



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



## Third Sunday of Lent

8 March 2026

### Third Sunday of Lent, 8 March, 2026

**10am** Parish Communion

**Readings:** Exodus 17.1-7 *Water from the rock*  
Romans 5.1-11 *Results of justification*  
John 4.5-42 *The Samaritan woman*

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

**Zoom** To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

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***N.B. Please MUTE when joining Zoom***

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome  
*followed by coffee and fellowship  
in the Chapter House*

**6pm** Deanery Evening Worship  
All Saints, Great Barford

### Monday 9 March

7pm Lent Group 3 with soup and roll supper  
Ivel Room

### Tuesday 10 March

1:45pm Funeral of Gillian McSweeney RIP  
Bedford Crematorium

### Thursday 12 March

9:30am Holy Communion  
Readings: Jeremiah 7.23-28  
Luke 11.14-23

*Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship,  
Chapter House*

10:45am Lent Group 3, St John's Room

### Saturday 14 March

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces  
Chapter House

### Sunday 15 March

10am Parish Communion  
Sunday School: All school-age children welcome  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

6pm Deanery Evening Worship—  
St Mary's, Northill  
All Saints, Great Barford

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**Intercessions** Let us pray for: St Andrew's Primary School – pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers, Members of the House of Lords and House of Commons, Commonwealth Day (9<sup>th</sup>)

**Requesting our Prayers:** Percy Doughty, John Gutteridge, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Cory Sherry

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed:** Alan Buck, Gillian McSweeney, Joan Walker. 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: Pauline Pryor (8<sup>th</sup>), Audrey Huckle (12<sup>th</sup>)

**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: Virginia and children: Excellent, Bongani, Siyamthanda, Boniwe, Mfanafuthi, Lindokuhle, Maira

#### **A Message from the Vicar**

A brief update from me as I have had surgery and I am now home for a period of recovery. I am very grateful all the kind words and gestures of encouragement I am receiving and for prayers being offered at this time. I am most thankful for all who are dedicated to supporting the Church's life, ministry, outreach and worship at St Andrew's, Biggleswade, day by day, in these circumstances. Thanks be to God.

Lenten Blessings to all, Revd. Liz

**Sunday 8 March 6pm:** Third Deanery Lent Evening Worship at All Saints' Church, Great Barford.

Preacher: The Dean of St Albans - The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore.

**North Roof Works** The scaffolding shows us the work to replace the north aisle roof is well under way! The other good news is that, following generous donations from the Friends of St Andrews and the Peter Vickers Memorial Trust, we have a fully funded scheme.

The bad news is that, because of the early closure of the government's "places of worship" scheme we will no longer be able to reclaim the £18K VAT. Details of the new scheme are not yet clear and such funds may be less accessible for future projects.

However, if you can and would like to make a contribution towards the additional cost of this essential work, we would really appreciate it! If you have any questions please come and talk to one of us. Thank you.

*Vaughan Johnson, Chair, Building & Grounds sub-cttee, Rob Butcher,  
Nettie van de Weerd, Churchwarden, Andrew Rutt, PCC & Friends treasurer*

**MU** Thursday 19 March 12-2pm. Soup lunch. No set price, donate what you can. All welcome!

*Maggie McLoughlin*

**Craft Flowers** Required for an Easter window display. If you can knit, crochet, sew or craft me a flower (or more), max 3" width it would be much appreciated. Please can you hand them to me by 29 March so that I can put the display together.

*Anna Rutt*

**MU Quiet Day** Saturday 25 April 10am-3pm. Theme: 'The Emmaus Road'- Led by Revd Barbara Ebeling, this is a day of prayer and contemplation with addresses by Revd Barbara. Time to sit or walk in the grounds, read or do crafts; relax and refresh. More details in the foyer.

*Maggie McLoughlin Rosamund Drakes*

### Easter Flowers and Lilies

We plan as in previous years to decorate our church for Easter this year. If you would like to support us, please consider the following ways:

Easter Lilies: Many of the congregation do this to remember a loved one (£2.50-£3 per lily).

Easter Flowers: As we celebrate the Risen Lord at Easter we have floral arrangements in windows, donations are always welcome to help cover the cost.

Easter Garden/Crosses: On Easter Day we bring our Easter garden and outdoor cross to life with fresh flowers so please bring some to the Easter Day service.

Donations and orders for lilies, by 29 March please. Many thanks.

*Lucy Dilley 07800 577106*

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Lord, thank you that your love keeps on giving. Help us to share what we have and to bring joy and hope wherever we can. Amen.

God of mercy, swift to help us, as our lips pour forth your praise, fill our hearts with the peace you give to those who wait for your salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Prayers taken from 'Draw Near' booklets*

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### Coffee and Warm Spaces

Julie Balaam - Community Agent - will join us for coffee on Thursday 26 March. *Nettie van de Weerd*

### Future Dates

17 March	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
21 March	10am-12noon	Final Warm Spaces
22 March	3pm	Civic Service
	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship - All Saints, Cople

**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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