



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Thanksgiving

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8:00am Holy Communion — Order II
Readings: Philippians 4.4-9
John 6.25-35

**10:00am Harvest Thanksgiving
All together worship**

Readings: Matthew 25.31-40 *the sheep and the goats*

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 forever. Amen.

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Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
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followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12:45pm Sunday lunch

Wednesday 8 October

10am St Andrew's School welcome service

11am Penrose Court Home Communion

Thursday 9 October

09:30am Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3.13-4.2a
Luke 11.5-13

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

Evening -Youth Groups—all welcome

Saturday 11 October

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop

11am-4pm Play the Organ Day (see posters)

Sunday 12 October

10:00am Parish Communion

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12pm Baptism of Alfred Raymond

6pm Sunday @6: *Care of Creation*

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

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Requesting our Prayers: Anita, Ruth Atkinson, Bobbie Ball, Peter Clapson, Maurice Darnell, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Rosamund Drakes, 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: Fran Sharp and James Etienne.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Paul Prior. 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: Yvonne Gray (5th), Sally Sizer (5th), William Jopson (7th), John Dominey Pr. (8th), Jean Strong (9th), Hubert Hardy (11th), David Tufts (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 careworker: Dudu and children: Lwandile, Surprise, Berlina, Costance, Maria and Prince.

Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts Sunday 5 October

During services on Sunday, gifts for the Food Bank are most welcome; they will be presented during our worship. Donations of food, drinks - juices and fruit squashes, and household goods are always useful, including UHT milk, tinned vegetables and meat meals, stew, carrots, rice pudding, custard and sweet treats. Also, non-food items such as toiletries, cleaning products, pet food or baby items are valuable contributions.

Sacristan news

Rosemary Bentley will be taking on Co-ordinator of Sacristans role from mid-October and we will be saying 'Thank you' and our 'Farewells' to Jenny our Sacristan and Richard our Servers Coordinator on Sunday 12 October during the 10am Parish Communion.

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.

Mary Dominey

ECO Church Survey

We would like to hear from you on ECO issues. We are looking to update where we are and where we want to go as a church in relation to environmental issues. In 2022 we completed a survey to start our Eco Church Journey (and found we were already well on the way). We would like to follow this up to find out what more or different we can do as a church. This will help with our MAP objective as a Committed Eco Church and help us progress to A Roche Silver.

The survey will be available from 28 September to 25 October and can be completed on the Eco Group Part of the website. Paper copies are also available at the back of the church and can be returned there.

<https://standrewschurcbiggleswade.org.uk/groups16/eco-church/>

Peter Giles

MU Thursday 18 October 12-2pm Soup and roll lunch. Donate what you can. All welcome.

Maggie McLoughlin

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

St. Luke's Day Eucharist and Pastoral and Visiting Committee Saturday 18 October

A St Luke's Day Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel will take place at **09.30am**, followed by a meeting of the Pastoral and Visiting Committee at **10.00 am**. All welcome to attend the Eucharist to celebrate St Luke, the patron saint of physicians, healing and artists.

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

Sunday Morning Coffee after the Parish Communion

Following the Parish Communion a warm welcome is extended to all to meet in the Chapter House for coffee and fellowship; a minimum donation, if possible, of 50p for coffee and biscuits is most appreciated.

Rosemary Bentley

Saturday 8th November. 10.30am-3pm Quiet Day: as part of the Diocesan Year of Spiritual Renewal Revd Barbara Ebeling will lead a day of prayer and reflection on the theme of The Prodigal Son.

Maggie McLoughlin

We look forward this year to offering a regular weekly Advent Night Prayer in Church, more details to come.

Revd. Liz

Rooms for Hire

Please see the new leaflet in the foyer detailing how to hire the church rooms for events and meetings.

Revd. Liz

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

Used Postage Stamps: Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important that we give them all the support possible. Please place your used stamps in the container adjacent to the area in church where service books are distributed. Thank you.

Gill Hibbert

Future Dates

Saturday 18 October,	9:30am	St Luke's Day Holy Communion
	7:30pm	Oktoberfest Concert by Biggleswade and District Choral Society
Sunday 19th October	5:30pm	Taize service at Cockayne Hatley

The Diocese of St Albans: Vacancy in See Prayer. As the process of discernment prior to the appointment of the next Bishop of St Albans continues, we share this prayer.

Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans. As we take this journey of discernment for our new bishop, open our hearts and minds to hear the wisdom of your Spirit. Be with those who sense a call to this ministry, with those discerning the appointment, and with all those leading and serving us at this time. In this shared discernment, and always, draw us deeper into your love, that we may live it with joy and courage for your world, in the name, and for the sake, of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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