

# What's on This Week

## Sunday 21st February

10:00: Sunday Morning Worship via Zoom (Worship in the Community)

### PREACHER – Grant Fellows

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88412433160?pwd=ZEFjeE5PUW5UdWI4eGwWTitZWxQ2QT09>

Meeting ID: 884 1243 3160  
Passcode: 365737

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

### Reading:

**Genesis 9.8-17**

### Hymns

Great is thy faithfulness  
Forty days and forty nights  
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

## Monday 22nd February

### Tuesday 23rd February

19.30 Lent Course

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81900888701?pwd=bU1WQWx3ckU4SFVKcFU1VGd1YnAwdz09>

Meeting ID: 819 0088 8701  
Passcode: 905270

### Wednesday 24th February

14:00—16:00 Church Open for Private Prayer

### Thursday 25th February

### Friday 26th February

### Saturday 27th February

10:00—12:00 Church Open for Private Prayer



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BIGGLESWADE



LENT

2021



NEWS

February 2021

As from Thursday 14th January 2021, public worship will be suspended at St. Andrew's Church, Biggleswade, other than for funerals with restricted numbers, for the foreseeable future.

We apologise for the implications of this decision, but we feel we must do everything possible to ensure the safety of our community of faith.

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## Coming Soon

**5 March World Day of Prayer**

**14 March** Mothering Sunday

**28 March** Palm Sunday

**1 April** Maundy Thursday

**2 April Good Friday**

**4 April Easter Day**

**5 April** Easter Monday

**25 April** APCM

2 May Confirmation Service

## Vacancy News

### **PARISH PROFILE; YOUR INPUT PLEASE!**

The PCC has set up a group to draft a new Parish Profile to inform and attract the right candidates to apply to become our next Vicar. This important document should describe our Parish and Church as accurately as possible, so we would really like your input, particularly on the three questions below. For questions one and two we have provided some suggestions but feel free to interpret the main question in your own way.

We ask that you pray about the future of St. Andrew's, then write responses to the three questions and email them to Peter at [stabprofile@gmail.com](mailto:stabprofile@gmail.com), by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Alternatively, you can post your responses to the vicarage addressed to the Parish Profile Team.

#### Where do you see St. Andrew's now?

(For example, what do we do that you value? Why is St. Andrew's Important to you? What does it feel like to be a member of the St. Andrew's community?)

#### How would you like to see St. Andrew's moving forward?

(For example, new directions, needs, priorities, things that need preserving)

#### What do you think are the three most important qualities to look for in our next vicar?

Please could you indicate if you are happy for us to quote what you have written in the profile? Responses will be treated as confidential. *Peter Giles*

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## Notices and News

### Confirmation Service 2nd May 2021

The Bishop of Bedford will join us at St. Andrew's Church for a special service of Confirmation. Preparation for adults, and young people, will begin shortly: initially it is likely to be via Zoom. If you are interested in considering Confirmation this year, please contact the Churchwardens as soon as possible.



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### Worship in the Community

We have a Service without communion on a Sunday. This service was previously held in St Andrew's School in Kings Reach, however since the onset of the Covid Pandemic the service has moved on-line all are very welcome to join us .

### Suspension of Public Worship

Following much prayer and thought, the Churchwardens and PCC, meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, made the decision to present a resolution to the Bishop of Bedford and Archdeacon of Bedford requesting permission to suspend public worship until the present coronavirus emergency eases.

### DO YOU NEED HELP? CAN YOU OFFER HELP?

**Are you – or anyone you know – struggling during lockdown?** Do you have any ideas of ways we may be able to help support you or others in these difficult times? **If so please call or email Rosemary or Rob** whose contact details are at the top of this pew sheet, or any member of our church family you may know better. **Make sure you contact us so we can help you and others.** Thank you.

### Sunday School

Due to the new Covid regulations now in place, and in line with schools in general we have had to suspend our Sunday School for the next few weeks.

*Emma and the Sunday School Team.*

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## Prayer Diary

### In our prayers this week

The Church of the province of Central Africa

We pray 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)

**Needing our Prayers :** Louise Joy, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, Betty Magill, Jo Chelley, Norman Staples, Philip Pettit, Rosamund Drakes, Anna Johnson, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura and Audrey and baby Baltiska from Mozambique.

**Continue to Pray for :** Joan Tolson, Joy Botterell and Tim Woodward

**The Departed :** Anne Maynard, Maureen Noble, Kathleen 'Pat' Woods, Margaret Swarbrick, William Condron and Sylvia Wilson.

**Year's Mind :** 24th Pearl Hizzey-Burrows, James Tufts, 25th Thomas Morris (Senior), Alex Dobie, 26th Ron Bates



## The Gift of Giving

Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. *'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'* Matthew 6.34

## Contact

If you need to contact us for any reason; please do not use the office telephone, as this is not being monitored at the moment. Instead please contact us via: [office@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk) Thank you. Jackie

## Notices and News Continued

### LENT COURSE 2021

#### CARING FOR CREATION

Tuesday Evenings at 7.30 via ZOOM

Book in: email [chris2parker@btinternet.com](mailto:chris2parker@btinternet.com)

### LENT GIVING 2021

Our Lent giving this year will support the people of Yemen

### LENT COURSE 2021

During Lent we will be following a Lent course entitled "Caring for Creation" and looks at both the churches and our own response to Climate change.

The course will be delivered over Zoom on a Tuesday evening. We will start with a short time of worship and the break up into smaller groups to consider questions posed by the material. We do not yet know when we will be able to relax the restrictions on meeting in person, but if this did happen we would consider a daytime face to face group.

To join the Lent course please can you email **Chris Parker** [chris2parker@btinternet.com](mailto:chris2parker@btinternet.com) You do not need to purchase a book, but often people like to have their own. Please indicate when you reply- the cost is £4. Chris

### LENT GIVING 2021

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## New to St Andrews?

St Andrews 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 Andrews 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.

## Lent 2021 Sunday focus

Lent is traditionally a season in which we focus on our relationship with God. Each Sunday we consider what it means to see this in the context of a covenant between God and his people. We will be exploring this covenant relationship through the following themes:

Sunday 21st February, 10.00am	Lent I – A Covenant of life
Sunday 28th February, 10.00am	Lent II – A Covenant of faith
Sunday 7th March, 10.00am	Lent III – A Covenant of law
Sunday 14th March, 10.00am	Lent IV Mothering Sunday – A Covenant of devotion
Sunday 21st March, 10.00am	Lent V – A Covenant of sacrifice

*Father Grant*

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## Notices and News

**WANTED - PHOTOS, VIDEOS, AND STORIES!** Now that we have a new website it is important that we have interesting things to put on it! Not just for the website, but also for our parish profile to attract a new vicar and our Facebook page to reach new people. If you have any material, preferably in the last three years please send it in! Also, please "Think News" at any service or event when we eventually open up after the lockdown. Please feel free to send things in to anyone from the Website team: Chris Parker and Peter Giles, Facebook team: Oliver and Jessica Dilley and Magazine team: Sue Oldroyd, Mary Dominey and Margaret Spinner. If you are not sure which person or team is best to approach, don't worry as your picture or article will be shared where appropriate as it may be useful for all our ways of outreach. Rob and Rosemary, Churchwardens

## 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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## World Prayer Day - 5th March 2021

Sadly our usual service will not be possible this year, but we are hoping that worship will be live-streamed and we can participate from home. Details will be available nearer the time, but if you would like to have a copy of the order of service please may I ask you to contact me as soon as possible. The 2021 worship has been organised by the people of Vanuatu. Our friends at Biggleswade Pentecostal Church are hoping to organise a coffee morning later in the year: an opportunity to meet in person, and to raise funds for the WDOP project.

Rosemary Bentley

## 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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