



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

28 September 2025

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10:00am Parish Communion

Readings: Amos 6.1a, 4-7
Amos warns the leaders of Israel
1 Timothy 6.6-19
Paul warns about the dangers of riches
Luke 16.19-31 *The rich man and Lazarus*

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

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Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
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Sunday School: all school-age children welcome
Under 5s are welcome to use the children's area in church or the Ivel Room (accompanied by an adult)

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12:30pm Baptisms of Maisie and Mollie

Tuesday 30 September

7:30pm Communications sub-committee

Wednesday 1 October

2-4pm MU Meeting - Harvest—All welcome

2:30pm - 6:30pm Shoeboxes fundraiser (see notices)

Thursday 2 October

9:30am Holy Communion

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-12
Luke 10.1-12

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

Evening - Youth Groups—all welcome

Friday 3 October

1:45pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

7pm Friends of St Andrew's AGM and social evening

Saturday 4 October

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop

Sunday 5 October

8:00am Holy Communion—Order II

10:00am Harvest Thanksgiving
All Together Worship

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12:45pm Sunday Lunch (*please sign sheet in advance*)

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Requesting our Prayers: Anita, Ruth Atkinson, Bobbie Ball, Peter Clapson, Maurice Darnell, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Shelagh Hizzey, Thelma Holden, David Johnson, Liz Lavelle, Angela Morris, Chris Parker, Ian Pearson, Tim Robb, Charles Rutt, Val Scott, Maureen Sibley, Nick Smithers, John Spicer, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Sally Wells

We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: 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: Marjorie Martin (3rd)

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: Prudence, Mxolisi, Trevor, Sethu, Sharlin, Celimpilo

Country Fayre

We are delighted to confirm that the Country Fayre and exhibition on Saturday 20 was a brilliant day and that the total of in excess of £6000 was raised for the two chosen charities (MS Trust and Willow Foundation).

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way , not only enabling us to achieve this amazing amount but as importantly in the act of outreach , which the exhibition demonstrated so well has been the case over the last forty years which is partly what makes the event so special.

It has been good to receive numerous compliments from people and groups that performed in the Arena saying what a fantastic atmosphere and event it was.

Once again many thanks for your help , we would welcome anybody who would like to join the committee . Next year's Fayre takes place on 19 September... get it in your calendar now!

We shall be asking for any charity suggestions in the New Year.

Thank you once again for your support in making it a such a successful day.

The Country Fayre Committee - Sue, Jane, Chris, Carolyn, Nick, Oliver, Noah and Lucy

Seeking Help this Autumn

As some people may already know our Sacristan Jenny and her husband Richard are likely to be moving to Suffolk in October. Moving forward, we are looking to have two people to take on the Sacristan role. If anyone is interested, or would like to know more, Jenny would be happy to have a chat to explain the role in more detail. Please see her at Church.

Revd Liz

Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Shoeboxes are now available from Mary Dominey at church or from 91 London Road at a cost of £2.50 each (this includes the transport of your box). Please make sure each box contains something for hygiene, some school stuff, a couple of toys, a hat and, of course, essentially, a small cuddly toy. Everything in boxes for 2 and 3 year olds **MUST** be brand new, for other age groups 'as new' is acceptable. Filled boxes are not due back until November.

In order to help fund our communal boxes, I will be holding an 'At Home' (91, London Road) on Wednesday 1 October, from 2:30pm until 6:30ish. There will be tea, coffee and cake on offer, and there will also be a Bring and Buy sale - no entrance fee - just make a donation to the fund.

Please let me know if you intend to come, so that I can cater without waste.

Mary Dominey



Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing

We are now two-thirds of the way through our Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing. If you could pause and look back, could you identify where have you experienced moments of spiritual growth, renewal and times you have been able to prioritise your wellbeing so far this year?

This month we invite you to consider how a retreat in daily life could be of benefit to you. Perhaps you have been watching all of the planned days and retreats so far and been thinking how these are inaccessible for you in your situation and with your schedule? We would like everyone to have had the opportunity to take part in something this year, and so we invite you to consider the events and dates for the remainder of this year, particularly the Retreat in Daily Life, with an option to join in remotely from home or to meet in person with a guide for 30 minutes each day.

<https://cademy.io/embed/diocese-of-st-albans/retreat-in-daily-life-a-week-of-guided-prayer-df522c40>

However this year is going so far for you, we pray that you know God present with you, as he was with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, the inspiration for our Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing.

Rev. Liz

Organ

I am pleased to say that the organ builders, who visited on Monday, seem to have fixed the intermittent problem that has interfered with its use the last few Sundays. We will therefore be able to go ahead with the planned "play the organ day" on Saturday 11 October. See posters for details.

Rob Butcher

Garden of Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards buying new hedging for the garden of remembrance. To date we have received nearly £300. The vicar and churchwardens have therefore been able to authorise the purchase of slightly larger, more established plants. There is still an opportunity to donate to this project as I will be ordering the bushes early next week.

Rob Butcher

Parish Giving Scheme - New Digital Platform

The Parish Giving Scheme are launching their new digital giving platform in the coming weeks. This major project has been a long time in the making as they continue to strengthen security and enhance the service for all users. The system switchover will be taking place during October. The PGS website will be taken offline from 3pm, Monday 13 October, remaining unavailable until the new system launches on Thursday 30 October. During this time, you will be unable to register or amend regular or one-off gifts.

Adrian Maynard

Children's Society boxes

I will be happy to receive your Children's Society boxes for opening and counting from this week until Sunday 5 October. If you would like a box for regular saving please let me know.

Rob Butcher

Food Bank

Tinned stew, tinned carrots, rice pudding and custard - these are all items on the urgent list for the foodbank. Please consider adding an item to your shopping basket to help those in need in our area. Items can be put in the box in church or at the supermarket. Many Thanks

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

Biggleswade & District Choral Society Oktoberfest Concert

The concert features Schubert's Mass in G and works by the German Romantics. The concert will be held at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 18 October starting at 7:30pm. Tickets £15 (including refreshments) For tickets and further details see www.biggleschoral.org.uk

Future Dates

Saturday 11 October, 11am-4pm Play the Organ Day at St Andrew's Church [*please see posters*]
Sunday 12 October, 12pm Baptism of Alfred Raymond
Saturday 18 October, 7:30pm Oktoberfest Concert by Biggleswade and District Choral Society

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.

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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