



Fifth Sunday of Easter

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8am Holy Communion—Order II Traditional

Readings: Acts 7.55-60 *The stoning of Stephen*
John 14.1-14 *The way to the Father*

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

10am All Together Parish Communion

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

Wednesday 6 May

11am Penrose Court Home Communion

Thursday 7 May

9:30am Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 15.7-21

John 15.9-11

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Friday 8 May

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

Saturday 9 May

10am-12noon Coffee Shop,
Chapter House

2pm Come and Sing 'Saints Alive!'

4pm Dress Rehearsal in church

7pm 'Saints Alive!' - Open to all—see poster

Sunday 10 May

10am Parish Communion

Sunday School—all school age children welcome

coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

11:45am APCM

6pm Sunday @6: Restoration

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Intercessions

Let us pray for: World Press Freedom Day, libraries and information centres, 'Saints Alive!'

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

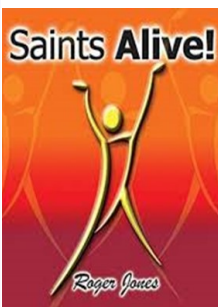
We continue to pray for: Bobbie Ball, James Etienne, Fran Sharp,

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: 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: William Daniels (3rd), Arthur Bridges (6th), Doreen Maynard (9th)

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: Josphina, Willson, Nancy, Thandolwethu, Metusi

'Saints Alive!' - The story of Pentecost, Saturday 9 May



Come and sing with us or pop along at 7pm to celebrate with us. The choir and band will be rehearsing some songs on Friday between 7:45pm and 8:45pm - additional singers welcome.

2pm: 'Come and Sing', refreshments available—no worries if you can't read music—just enjoy the singing!

4pm: Dress rehearsal—a complete run through for singers, band and readers.

7pm: Come and see what we have been preparing.

Admission free, refreshments and fellowship after in the Chapter House Raffle and collection to contribute to costs.

Sue Thorn and Rob Butcher

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 churchwardens will be elected.

Anyone on the electoral roll is welcome to also attend the APCM. Please let me know of any apologies, either in person or via email - pccsecretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk. Thank you to those who have already submitted nominations for the PCC. If anyone else feels called to contribute their gifts in this important role, or as a churchwarden or deanery synod representative, there are forms at the back of the church, or from Harriet. Do continue to prayerfully consider these opportunities in shaping our parish's mission and stewardship.

Harriet Shannon, PCC Secretary

Rest in Peace

All are most welcome to attend the Funeral of Nick Smithers in Church on Wednesday 20 May, 2026, 2pm. +May Nick rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

Mel and family

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.



Mafambisa Fundraising Events – Supporting Freya & 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 17 May: Sunday Lunch** Please sign up in the foyer
- **Saturday 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.

Please keep these dates in your diary and support Freya and Jack as they prepare for their time in Mafambisa.

You can also donate via our Go Fund Page <https://gofund.me/5f6329fea>

Mafambisa 2026 Team

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

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

Thursday 21 May Ploughman's lunch 12-2pm. No set price, donate what you can. All welcome.

Maggie McLoughlin

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

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 Team 2026
6 June	10am	Eucharist - all welcome
	10am—12noon	Fund-raising car wash for Mafambisa Team 2026

A prayer of Julian of Norwich

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.

In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.

You are our mother, brother, and Saviour.

In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvellous and plenteous grace.

You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us.

You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.

Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well,
and all manner of things shall be well. Amen

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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