



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking



Easter Sunday and Second Sunday of Easter

5 and 12 April 2026

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10am Festival Parish Communion
Readings: Acts 10. 34-43 *The Good News*
Colossians 3.1-4 *New Life in Christ*
Matthew 28.1-10
The Resurrection of Jesus
Collect: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen

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followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Monday 6 April

10:15am Easter Monday Pilgrimage leaves
St Andrew's (see notice on next page)

Wednesday 8 April

11am Penrose Court Home Communion

Thursday 9 April

9:30am Holy Communion (*no coffee afterwards*)

7–10 April 8:30am–1pm Hear2 Listen will be using the grounds and church rooms.

Second Sunday of Easter, 12 April, 2026

10am Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 2. 14a,22-32 *God raised Jesus up*
1 Peter 1.3-9 *A living hope*
John 20.19-31
Jesus appears to the disciples

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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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Wednesday 15 April

2pm Funeral of Joyce Prime RIP, St Andrew's Church

Thursday 16 April

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 5.27-33
John 3.31-36

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Saturday 18 April

10am-12noon Coffee Shop with Craft and Chat,
Chapter House

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Intercessions Let us pray for: The Church of England and Anglican Communion, residents in new housing developments, St Andrew's Primary School – pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers.

Requesting our Prayers: Percy Doughty, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Joan Betts, Jo Chelley, Maurice Darnell, Joanna Friend and Cory Sherry

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Joyce Prime.

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: Joan Albone, Michael Wilson (7th), Mary Bridges (9th), Stanley Martin (12th), Ellen Ruth Hucklesby (13th), Margaret Marshall-Jones (14th), Shirley Whiteley (14th), Jack Walters (15th), William Ritchie (16th)

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, Tswarelo, Andile, Surprise and Nkosikhona.

Message from the Vicar:

My continued thanks for all your good wishes, prayers and support during this period of recovery following major surgery. With its ups and downs I'm glad to share that things are continuing to improve, slowly but surely. I look forward to returning to ministry amongst you after Easter. With every blessing for a good Holy Week and a very Happy Easter when it comes.

May the Joy of Easter
be yours and be mine.
Pray for me, as I am praying for you,
Revd. Liz, Sam, Oscar and David

Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans

Option 1: Walk all the way

A group will be leaving St Andrew's after the Easter Day service to walk towards Kimpton in Hertfordshire, coming back to sleep overnight in Biggleswade and returning to Kimpton on Monday morning to continue walking, joining with those who have travelled by coach at Harpenden to journey to St Albans for the service. This group will return by coach!

Option 2: Coach and walk—catch the coach on Monday 6 April and walk with others from Harpenden (5 Miles approx) - returning by coach after service.

Option 3: Coach to St Albans—coach to St Albans returning at 5:15pm approx

10:15am Coach from St Andrew's for Easter Pilgrimage to St Alban's Cathedral (£10 children, £15 adult)
Contact John Dilley on 07854 869835 if you haven't already signed the notice in the foyer.

MU Quiet Day Saturday 25 April 10am-3pm. Theme: 'The Emmaus Road'- Led by Revd Barbara Ebeling, Holy Communion at 2:30pm officiated by Revd Liz.

Please take a 'flyer' for details of the programme. If you feel you don't want to spend the whole day you can join when you want to, from lunch, for example, or just for the Eucharist, and leave at any time. See notice in the foyer to sign up for the day. Please give any dietary information if you would like lunch provided.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Foodbank: As the school holidays approach, please donate any tinned or packeted food, toiletries etc that you can as this is a difficult time for many families. Also welcome are Easter treats for the children.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt



Easter Home Communions

If you, or a relative, friend or neighbour, wishes to receive Communion at home during the Easter season, please inform Rosemary Bentley on 07885 431928 or email: romybentley@aol.com *Rosemary Bentley*

Thank You!

Many thanks to all decorating the Church and those taking on extra responsibilities during Holy Week and Easter. We also now have a warm church to worship in as the heating issue has been sorted.

The Ministry Team and Churchwarden

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who kindly donated money for Easter Lilies and flowers which have been used to decorate our church to celebrate Easter. 16 people generously gave money in memory of their loved ones. Thank you too to the Mothers Union and Sunday School for their wonderful window decorations. If anyone would like to be involved in flower arranging or window decorations in the future, please do speak to myself or Judith Wakeling who is kindly supporting me. *Lucy Dilley*

Craft and Chat

The next session of Craft & Chat will be on 18th April between 10am and 12noon, in the Chapter House alongside coffee shop. Why not bring along your current craft project or just come along and chat. Generally lots of chatting and laughter, it would be good to see you.

Anna Rutt, Janet Castle and Gill Hibbert

Revision of the Electoral Roll

In preparation for the APCM on Sunday 10th May, the annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 11 and 25 April. This means that new names can be added to/removed from the Electoral Roll up to and including 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

Mafambisa News

I am delighted to let you know that there is the annual update from Hands at Work charity regarding the communities they support throughout Africa placed up on the Mafambisa noticeboard in the Chapter House. The great news to read is about some of the communities are/have graduated - meaning they have become self-sufficient through the support and help of the charity. What a blessing! We thank God for their continued growth. We pray for our partner community in Mafambisa and that they may be able to be in this position in the future. Please do take a few minutes to read this encouraging updates. *Lucy Dilley*

Celebration of Chris's life

Thank you to everyone that came to St Andrew's and joined online to celebrate Chris's life. We were overwhelmed with the number of people that attended. Thank you again for the memories and stories that you have shared and for all your cards, thoughts and prayers. If you would still like to make a donation on behalf of Chris to the chosen charities then the donate button will be available on the website until Easter Monday. Lots of Love, The Parkers

Save the Date!

Meeting of parishioners and annual parochial church meeting to be held at 11:45am on Sunday 10 May 2026. Everybody is welcome to attend. There will be an election for new church wardens and new representatives on the PCC. If you are interested in either of these roles, please speak to any current PCC member, Nettie our churchwarden, Rosemary or Revd Liz. Nomination forms are available from Harriet Shannon. Further details to follow.

Harriet Shannon



An Easter Prayer

Risen Lord,
Thank you for the victory of Easter morning and for the hope that shines brighter than death. Fill my heart with with gratitude and renewed faith. Help me live in the power of Your resurrection, walk in the newness of life and carry the light of Your love into every part of my day. Amen

Future Dates

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| 19 April | 12:45pm | Sunday lunch |
| | 5:30pm | Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley |
| 25 April | 10am-3pm | MU Quiet day |
| 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 |

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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