What's on This Week

Sunday 24th October

Last Sunday after Trinity 10.00am Holy Communion

Join Zoom Meeting: <u>CLICK HERE</u> Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Readings

II Timothy 3.14-4.5

The place of scripture as the inspiration for teaching, and a guide to life, is emphasised

John 5.36-47

The Jews who opposed Jesus could not accept his interpretation of their Scriptures. He pleads with them to believe him and to appreciate that he is the one sent by God

12.00 Noon Baptism: Xavier Reed

Monday 25th October

Tuesday 26th October

Wednesday 27th October

Thursday 28th October

9.30am Holy Communion in Church Readings

Ephesians 2.19-22 John 15.17-27

Friday 29th October

11.00am Funeral: Lorna Thomas R.I.P.

Saturday 30th October

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Sunday 31st October

All Saints Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion

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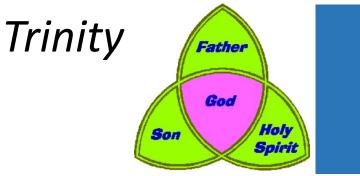


Priest in Charge: Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong

Vicar's Day Off: Friday Churchwardens:

Rosemary Bentley (01767 313517) Dr. Robert Butcher (01767 313789)





NEWS

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Prayer Diary

In our prayers this week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches. 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



<u>Needing our Prayers:</u> Peter Hill, Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong, James Etienne, Pauline Prior, Ann and Nils Giaever, Julia Pilgrim, Molly Whitelaw, Cory Sherry, Susan Milln, William Jack, Norman Staples, Philip Pettit, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, Betty Magill, Rose, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura and Audrey from Mozambique baby Baltiska from Mozambique

<u>Continue to Pray for:</u> Joan Tolson, Joy Botterell and Tim Woodward

<u>The Recently Departed:</u> Sheila Quin and Lorna Thomas

Year's Mind: 24th F/Sgt Keith Rutt R.A.F., 26th Henry Wren, Grace Jopson

Coming Soon

Sunday 7th November— 10.00am Family Service of Holy Communion

Thursday 11th November
9.30am Holy Communion Service and Coffee
10.45am Armistice Day act of Remembrance at the Market Square War Memorial

Sunday 14th November — Remembrance Sunday
9.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Act of Remembrance at the Market Square War Memorial

28th November—Advent Sunday 10am Holy Communion and 6pm Advent Service of Light

Saturday 4th December 11.30am—Collation of Reverend Liz Oglesby-Elong as Vicar of Biggleswade

Contact

office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Notices and News

FROM OUR NEW PRIEST - BRIEF UPDATE

Grace, mercy and peace from God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you! Greetings to you all. With St. Andrew's uppermost in my heart and mind, I am keeping motivated to continue with the vestibular physiotherapy and rehabilitation, and with planned Annual Leave to co-ordinate with half-term next week, I am working towards being back with you for Sunday 31st October: All Saints' Day (trans.) I very much hope to be with you again then. Thank you for your kind thoughts, good wishes and ongoing prayers. Please be assured of mine for you all too.

Yours in Christ, Revd. Liz Priest-in-Charge

Prayers for Wholeness and Healing

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress; he broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might become partakers of his glory.

Remember in your mercy all for whom we pray; in the fullness of time complete your gracious work that we may be restored in your image, renewed in your love, and for ever praise your great and holy name,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Almighty Lord,

who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him, whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey, be now and evermore our defence.

Believe and trust that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

New to St Andrews?

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.

Social Media

As some of you may have seen, this month we have truly launched our social media initiative. Since March last year, it has been proven how crucial the online sphere has been to keep in touch with family and friends but also this is how we currently have to spread Gods message. Over the next few months we will be working with a social media consultant to grow our online presence and reach out to our local community (and those who aren't as local). We would love you to like, follow and share our social media accounts:

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

AN UPDATE RE PUBLIC WORSHIP

As from Palm Sunday, 28th March we are delighted that our PCC have approved the rescinding of the resolution to suspend public worship: Zoom services and live streaming will also continue for the foreseeable future.

The usual pattern of public worship will be Holy Communion [Said] Sundays at 10.00am, and Thursdays 9.30am.

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. For the time being Worship in the Community will now be our Sunday mornings 10.00am service via zoom.

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ALL SOULS' DAY - We gather on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm for a Requiem Mass when we remember the never forgotten, but see no longer. We will have the opportunity to remember our loved ones: the names will be read out during the commemoration. Remembrance cards are available at the back of church, please return them to the Church before Friday 29th October. Thank you. *Jackie*

YEAR'S MIND 2022 I am in the process of completing the Year's Mind list for 2022. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in our weekly notices, please complete the Remembrance of the Departed – Year's Mind Form and post in the box provided at the back of Church. Thank you. *Jackie*

THE MU PLAYGROUP to be called the Banana Group, which we ran on a Tuesday morning at the Orchard Centre in Kings Reach, will return after half term in a slightly different form. Fridays 2.30pm - 3.30pm, to coincide with the lower school end of day timings. If anyone would like to join us and help set up and pack away, please let me know or speak to Rosamund, Bobbie, Ros Jones and Maggie McLoughlin

EDWARD PEAKE GOVERNING BODY urgently needs a new CLERK. Are you interested? Do you have a family member, friend or neighbour who might like a really important and valuable (paid!) job, mainly listening, noting and writing up notes. Meetings are currently held remotely – so most work is at home – normally no more than 3 meetings per half term. Good training and local support available. For more details please talk to Vaughan Johnson, Chair of Governors, or contact vjohnson@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk Thank you.

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

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*

<u>REVD. LIZ OGLESBY-ELONG CONTACT DETAILS</u> Please note that from Saturday 25th September 2021 Liz's new contact details will be as follows: vicar@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Vicarage telephone number: 01767 312243

Vicar's Day Off: Friday

RE-ARRANGED COLLATION SERVICE Richard, Bishop of Bedford will preside (Alan, Bishop of St. Albans is unavailable) on Saturday 4th #December, 2021 at 11.30am. The Service will be in-person and live-zoom. Details will follow. Revd. Liz

<u>OPEN CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER</u> St. Andrew's Church will normally be open for private prayer on **Wednesdays and Saturdays**, **9.00am - 12.00 noon**. *The Churchwardens*.

NOVEMBER FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION Sunday 7th November at 10.00am. All welcome.

NB. From Sunday 7th November there will be an 8.00am Holy Communion [Said] on Sundays when Family Holy Communion at 10.00am is celebrated We will also be marking **Shoebox Sunday 7th November**, please bring your filled boxes along to the 10.00am service.

Shoeboxes still available. We are supporting the Rotary Shoebox Appeal again this year. The boxes are only £2.00 each and that includes the transport cost. They can be obtained from me, either after the Sunday services, or from me at home – contact 01767 312939 Mary Dominey. Thank you.

TEA AND COFFEE People have been asking how to donate towards the tea and coffee after church. Well now you can do this "on-line", if you go to the church website you will find a "GIVE" button at the top right of the home page. When you press this you will be able to make your donation and you can even gift aid it.

<u>PEW SHEET</u> – Could all notices for inclusion in the weekly Pew Sheet be with me by 10am on the previous Wednesday please? This is so that I can print a few off and leave in Church before the weekend. There will only be a very few printed copies available. Thank you. *Jackie*

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<u>PCC MINUTES</u> The signed minutes of the PCC meeting held on 7th September are available to read and can be found on the noticeboard in the foyer to the Chapter House. They are also available on the church website http://www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk Ruth, PCC Secretary

ST. ANDREW'S SHOEBOXES It is now time to buy your shoeboxes. We are supporting the Rotary Shoebox Appeal again this year. Our Appeal was launched on Sunday 12th September and Shoebox Sunday will be 7th November. Please bring your filled boxes along to the 10.00am service. The boxes are only £2.00 each and that includes the transport cost. They can be obtained from me, either after the Sunday services or from me at home – contact 01767 312939 Mary Dominey.

<u>VACANCIES – WE NEED YOU!</u> As we begin to enjoy more opportunities for post-pandemic worship, we hope to begin to compile new rotas in a few weeks' time. We should be most grateful to include more volunteers for the following responsibilities: if required, training can be offered.

Please contact the Vicar, or Churchwardens, preferably by email, if you wish to consider any of the following:

Preparation for Holy Communion on Saturdays, Altar Serving, Preparing and Reading Intercessions, Sidesperson and/or Welcoming Duties, Assisting at Baptisms, PA. *Thank you*