



V Sunday after Trinity

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8am Holy Communion—Order II, Traditional

Readings:

Romans 7.15-25a *The Inner Conflict*

Matthew 11.16-19, 25– 30 *Jesus thanks his Father*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

10am All Together Communion

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—please book in advance

Monday 6 July

7:30pm Friends of St Andrew's Trustees Meeting

Thursday 9 July

Biggleswade in Bloom Judging Day

9:30am Holy Communion

Readings: Hosea 11.1, 3-4, 8-9
Matthew 10.7-15

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Saturday 11 July

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

12noon Wedding— *Chris and Agnes*

Sunday 12 July

10am Parish Communion

Sunday School—all school-aged children welcome

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

6pm Sunday @6: Holiness

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Intercessions

Let us pray for: General Synod (10th-14th), choirs and musicians

Requesting our Prayers: Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Charles Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim

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:

Marilyn Stewart (10th), Jack Waldon (10th), George Ball (11th)

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

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

Generous Giving

If you attended church on 21 June, you should have been given an envelope with information about the Parish Giving Scheme, a letter from Revd Liz and a reply slip and envelope. Please return your reply slips by or on Sunday 12 July—either to Adrian Maynard, the offertory plate or the church office. If you have not received an envelope, then either ask when you are next in church or contact secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

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



Biggleswade in Bloom 2026

St Andrew's Church has entered this event with judging on 9 July. Please see Mark Simmons for any further details or email: mark.simmons93@outlook.com *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

Shoebox Appeal

On Wednesday 22 July from 3:30pm until 6:30pm, I will be holding an 'At Home' at 91 London Road in aid of the Shoebox Appeal. There will be no entrance fee or charge for refreshment—donations welcome and there will be a sales table. Please come and join us so we can continue our support of vulnerable and impoverished children in Eastern Europe. Car parking is not easy on London Road, so car share or walk if you are able.

Mary Dominey

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 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

Sunday School in Bloom!

Last week in Sunday School, the children helped to plant 2 planters, an area at the east end of the church and used our new water butt to fill watering cans to water the new plants. With the help of Mark Simmons and Mary Dominey, they also looked for insects and walked the wild flower path. A big thank you from the

Sunday School to Mark and Mary. We are aiming to make eco-Sunday School a regular feature in the coming year.



Future Dates

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| 14 July | 7:30pm | PCC Meeting, Ivel Room |
| 19 July | 10.00 am | Parish Communion Speaker: Teresha Clark Karahukayo
'Triumph Heart' project, supported by St Andrew's during Lent 2026 |
| 19 July | 5:30pm | Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley |
| 26 July | 10am | Parish Communion—Mafambisa Team 2026 Commissioning Service |

Prayer read out during the Sunday School Planting

Dear Lord we give thanks for the beauty of nature which is captured in the flowers planted this morning. We give thanks for flowers that colour our gardens, we give thanks for plants that grow to provide us with food, we give thanks for the farmers of the world and for the insects and birds that pollinate the plants. Thank you Lord.

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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