



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking

Harvest Thanksgiving



Harvest Thanksgiving, 4 October, 2026

8am Holy Communion, Order II - Traditional

Collect: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Readings: II Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12.16-30

10am All Together Communion -Harvest Thanksgiving

Zoom: To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12:45pm Sunday Lunch (*Limited numbers, so please sign up first*)

This week

Tuesday 6 October	12noon	Funeral – John Loveridge RIP, St Andrew's Church
Wednesday 7 October	2pm	MU meeting in Ivel Room: speaker – Bobbie Ball
Thursday 8 October	9:30am	Holy Communion Readings: Galatians 3.1-5, Luke 11.5-13
	11am	Mantles Court Home Communion
	7pm-8:30pm	Youth Groups
Saturday 10 October	8am-12noon	Buildings and Grounds working party – all welcome
	10am – 12noon	Coffee Shop
Sunday 11 October	10am	Parish Communion with Sunday School
	6pm	Songs of Praise Church Fundraiser – all welcome (See poster in foyer for details)

Please note our church is usually open for private prayer Monday—Saturday, 9am - 4pm.

Intercessions: Let us pray for: Harvest Thanksgiving, farmers, market gardeners, forestry workers, the fishing industry, Black History month

Requesting our Prayers: Joan Chelley, Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Charles Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Cory Sherry

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Percy Doughty, Peter Noble, John Loveridge

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: Sally Sizer (5th), Yvonne Gray (5th) William Jopson (7th), John Dominey (8th)

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: Lucia and children: Lindiwe, Rebecca, Glen, Lisa, Gugu, Lifa, Siyamthantha

Harvest Food and Toiletry Donations

If you're not sure what to give for Harvest, please look at the Baptist Church Food Bank app: BanktheFood. Otherwise, it's tinned or packet items, particularly something with meat, like bolognese or sausage with spaghetti or beans. If that's a bit expensive, sweet corn and tinned veg, tinned fruit. Really anything you buy regularly for your family. Pot noodles etc. are good for people in temporary accommodation. There will also be a retiring Harvest collection at both services for further food items, requirements to be purchased for Food Bank. Whatever you give, thank you.

Songs of Praise: October 11, 6pm - Fundraiser for Church Funds

Entry £5, a raffle (tickets to purchase on arrival), followed by hot chocolate and homemade muffins in the Chapter House (other drinks available). How it works: You are all invited to select your **three** personal favourite hymns or worship songs. Selection slips are at the back of church and should be posted in the voting box nearby. These will then be used to create our 'Top 12' hymns and songs which we will sing at our Songs of Praise Fundraiser.

So, start thinking of your three favourites and make it a date to come along, bring family and friends, for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening raising much-needed funds for our Church.

Revd Liz & Sue Thorn

Harvest Festival Sunday 4 October It is our practice to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival. If anyone who would like to decorate (floral or otherwise) a window to celebrate Harvest this year I would love to hear from you! Sunday School and MU have kindly taken ownership of a window each. My thanks do go to Judith Wakeling who supports me in ensuring we keep fresh flowers at our Chapter House entrance as part of an important welcome to all who visit our church, and also to those who have kindly donated money to enable us to have fresh floral displays especially for our major festivals. I would VERY much welcome anyone who would like to be involved with window displays either regularly or on an adhoc basis. Many Thanks, *Lucy Dilley* 07800577106 lucydilley18@gmail.com

Grounds and Buildings Working Party

If you are able to help in any way on Saturday 10 October – any time between 8am and 12 noon, we will be tidying the grounds, gutters and drains – please dress appropriately! Bring your own tools and gloves if you are able.

Vaughan Johnson, Grounds and Buildings Committee Chair

Hands at Work UK Gathering - Saturday 17 October 2026

The Hands at Work UK Gathering is taking place on Saturday 17 October 2026 in Birmingham. The Gathering is open to everyone - volunteers, supporters, advocates, church partners, donors, those who have travelled with Hands, or are just exploring what Hands at Work is all about.

Further details are available here <https://www.handsatwork.org/uk-gathering>

A number of people from St Andrew's are planning to attend again this year and so lifts should be available. If you would like a lift or are able to offer a lift please let Sally Wells know asap. sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk or 07932 760864.

Mission Partner Review

Thank you to those who contributed to the mission partner review over the Summer and took part in interviews with Peter Giles. Thanks also to Peter for all his hard work in leading this work. Following the meeting of the PCC on Tuesday 22nd September, the following actions were approved.

1. Continue support for Hands at Work (Mafambisa) for at least one more year or until graduation.
2. Utilise this one-year period to explore and define what a new or revised partnership model could look like.
3. Ensure inclusive involvement of the broader church community, establish appropriate governance, and maintain regular updates to keep the PCC fully informed of all mission partners' activities.

For further information, do speak to any member of the PCC.

Harriet Shannon PCC Secretary

MU Meetings and Events Wednesday 7 October 2pm in the Ivel Room. Speaker: Bobbie Ball on Army Life.

Followed by cake, of course. All welcome! Join us, join in.

Thursday 15 October, 12-2pm - Soup and roll lunch. No set price, donate what you can.

Saturday 17 October 10:30am-3pm Quiet Day. Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis
2:30pm Holy Communion will be celebrated by Revd Liz, our Vicar, and all are invited to attend, whether you join us for the day or just for the Eucharist. Lunch will be available or bring your own. A donation of **£5** is requested to help with costs.

Please sign up on the notice in the foyer. That's just for an idea of numbers, not a commitment.

A curtain of poppies: We would like to make a curtain of knitted or crocheted poppies for Remembrance Sunday and invite everyone to contribute. If you'd like to make a poppy but aren't sure how please join us at the Saturday morning coffee shop (10-12 in the Chapter House). There are patterns in the church for knitted and crocheted poppies. Please bring any crafted items to church by the end of October.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Nativity Tableaux 2026

Following a Growth & Mission Working Party we are seeking an individual, pair or small group to coordinate the Tableaux for this year. If there is interest, we are hoping to hold this on the morning of Saturday 19 December. If you are considering taking the coordination on this for this year, please could you speak to Lucy Dilley (Growth & Mission Working Group Member) in the first instance, by mid-October. We look forward to hearing from you.

Growth & Mission Working Party

Shoebox Appeal 2026

Due to illness on the Rotary Shoebox team, this year we are supporting Teams4U. The scheme is very similar to Rotary and they send to the same countries. The cost of a shoebox including transportation is £4. The age categories are 3-5yrs, 6-11yrs and 12+. All items need to be new or as new (no liquids). If you feel that you cannot fill a shoebox but would like be involved, a donation would be very welcome. Your filled shoeboxes should be returned at the 10am service on Sunday 1 November.

Mary Dominey

Bishop Richard's Retirement

Bishop Richard is retiring at the end of the year after 14 years as Bishop of Bedford. We have all greatly benefitted from Bishop Richard's wisdom, care, support, encouragement and friendship during his faithful ministry. To say farewell, to thank him for his ministry among us there are two services of thanksgiving and farewell. One in the afternoon of Sunday 15 November which is a ticket only service. And another, a farewell Evensong to be held on Saturday 21 November at 5pm at St.Alban's Cathedral to which everyone is welcome, there is no need to register, please do just come along. *Revd. Liz - Vicar*



The Biggleswade Branch of the Royal British Legion
and
Biggleswade Town Council
warmly invite you to



BIGGLESWADE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

Sunday 8th November 2026
10.45am

The War Memorial
Biggleswade Market Square

LEST WE FORGET

Future Dates

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| 11 October | 6pm | Songs of Praise Church Fundraiser – <i>(see details in Pew News)</i> |
| 13 October | 7:30pm | Deanery Synod, St Andrew's Church |
| 15 October | 12-2pm | Soup and roll lunch (MU) |
| 17 October | 10:30am-3pm | Quiet Day—Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis |
| | 2:30pm | Holy Communion – all welcome |
| 18 October | 11:45am | Friends of St Andrews AGM |
| | 5:30pm | Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley |
| 24 October | 1pm | 'Come and sing' Frank, Franc and Faure <i>(see notice in foyer for details)</i> |
| | 7:30pm | Frank, Franc and Faure concert <i>(see notice in foyer for details)</i> |

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