



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BIGGLESWADE

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



# 4th Sunday of Easter

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

**8th May 2022**

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#### 10.00am Parish Communion with Sunday School

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616

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#### Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

#### Readings

Acts 9.36-43 After the resurrection, the disciples found themselves filled with the same teaching and healing power of Jesus himself

John 10.22-30 Jesus points to the things he does as signs of who he is, the Messiah but this was not always recognised by his followers.

#### 12.00 Noon APCM

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## This Week

### Monday 9th May

#### Tuesday 10th May

7.30pm Buildings and Grounds Meetint  
Churches Together Meeting

#### Wednesday 11th May

9.00am — 12.00noon Church Open for Private Prayer

#### Thursday 12th May

9.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

#### Readings

Acts 9.36-43

John 10.22-30

### Friday 13th May

#### Saturday 14th May

09.00am - 12.00 noon, Church Open for Private Prayer

09.00am—11.00 **Christian Aid Big Breakfast**

10.00am—11.30 MU Coffee Shop



## Sunday 15th May 2022

### 5th Sunday of Easter

#### 10.00am Parish Communion with Sunday School

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#### 12.00 noon Holy Baptism

#### 2.30 pm Holy Baptisms



**6.00pm** Christian Aid Worship at St Peter's Church, St. Rd

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Churchwardens:

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Dr. Robert Butcher (01767 313789)

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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](http://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:** Dave Stapley, Peter Hill, Susan Milln, William Jack, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura, Audrey, and Baltiska from Mozambique

**Continue to Pray for:** Ian Pearson, Wendy Walters and Ricardo Landsman

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. The Vicar and Churchwardens

**We pray for the Departed:** Barbara Dennis, Hazel Peace; and for families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration

**Year's Mind:** 10<sup>th</sup> Prudence Moore

**COMING SOON**

Thursday 19 May, 3.00 – 4.30 pm	MU Tea "Summer of Hope"
Friday 20th May	Bangers an Mash evening
Saturday 21st May	PCC Away Day
Thursday 26 May	Ascension Day: Holy Communions at 09.30 am and 7.30 pm
Thursday 2 – Sunday 5 June	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Sunday 5 June, 8.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 June, 10.00 am	Family Communion
Sunday 5 June, 3.00 pm	Jubilee Afternoon tea/picnic in church grounds
Sunday 5 June, 5.00 pm	Ecumenical Pentecostal Praise at St Andrew's in church grounds

Saturday 23rd July – Sunday 7th August - St Andrew's team visit Mafambisa,

Monday 15th – Thursday 18th August - Holiday Club

Sunday 21st August - Holiday Club Service of Praise

Saturday 17th September – Country Fayre

**UKRAINE UPDATE**

A message from Bishop Alan. Our diocesan system for collating offers is now live: please visit – [www.stalbans.anglican.org](http://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*.

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## NOTICES AND NEWS

### 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](mailto: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.

**CHRISTIAN AID.**  [CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO CHRISTIAN AID \(Select Christian Aid 2022\)](#)

May is Christian Aid month and we will be celebrating with a Big Breakfast in the Chapter House on Saturday 14 May, 09.00 am. Please come along and enjoy breakfast and support Christian Aid!

There will also be an Ecumenical service on Sunday 15 May, 6.00 pm, at St Peter's Church, followed by refreshments. It would be appreciated if those who can wear face masks do so during the service.

### BANGERS AND MASH AND BEETLE DRIVE EVENING 6.30PM FRIDAY 20TH MAY

The Mafambisa 2022 team are organizing an evening of Family Fun on Friday 20 May. The evening will start with dinner of Bangers and Mash followed by a delicious pudding. Then the fun will start with a session of Beetle. Come along and join the fun. Adults £7 and Children £4. Proceeds will go to support Jack and Ben's trip to Mafambisa this July.

### HOLIDAY CLUB 2022

We are now busy planning this years holiday club and are keen to enlist as many helpers as possible. Holiday Club will take place 15 to 18 August with a service of praise on 21st followed by a barbeque. Please let Emma Pallett or Chris Parker know if you are able to help by filling out this volunteer registration form

[PRESS HERE](#)

### 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](mailto:rosiesj@hotmail.co.uk) or you can usually catch me on a Sunday or Thursday morning. *Rosemary Jopson*

### THANK YOU.

Dear Friends, thank you for your lovely cards and prayers. I am recovering well following my operation, taking the pills and using ice packs. I'm now doing things little and often, but getting there. Hope to see you all soon. Love. Pat Sherwood -Saunders.

### MU.

Our next tea will be on **Thursday 19 May, 3.00 - 4.30pm**. The theme will be the MU charity 'Summer of Hope': donations will go to that. More details on the notice board in the Chapter House. **All welcome.**

**Bellringers Coffee Shop - Saturday 14 May** will follow on from the Christian Aid Big Breakfast: 10.00 - 11.30 am. *Maggie McLoughlin*

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## NOTICES AND NEWS CONT ....

### MAFAMBISA 2022 /2023

We are pleased to be able to announce that our previously postponed visit to Mafambisa will now take place in July of this year. We have now established a team 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.

### CARD FROM HANDS AT WORK

Please collect a Thankyou card from Hands at work for of partnership and support of Mafambisa. There is a card for every one on the table in the foyer. Thank you

### THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

will take place on Sunday 8th May at 11:30 am in church. It will also be facilitated by Zoom for those who are unable or prefer not to attend in person. We require nominations for 2 churchwardens, and there are vacancies on the PCC for 4 people to serve for a period of 3 years. Hard copies of nomination forms are available from the Churchwardens during church opening times, or myself (email [rmarshalljones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rmarshalljones@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01767 316153).

The forms will also be available to download on the church website. Please note that the agenda and accompanying paperwork will be disseminated via email although there will be a small number of paper copies available from Sunday 1st May, together with copies of the Parish Annual Reports booklet. All documentation will also be available on the church website.

*Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

### 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](mailto:vjohnson@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk).) Thank you. *Vaughan Johnson, Chair of Governors'*

### CHILDREN' SOCIETY-HOME COLLECTION BOXES.

After many years as Coordinator for the Society here at St Andrew's, I have with sadness decided that I will be retiring and standing down from that role this year.

I hope to complete my last collection during May and June, please could I ask your help with this; you may telephone Biggleswade 312160 to arrange a time for collecting or if more convenient, you may leave your box anytime at 250 London Road. \* You may also leave in the safe at church after services and I will collect.

Can I thank all here at St Andrew's who have helped and supported me in so many ways and in that role, during various activities, Christingle, Box Opening, Coffee mornings, etc..so, so many to mention.

And my special THANK YOU, to the loyal and generous Box holders past and present who have supported, here at Church and in the Community by sending help to The Society in their work with vulnerable young people often at the margins of society.

\* Home House boxes help raise more than 1 MILLION each year to support young people in urgent need of support. Gill Hibbert

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### THE SECOND ST ANDREW'S FESTIVAL

a weekend of concerts and other events (tbc) in and around St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade, organised by Collectivel - a collective of freelance musicians and performance artists. Collectivel aims to offer the opportunity for citizens in Mid Beds and further afield to hear top notch musicians perform concerts of high quality; our musician 'Collectivists' typically have trained at European Conservatoires, play with UK-based professional orchestras and have performed at major concert halls all around the world. In this festival, as well as including local community talent, we will also showcase some extraordinarily talented up-and-coming musicians straight out of conservatoires...Excellent music on your doorstep!

The theme of the festival this year will be around Bach and jazz as musicians and artists get "Bach to normal" after a pandemic-enforced break in their careers! To start this mini Festival, on **Friday 1 July** at 7pm our opening gala concert will involve local choirs and instrumentalists. On **Saturday 2 July**, we will be treated to a fabulous lunch-time concert of organ music on the organ of St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade, by award winning organist William Whitehead followed at 7pm by *Bach and the Art of Jazz*.

Our final concert, outside the church on **Sunday 3 July**, will be a jazz picnic concert performed by musicians from Kansas Smitty's House Band; a group who describe themselves as 'a group of jazz-addicted twenty-somethings who run their own bar! So bring a rug, chairs and a picnic, and join us for the fun-filled festival conclusion...

More in-detail info about the concerts and performers, and how to buy tickets will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May - we would ask that you buy tickets in advance, or indicate your wish to attend via the Collectivel website. Covid restrictions have eased but there's still a lot of it around so we will do our best to ensure well ventilated and distanced performance spaces!

Meanwhile do visit <https://www.collectivel.org> where you will be able to take the opportunity to read more about our work, to listen to audio and video clips of previous events, including the first St Andrew's Festival held last year and watch out for our promotional videos, coming soon... *Julia Black*

### ECO GROUP SURVEY.

Please complete our Environmental Survey. The Eco Group at St Andrew's Biggleswade is working on behalf of the PCC to move towards a more environmentally sustainable church as well as achieving recognition as an Eco Church. As part of this work, we would like to know more about what people at St Andrew's know, do and would like to do regarding climate change.

The survey can be found online using the QR code, on our Parish Website, on the Eco Church page (or if you are using the online version of the notice sheet: [clicking here](#)).

Paper Copies are available at the back of the church.  
Please return these to a member of the Eco Group.

Your responses will be a great help in determining how St Andrew's can best help our environment.

*Mark, Vaughan, Hilary, Peter*



## 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.

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### 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](mailto: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*

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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsbiggleswade) Instagram: [@standrewsbiggleswade](https://www.instagram.com/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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