for an 8pm start). Bring a team of up to 6—or join one on the night—and enjoy an evening of trivia, friendly competition, and a few "I should have known that!" moments.

The event supports the Mayor's chosen charities, **MAGPAS Air Ambulance** and **Biggleswade Good Neighbours**.

Please see the poster in the foyer. Tickets are available here: <https://biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk/event/mayors-charity-quiz/>



Revision of the Electoral Roll

In preparation for the APCM on Sunday 10 May, the annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 11 and 25 April. Final date for names—25 April. After that date no new names may be added until after the APCM. If you are new to St Andrew's and would like to be included on the Electoral Roll, please let me know and I will give you a form. You can also download the form from the Church website: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/electoral-roll-application-form.php>.

The following are the conditions under which you can request inclusion in the Electoral Roll:

- Those eligible must have been baptised and be over the age of 16 years
- They must live in the parish of Biggleswade. Alternatively, if living outside the parish, should have worshipped at St Andrew's habitually during the past six months.

They must be a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England or in good standing with the Church of England. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, Electoral Roll Officer*

Confirmation at St Andrew's Church Sunday 14 June

We look forward to welcoming Richard, Bishop of Bedford, to preside at Confirmation for young people and adults, and also Admission to Communion for some Sunday School children, during our worship on Sunday 14 June, 10:00am. If you wish to receive further information about attending preparation classes, please discuss with Vicar, Revd Liz, or Licensed Lay Minister, Rosemary Bentley, as soon as possible.

MU

Wednesday 6 May Ivel Room 2pm. Quiz, followed by tea/coffee and cake. All welcome.

Thursday 24 May Ploughman's lunch 12-2pm. No set price, donate what you can. All welcome

Maggie McLoughlin

St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2026 – Plenty of vacancies for helpers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help at our Holiday Club. We are now on the search for volunteers for this year's event. As a reminder - Holiday Club this year will be Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 August plus the Service and BBQ on Sunday 23 August.

So the main question is, are you available to help? Our greatest need is for helpers to work with the children in their groups. However if you aren't able to do that this year we also need helpers for registration each morning, lunchtime supervisors, help with cleaning and with setting up and tidying away etc. all of which are very much appreciated. We would welcome some new volunteers so if you have not helped before and might be interested then do get in touch. And if you are new to St Andrew's and wondering what this is all about then do not hesitate to ask.

Please contact Emma Pallett or Sally Wells whose details are below as soon as possible to let us know if you are available to help and on which days. A prompt reply will help us with checking that everyone's DBS' are up to date and complete checks on any new volunteers in accordance with our child protection policy.

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

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

Please pray for the Holiday Club team as we make the preparations for this important week in the St Andrew's calendar. Many thanks.

Holiday Club Team

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

Country Fayre 2026

The Country Fayre Committee are pleased to inform you that the PCC have agreed to support Cruse Bereavement Support and Homestart UK as this year's Country Fayre charities. Thank you to all those who made suggestions of potential charities. We are looking for additional committee members and support for the event, if you would like to be involved and/or on the committee we would love to hear from you. Please do ensure you have the date in your diary of this year's fayre Saturday 19 September!



Future Dates

6 May	2pm	MU Quiz in Ivel Room
9 May	2pm	Come and sing 'Saints Alive!' - all welcome—see posters for details
	7pm	'Saints Alive!' performance - open to all
10 May	11:45am	Meeting of parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	6pm	Sunday@6: <i>Restoration</i>
17 May	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch
	5:30pm	Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley
31 May	6pm	School Assembly Songs—fundraiser for Mafambisa—details next week.

Creator God, We acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made. Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care. May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us; and may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to you, the God of all things. We pray in Jesus name, Amen

Revd Cate Williams, Environment Officer, Diocese of Gloucester



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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