



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith, serving with love, and welcoming all



8th Sunday after Trinity

Letter from the Archbishops about Ukraine—[READ HERE](#)

7th August 2022

Sunday 7th August 2022

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8.00am Holy Communion [Order Two, Traditional]

**10.00am Family Communion
With Sunday School**

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Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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 forever. Amen.

Readings

Genesis 15.1-6 Abram has complete faith and trust in God

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 The nature of faith as seen in the Old Testament characters

Luke 12.32-40 Jesus reminds us that our hearts must be centred upon God, and expectant for his coming

12.00pm Holy Baptism

This Week

Monday 8th August

Tuesday 9th August

Wednesday 10th August

09.00am - 12.00 noon Church Open for Private Prayer

02.00pm MU meeting, Ivel room

Thursday 11th August

9.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Readings

Ezekiel 12.1-12

Matthew 18.21 – 19.1

Friday 12th August

Saturday 13th August

09.00am - 12.00 noon, Church Open for Private Prayer

10.00am-11:30am, MU Bellringers' Coffee Morning, Chapter house

Sunday 14th August 2022

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06.00pm Holiday Club Preparation Service in St Andrew's Church

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In our prayers this week:

We pray for the people of **Mafambisa**, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the care givers and all who support them. www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

The people on the Ukraine. [Pastoral letter from our Archbishops](#)

A Prayer for Ukraine from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Needing our Prayers: Callum Clark, Thelma Holden, Christina Lawrence, Maurice Darnell, Peter Hill, Angela Morris, Jo Shelley,

Continue to Pray for: Audrey Huckle, Cory Sherry and Sylvia

NB. In future, the names of those requesting prayers will be posted in the pew sheet for four consecutive views, unless we are requested to continue beyond that time span. Simply, after a month, requests will be reviewed: of course, loved ones may remain on our intentions as long as required, weeks, months but we should appreciate confirmation of revision / affirmation of further inclusion on a monthly basis. Sincere thanks to the many who have already responded to this request. *The Vicar and Churchwardens*

We pray for the Departed: Thelma Gee, Joan Tolson, baby Gift from Osheok, South Africa.

Year's Mind: 8th Robina Batchelor, 12th George Spring

COMING SOON

Tuesday 9 August, 2.30 pm	MU Mary Sumner Day, St Edmund's Church, Blunham
Tuesday 9 August, 7.00 pm onwards	'Come and meet' for drinks and conversation at the King's Reach Public House
Wednesday 10 August, 2.00 pm	MU Meeting, Ivel Room
Saturday 13 August, 10.00 – 11.30 am	MU Bellringers' Coffee Morning, Chapter House
Sunday 14th August 6pm	Holiday Club Commissioning Service
Monday 15 – Thursday 18 August	Holiday Club
Sunday 21st August 10am	Holiday Club Service of Praise followed by Barbeque for all.
Saturday 17th	September—Country Fayre
Sunday 18 September, 6.00 pm	Mafambisa: 'Telling the Story'



SACRISTAN RETIREMENT.

Our Sacristan, Pat Sherwood-Saunders, has decided it is time to retire from this role here at St. Andrew's Church. Pat has faithfully served in this role in since the late 1980's. She has served with four Vicars, and five Curates over these years. We would like to say thank you to Pat for here many years of commitment and faithful service as Sacristan over 'Coffee and Refreshments' on **Thursday 11 August in The Chapter House**, following the 9.30am Holy Communion Service. All are most welcome.

A Sacristan's Prayer on Retirement:

Heavenly Father, thank you for pouring your blessing on my ministry.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve the Lord at his table.

Thank you for guiding my hands and my steps

to enable me to fulfil my duties with commitment and devotion.

Thanks be to God. In the name of Jesus whom I have served with joy in this ministry. Amen

Revd. Liz - Vicar

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CANDLE TRIMMING AND CARE.

We are looking for someone to trim the church candles, and generally keep them well presented for our worship. Please contact me if you should wish to assist us with this important skill and responsibility.

Thank you. *Rosemary Bentley*

UKRAINE UPDATE

A message from Bishop Alan. Our diocesan system for collating offers is now live: please visit – www.stalbans.anglican.org. The situation we face is undoubtedly going to keep on changing. Please remember that the strength we bring to all that needs to happen is our ability to offer help as a community. No one should be seeking to offer help alone. For this reason, my greatest encouragement to you, if you're thinking of offering support is to develop a parish support group that can draw on the time, energy, and skills of as many different people as possible. We are likely facing a marathon, not a sprint. So being able to sustain the good we want to do is going to be imperative. Thank you for all that we shall be contributing together to help people in grater need. *Bishop Alan.*



HOLIDAY CLUB 2022 - DIARY OF A DISCIPLE

Our summer Holiday Club is almost upon us. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help already. We appreciate that working with the children in their groups is not everyone's cup of tea and that some people are either away that week, or not available during the working day. However, there are plenty of other ways you can support us.

Marquee set up: Thursday 11 August from 6pm we will be setting up all the marquees needed for the following week, please do come along to help, the more helpers the easier it becomes.

Scenery Design & Construction

Are you available the week before Holiday Club? On Thursday 11 and Friday 12 August from 6.00 pm, and Saturday 13 August from 10.00 am, Chris Parker will be leading a working party in Church to design and build the stage scenery.

Site set up: Sunday 14 August, 11.30am to 5.00 pm putting up the scenery and building the stage in Church.

Holiday Club Preparation Service: Everyone is welcome to come to the Holiday Club Preparation service at 6.00 pm on Sunday 14 August.

Cakes: Donations of cakes would be very welcome for all the leaders and helpers to enjoy once all the children have gone home for the day.

Clearing up: Thursday 18 August from 4.00 to 6.00 pm we will be clearing all the resources away. Your help would be much appreciated if you could come and assist for a couple of hours.

Holiday Club Service and Barbecue. Everyone is welcome to the Holiday Club service at 11.00 am on Sunday 21 August. The service is followed by the Holiday Club Barbecue to which you are all invited.

Clearing up: Sunday. Following the barbecue, we will be taking down the fencing, marquee, and stage. Once again these are quite physical jobs, so please consider if you could stay on after the barbecue to help.

Prayer. We would of course value your prayers. Please pray for all the final preparations we are making, for leaders and helpers. Please pray for the children and young people who will be attending; and for a safe and enjoyable week.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to ask either Emma, Chris, or Sally



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HOLIDAY CLUB 2022—DIARY OF A DISCIPLE

Monday 15 August to Thursday 18 August, then service 11.00 am followed by Barbecue, Sunday 21 August.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help and if you are interested in contributing, please contact us via email: holidayclub@standrewschurchbw.org.uk or by filling the volunteer form [PRESS HERE](#)

Registration is now open: Please follow this link to book your place:

<https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzA4NS02/t>

As last year, we will not be organising a trip, but instead will have 4 days 'On Site' and hoping to be able to introduce yet more exciting content for the children. This years holiday club will be an exciting 4 days as we explore the "diary of a disciple". Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Please sign up quickly as tickets are limited. *Holiday Club Team*

EXPLORING SILENCE

Churches Together in Biggleswade are planning a session on "Exploring Silence", to be led by David Hindle of Guilden Morden Quakers. The plan is to hold this in Biggleswade on the afternoon of Sunday 7 August and we are gathering expressions of interest. Silence, or stillness, is used by many groups, religious or otherwise, to heighten - or deepen - awareness and perception, of the self, the world, the spirit. The session aims to help you find a way into silence, starting with relatively short periods of silence, each followed by questions and discussion deepening the experience, leading to longer periods where the silence is the setting for spoken thoughts and reflections on others' contributions. If you are interested in attending this session, please email neilhspencer@gmail.com.

PREEN COMMUNITY FOOD BANK.

As many of you may be aware, one of our local food banks, Preen, are currently having major issues with not only food bank stock availability but also complications with their building. As a church many of us are in fortunate positions to be able to not worry about where our next meal will come from or having the hard choice between eating or heating. After discussion at our recent Growth and Mission meeting it was felt that we could do more as a community to support Preen.

If you weren't aware, we have a box in the back of church (by the hymn books) where you can drop donations for the food bank. If you are unable to get any donations and wish to give a monetary donation, then Preen would massively appreciate this to be able to buy what they in need of most, or indeed do ask me and I will be able to tell you what they are currently reaching out for. Please do not leave monetary donations in the box instead hand them to Maggie McLoughlin, myself, or a churchwarden. Thank you. Oliver Dille. On behalf of the Growth and Mission sub-committee

OPEN THE BOOK.

A small team of storytellers has been taking an assembly each week at Caldecote Academy since Autumn 2017 (with a break during pandemic). The material we use is provided by Open the Book which is part of the Bible Society. Sadly, our team is shrinking for a variety of reasons, so I am appealing for more helpers – men and women please. None of us is asked to commit to each week and we welcome part-time storytellers. Although we dress up and act out each Bible story, we read from a script so no lines to learn! We would dearly love to be involved with another Biggleswade school but this remains a dream without more helpers. Please email me for more information at lizmcd2005@yahoo.co.uk

BRASS CLEANING.

I am hoping to get the rota for cleaning the church brass going again, and would love to hear from anyone who would like to use their talents in this way. Unfortunately, we have lost several of our loyal cleaners over the past two years for a number of reasons. rosiesj@hotmail.co.uk or you can usually catch me on a Sunday or Thursday morning. Rosemary Jopson

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MAFAMBISA TEAM 2022.

I would like to thank all those who supported myself, and the other members of the team, during the Commissioning last Sunday at the conclusion of the Parish Communion: it was a poignant moment on our journey, after 3 years of preparation. The songs in the service truly reflected the reason for our partnership, and reasons why we are going to support Hands at Work, and the community of Mafambisa. Many thanks once again for your ongoing support, love and prayers; and if able, to follow our journey on the blog please do! standrewslink.blogspot.com. *Lucy Dilley*

You will be able to follow the progress of the team via their daily blog www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

This years team consists of Lucy, John, Ben, Carolyn, Jack, Alice and Chris. Please pray for these people as they make their preparations to visit our partner community. Please pray for the communities they will visit, the Care Workers and The Care Givers. Also please pray for Hands at Work as they again prepare for teams visiting from around the world.

We are also now thinking about for 2023: if you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Oliver or Chris.

COUNTRY FAYRE 2022.

On Saturday 17 September 2022 we are back! Our Country Fayre this year will focus on caring for Gods People with the agreed charities of YMCA and Samaritans (specifically the Stevenage/Hitchin branch). As usual we will be looking for help both one the day and prior to the event, it would be massively appreciated if people could volunteer their time and preference as this is part of our major outreach and mission as a church and will save the committee a lot of time. We will of course be having some of our regular and very popular stalls and therefore donations of items for these would be greatly appreciated (please see a member of the committee if unsure). We are also appealing to anyone who may have a contact or link with any charity or organisation locally who support people in any way whether that be children, the elderly or anyone in between. If you could please get in contact as we would love to showcase that work in our Exhibition.

We are pleased to say that Nettie Van De Weerd has very kindly agreed to support the committee with the organisation of the Exhibition which will be greatly appreciated, and therefore if you are unable to contact her directly then we will be able to do this for you.

Oliver and Lucy Dilley, Chris and Jane Parker, Carolyn Marron, Nick Gurney, and Nicola Woodward.
Country Fayre Committee.

MAFAMBISA GROUP 2022

Keep up to date with their daily blog via our Website, as we remember Chris, Alice, Carolyn, Jack, Lucy, John and Ben in our thoughts and prayers. Their return flight is on Saturday 6 August, arriving back in the UK on Sunday 7 August, 2022.

GIVING GENEROUSLY TO GOD'S CHURCH IN BIGGLESWADE.

Thank you for the many responses offering time and talents in response to the letter sent out at the beginning of 2022. We are gradually allocating a variety of new responsibilities to those who returned pledges; please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to offer further skills and time, which may be used to contribute to worship, mission, and the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Thank you. *Revd Liz and the Churchwardens.*

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PRAYERS FOR THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE: GOD'S CHURCH FOR GOD'S WORLD, over 650 Bishops from the Anglican Communion are meeting over these next two weeks. This once-a-decade Conference in Canterbury is an opportunity for those gathered to listen, to learn, to worship and to pray together.

THE CHOIR. Our choir will not be robing, or in the chancel stalls during August, but we hope to see many members sitting together, when possible, in the congregation. The next choir practice will be on Thursday 1 September, 19.30; and then the robed choir will sing at the Parish Communion Sunday 4 September, 10.00 am. We hope that all members will enjoy a good, and well deserved, summer break after leading and enriching our worship this year. *Revd Liz, and the churchwardens.*

ST JOHN'S SUE RYDER HOSPICE, MOGGERHANGER. There is a card on the notice board in the foyer thanking all members at St Andrew's for the continued support of the Hospice's used stamps appeal. Please read and thank you everyone; all further donations of used stamps gratefully received for this important local charity offering residential and care at home hospice support. *Gill Hibbert.*

MU MARY SUMNER DAY SERVICE, TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST. Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union in the late 19th century, and this is a service of dedication and renewal. There will be a few cars going if you're interested in joining us in Blunham - and of course we end with a time of fellowship and **cake**. *Maggie McLoughlin*

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EDWARD PEAKE, NEEDS A NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNOR—Our Church of England Middle School. Foundation governors share the collective responsibilities of all governors to set the school's strategic direction, ensure financial accountability, and provide support and challenge to the headteacher. Additionally, **they have a special role in promoting the school's Christian ethos and preserving the Christian character of the school**. This is an extremely important role. If you want to know more, are interested, can commit to half-termly meetings, visiting the school regularly and particularly if you have any relevant industrial or commercial experience, other skills, interests or local connections which might benefit our service to the school, please talk to me at church, or email me a contact number at (vjohnson@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk.) Thank you. *Vaughan Johnson, Chair of Governors'*

WEEKLY NOTICES

Notices for inclusion on the website, and a limited number of paper copies in church, should be emailed to office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk, by Wednesday 10.00 am at the very latest for inclusion in the following Sunday's pew sheet. If necessary, handwritten information may be posted through the Chapter House letter box by the same deadline. Details of future events most welcome. Please contact the churchwardens if further details required; and to keep us informed of those who should welcome our prayers.

New to St Andrew's?

St. Andrew's is an Anglican Church normally offering a variety of Services with and without communion. There are many ways to praise the true and living God and in addition to our Communion services there are usually contemporary services with modern music. During the current Covid

Pandemic we are offering services via Zoom (details on the front sheet) We hope that you will find these services bring you closer to God. We normally have lots going on at St. Andrew's for all ages; Sunday School, Youth Groups, Holiday Club and more. We have a Sunday Lunch every month, Food for Thought, Lent Lunches and Group study during Lent. We hope that we will be able to resume these events in the not too distant future.

MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We are now getting weekly updates from Hands at Work - from different communities via WhatsApp. If you would like to receive these I will add you to the WhatsApp group. Please text your mobile number to Chris on 07702 250776 or email on chris2parker@btinternet.com

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Used Postage Stamps

Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important especially at this time that we give them all the support possible.

Gill Hibbert

Social Media

Keeping in touch with family and friends has never been so crucial, and this 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. *Thanks.*

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

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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