



## IV Sunday after Trinity

28 June 2026

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#### 10am Parish Communion

##### Readings:

Jeremiah 28.5-9 *Jeremiah speaks to Hananiah*  
Romans 6.12-23 *Slaves of Righteousness*  
Matthew 10.40–42 *Rewards*

**Collect:** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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

Sunday School—*all school-age children welcome*

*Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

### Tuesday 30 June

7:30pm Standing Committee, Ivel Room

### Wednesday 1 July

11am Penrose Court Home Communion  
2pm MU@Jordans Mill  
*(see notice for details)*

### Thursday 2 July

9:30am Holy Communion  
Readings: Amos 7.10-17  
Matthew 9.1-8  
*Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

### Saturday 4 July

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

### Sunday 5 July

8am Holy Communion—*Order II, Traditional*  
10am All Together Communion  
*Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

12:45pm Sunday Lunch—please book in advance  
*(Sign up sheet in foyer)*

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### Intercessions

Let us pray for: Local hospitals, residential homes, hospices and care providers who visit and support members of our parish family, bell-ringers .

**Requesting our Prayers:** Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Charles 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:** Derek Hughes, Philip Rutt. 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: Connie Cutter (4<sup>th</sup>)

### 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: Maria and children: Snethemba, Fezile, Bayanda, Mgcobi, Bafana

### *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people, and kindle in us the fire of your love*

The next few months will continue to be a time of transition and, I pray, renewal at Church.

Since the APCM, we are aware that we have a PCC Treasurer vacancy to fill. Whilst the PCC seek to recruit a new PCC Treasurer, Andrew Rutt has generously offered to continue to support the PCC as 'bookkeeper'. In the next few weeks I would encourage anyone who may be interested in taking up this role to speak with myself, a Churchwarden or Andrew Rutt directly to find out more. *Revd. Liz, Vicar*

### Quiz Evening and bangers and mash!

Many thanks to all who attended and congratulations to 'On the Beach'. £660 was raised towards supporting Freya and Jack's involvement in Mafambisa 2026, with a total of £3900 from the three events: Quiz, Car Wash and School Assembly Songs and those who have supported via Go Fund.

Freya is still aiming to play 54 golf holes in a day, so sponsors welcome!

Or use the Go Fund page: <https://gofund.me/5f6329fea>

*Mafambisa 2026 Team*

### MU @Jordan's Mill

The MU meeting on 1 July will meet in the church car park from 1.45pm and leave at 2pm. Tours of the mill can be booked, costing £7.50 per person. Join us either for tea and cake or a tour. All welcome! If you need transport ,please ask .

*Maggie McLoughlin and Ros Drakes*

### Mafambisa Update:

I am very pleased to share an update from our partner community of Mafambisa, as well as an update for another community (Seville B) which is in the same region as Mafambisa. Hands at Work provide these updates multiple times throughout the year so that we can see the changes happening within our partner community but also what else they are doing as a charity throughout other communities. Please do take time to read the updates - on the Mafambisa notice board - and continue to pray for these communities.

*Oliver Dilley, Hands at Work Advocate*



### **Bishop of St Albans' Open Garden**

Bishop Andrew has graciously agreed to the Bishop's Garden being open to the public for four Sundays over the summer prior to him and his family moving into Abbey Gate House later in the year.

Please see the poster in the foyer with more details and opening times. To date nearly £25,000 has been raised for the Beds and Herts Historic Churches and it would be great if the total could be nearer to £30,000 before Bishop Andrew arrives.

**Biggleswade in Bloom 2026** - St Andrew's Church has entered this event with judging expected the week of 6 July. Volunteers are invited to help with a wider Community Planting Day in 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*

### **Mafambisa Partnership Visit 2027**

Hands at Work have asked us to register our interest in making a visit to our partner community of Mafambisa for 2027. Please think and pray about whether you think this is something you might be interested in. If you would like more information, please speak to anyone who has visited previously: John and Lucy Dilley, Carolyn Marron, Nick Gurney or Sally Wells. Most people who have been previously have expressed the life changing impact it has had on them. If you feel that this is something you wish to consider, please let me know as soon as possible. *Oliver Dilley (07914 341922), Hands at Work Advocate*

### **Country Fayre Exhibition 'Calmness in Crisis'**

This year our exhibition will focus on Calmness in Crisis - different ways we all cope when going through challenging times, linking in with our charities Cruse Bereavement and Homestart Bedfordshire. We would love to hear from the congregation as to what you do to keep calm and if able to represent this in our exhibition (e.g. art/painting, photography, other crafts, exercise, poetry etc.). Please do contact any of the Country Fayre Committee and we can discuss with you further. As usual, we will be asking for the help with running stalls and refreshments on the day as well as setting up and clearing up - please volunteer if you feel like you would be able to help (Saturday 19 September).

*Oliver Dilley, Lucy Dilley, Noah Dilley, Jane Parker, Carolyn Marron, Sue Cleghorn, Nick Gurney*

### **Passionate about education? Have you ever considered becoming a school governor?**

**Would you like to serve in the wider community?** St Andrew's Primary School in

Biggleswade is currently recruiting for a Foundation Governor. All interested candidates are asked to please contact Sarah Greene, Clerk to the Governors on [clerk@standrews.beds.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@standrews.beds.sch.uk) for a full role description and application form. Revd Liz and Danielle Singh, both currently serving as Foundation Governors, would also be very happy to help with any questions you may have about what the role entails. As this is a PCC Foundation Governor vacancy your application will need the Vicar, the Head of St Andrew's Primary School and the PCC to endorse it. Please note therefore, that the closing date for applicants is **Tuesday 30 June**, prior to the next PCC meeting on Tuesday 14 July.

*Revd. Liz, Vicar*

### Looking for a Cool Space?

With the hot weather continuing, here are some simple ways to keep yourself and others safe:



Check in on older people and anyone with health or mental health conditions



Use Cool Spaces like St. Andrew's Church to cool down - open during the daytime



Drink plenty of water



Try to stay out of the sun between 11 am and 3pm

Stay cool - Revd. Liz



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### Future Dates

6 July		Biggleswade in Bloom Week
	7:30pm	Friends of St Andrew's Trustees Meeting
9 July		Biggleswade in Bloom judging
14 July	7:30pm	PCC Meeting, Ivel Room
19 July	5:30pm	Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley
26 July	10am	Parish Communion—Mafambisa Team 2026 Commissioning Service

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### A Prayer for our world

Eternal God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life; by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people.

Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards, that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works; through Jesus Christ, your living Word, in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed. Amen

*Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby*

**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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