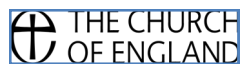




ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE



PARISH NEWS



AUTUMN 2025

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VICAR'S LETTER.

Season of Creation 2025: Peace with Creation.

In 2015 Pope Francis designated September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It ushers in the Season of Creation which runs until the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. The theme for 2025, "Peace with Creation", calls us to examine not only how we honour and care for the earth but also how our actions foster true peace – peace with our environment, with all living creatures, and ultimately, with God.

In the Gospel we hear the call to be peacemakers. Jesus reminds us that true peace comes from reconciliation – firstly, with one another, and also with the world God has entrusted to our care and keeping. Creation is not just a backdrop for our lives; it is a gift from God – a living testament to God's glory and a sacred trust, placed in our hands.

Peace with creation is so vital because when we harm the earth through pollution, deforestation, climate change, or neglect, we disrupt the harmony God intended. Such actions cause suffering among the vulnerable, those most affected by environmental degradation and the delicate balance of life on Earth is threatened. As followers of Christ, we are called to be good stewards and not exploiters of God's creation.

Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of ecology, famously called all creatures his brothers and sisters. He saw the beauty and interconnectedness of all God's creatures and recognised that true peace involves harmony with all of creation. Inspired by St. Francis we are challenged to foster compassion and respect for nature, seeing in every leaf, every creature, the reflection of God's goodness.

This season of Creation urges us to commit to acts of ecological justice, to reduce our carbon footprint, to support sustainable practices, and to advocate for policies that protect our common home. It is a time to pray for wisdom and courage, that we might be peacemakers not only among ourselves but also with the world around us. In this Season of Creation, can we pray, reflect and take action to be a peacemaker with creation? What actions can we each take to promote harmony and sustainability? How can we be witnesses to God's love through our care for the environment?

May we all be inspired to live out our vocation as good stewards of creation, as we seek peace with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

Rev. Liz Oglesby-Elong, Vicar.

A Prayer for Our Earth by Pope Francis.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,

that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live

as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

*Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

Amen.



DIARY:

AUTUMN.

OCTOBER.

Harvest Thanksgiving.

Sun 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion [<i>Order II Traditional</i>]
	10.00 am	All Together Communion
Sun 12th	12.00 noon	Holy Baptism.
	6.00 pm	Sunday @ 6
Sat 18th	9.30 am	Holy Communion Memorial Chapel.
	10.00 am	Pastoral and Visiting Sub-Committee.

NOVEMBER.

All Saints.

Sun 2nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion [<i>Order II Traditional</i>]
	10.00 am	All Together Communion.

All Souls.

6.00 pm A Remembrance of Loved Ones.

Remembrance Sunday.

Sun 9th	9.30 am	Parish Communion.
	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance on the Market Square.

Armistice Day

Tue 11th	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance on the Market Square.
Sun 16th	12.00 noon	Holy Baptism.
	6.00 pm	Sunday @ 6.
Fri 28th		Christmas Fair and Light Switch-On. 12.00 noon – 9.30 pm, Market Square

Patronal and Advent.

Sun 30th	6.00 pm	Service of Light.
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NB. During Advent 2025 Advent Night Prayer in Church further details and dates to follow.

LOOKING AHEAD:

DECEMBER.

- Sun 14th 6.00pm Sunday @ 6.
- Sat 20th 10.30 am – 12 noon Nativity Tableau, Market Square
 7.30 pm Biggleswade and District Choral Society
 Concert.
- Sun 21st 6.00 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve.

- Wed 24th 6.00 pm Crib Service and Nativity.
 11.00 pm Carols at the Screen.
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day.

- Thur 25th 10.00 am Festival Parish Communion.

JANUARY. 2026

The Epiphany.

- Sun 4th 8.00 am Holy Communion [*Order II Traditional*]
 10.00 am All Together Communion.
- Sun 11th 6.00 pm Sunday @ 6.

FEBRUARY.

Presentation of Christ.

- Sun 1st 8.00 am Holy Communion [*Order II Traditional*]
 10.00 am All Together Communion.
 3.00 pm Christingle.

Warm welcome for all, usual pattern of worship at St Andrew's:

Sundays:

10.00 am. Parish Communion, with Sunday School during term time, followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House.

Thursdays:

9.30 am. Holy Communion, followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House.

PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM:

‘Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.’

Sunday 28th September – Maisie Mabel Scanlon.

Sunday 28th September – Mollie Louise Scanlon.

FUNERALS:

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’ John 11.25,26.

Wednesday 2nd July – David Tharby.

Monday 28th July – John Thomas Newlin.

Tuesday 5th August – Peter James Doggett.

Sunday 10th August – Bernard Gurney.

[Ashes in St Andrew’s Garden of Remembrance].

Sunday 7th September – Joyce Patricia Botterell.

Saturday 13th September – Grace Alexandra Branch.

Wednesday 17th September – Richard Sidney Godfrey.

Wednesday 17th September – Lika Hassoon Dale.

OUR VISION:

Christ-Centred,
Welcoming,
Inclusive,
Outward-Looking.



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Sunday School:

Groups meet during the 10.00 am service on Sundays during term time.

Contact: Emma Pallett 319146 emmapallett@hotmail.com

Uniformed Organisations – For all Girl Guiding please register first via: girlguiding.org.uk

Rainbow Guides:

‘1st Biggleswade’ (St Andrew’s). Meet on Wednesdays from 5.30 pm to 6.40 pm during term time. Contact: firstbiggleswaderainbows@hotmail.com.

‘2nd Biggleswade’ Meet on Mondays from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm during term time. Contact: Joanna McMurray, jlmcmurray@hotmail.co.uk.

Brownie Guides:

‘1st Biggleswade’ (St Andrew’s) Meet on Mondays from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm during term time. Contact: Babs Gurney, Leader.

Guides:

‘1st Biggleswade’ (St Andrew’s) Meet on Wednesdays from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm during term time. Contact: Rachel Calver.

Youth Organisations:

‘The Kitchen’: School year 9 & above meets Sundays 7.30 pm. Contact: Chris Parker 07702 250776 – chris2parker@btinternet.com **or** Emma Pallett 01767 319146 – emmapallett@hotmail.co.uk

10+ (Afters): For young people in School years 5 & 6 meets on Thursdays 6.00 pm. Contact: Claire Leeks – 07484 684743 or Mandy Anning – aamandy@aol.com.

12+: For young people in School years 7 & 8 meets on Thursdays, 7.30 pm. Contact: Peter Giles peterdgiles@gmail.com

14+: For young people in School years 9 & 10 meets on Thursdays 7.30 pm. Contact: Chris Parker – 07702 250776 or Emma Pallett – 01767 319146.

Holiday Club: Runs for four days during the Summer Holidays. Contact: Emma Pallett on 01767 319146 emmapallett@hotmail.com.

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