
What's on This Week

Sunday 25th July 2021

James the Apostle

10.00am via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

10.00am Holy Communion [*Said*] in Church

Preacher: Rev'd Canon Grant Fellows

10.00am Sunday School in Chapter House

Readings

Acts 11.27-12.2

Barnabas and Paul plant a church in Antioch, but concern in Jerusalem leads to the execution of James

Matthew 20.20-28

Jesus warns against seeking greatness and honour

11.30am Baptism: Oliver Garrett

Monday 26th July

Tuesday 27th July

Wednesday 28th July

Thursday 29th July

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Preacher: Rev'd Canon Lindsay Dew

Readings

Isaiah 25.6-9

The prophet reiterates God's promise of joy to all whom who work in his name

John 12.1-8

Jesus stays with his friends in Bethany as he prepares for his last Passover

Friday 30th July

Saturday 31st July

Contact us: office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE



Parish in Vacancy

Churchwardens:

Rosemary Bentley (01767 313517)

Dr. Robert Butcher (01767 313789)

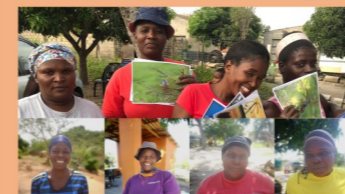
Trinity



NEWS

May 2021

Mafambisa Fortnight



Please **pray** for the community of Mafambisa, for the care workers, the children and the care givers. Please pray for Hands at work and the Haziview service centre.

- **Sunday 18th July 8.00pm Service** to celebrate the partnership via zoom.
- **Help us to raise £1600** so the Hands at Work can build a house for Celine and her children. Go to Just Giving: [Build Celine's house](#)
- Consider **sponsoring a child in Mafambisa** for £20 a month speak to Chris, Rob, Lucy, John, Vaughan

In this issue:

- Coming Soon
- New to St Andrews
- Prayer Diary
- Notices and News

www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk

Prayer Diary

In our prayers this week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church. 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



Needing our Prayers: Cory Sherry, Susan Milln, William Jack, Norman Staples, Philip Pettit, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, Betty Magill, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura and Audrey from Mozambique baby Baltiska from Mozambique

Continue to Pray for: Pauline Pryor, Jane Parker and Jo Chelley

The Departed: Dalwyn Attwell and June Garner

Year's Mind: 27th Rt. Rev'd Richard Rutt, Constance Newman, 31st June Lawson

Coming Soon

Sunday 18th July 8pm - Sunday 1 August—Focus on Mafambisa

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th August - St Andrew's Holiday Club

Sunday 15th August—Holiday Club Service of Praise, followed by Barbeque

Saturday 18th September - St Andrew's Country Fayre

Saturday 25th September 3pm—Collation Reverend Liz Oglesby-Elong as vicar of Biggleswade.

Sunday 3rd October—Harvest Festival

Contact

office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Notices and News Continued

ST. ANDREW'S SHOEBOXES Due to Covid restrictions it has been almost impossible to raise money for the boxes. So far this year I have sold second-hand books to Music Magpie for £13.60. Apron and peg bag sales raised £58.00. On the flip side I have disbursed £300.00 for this year's supply of shoeboxes (available from me whenever you are ready). The best way of raising money at the moment is by taking a car to the Baldock Boot Fayre (free pitch for people selling for charity). Mary Williams, Pam Lloyd and I took two cars on a rather overcast Saturday two weeks ago. There were very few sellers, but it was to our advantage as we took £169.00, the most we have ever made. So, I am now in a position to receive bric-brac in good condition for the next one. *Mary Dominey*

CHURCH CLEANING We are looking for volunteers to clean the church on a rota basis. Each team would need to clean once a month and would clean a designated area as well as some of the common areas. We need to find about 8 people to add to those who have already volunteered.

DO YOU ENJOY DECORATING? As part of the welcome to our new vicar and her family, the PCC is looking at ways that we can stretch the limited resources for redecoration of the vicarage between now and mid-August. If you are willing, able, have the time to give and hopefully enjoy painting walls and ceilings you could help! All materials will be provided. If you would like to offer to help, require more information or would like to talk further about this, please contact me. *Rob Butcher, Churchwarden* robertdocbutcher@gmail.com

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.

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.

Notices and News

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

www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Our Church email addresses are changing! Any email address that you may use with the extension of xxxxx@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk will change to xxxxx@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

So the Churchwardens can be contacted on:

wardens@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Jackie our Parish Secretary can be contacted on:

secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Ruth our PCC Secretary can be contacted on:

pccsecretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

If you have notices for the notice sheet then use

notices@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Chris our Youth coordinator can be contacted on

youthcoord@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

There will be more addresses advertised on our web site. Please start using these addresses from now! *Chris Parker and Peter Giles*

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*

Coming Soon

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2021 – PLENTY OF VACANCIES FOR HELPERS! Thank you to everyone who has already been in touch to volunteer to help at Holiday Club this summer. However it is not too late, registration is now open. As a reminder - Holiday Club this year will be Monday 9th to Thursday 12th August plus the Service and BBQ on Sunday 15th August. So are you available to help? Our greatest need is for helpers to work with the children in their groups. However, if you aren't able to do that this year we also need helpers for registration each morning, lunchtime supervisors, help with cleaning and with setting up and tidying away etc., all of which are very much appreciated. We would welcome some new volunteers so if you have not helped before and might be interested then do get in touch, and if you are new to St. Andrew's and wondering what this is all about then do not hesitate to ask. Please contact Emma Pallett, Chris Parker or Sally Wells whose details are below as soon as possible to let us know if you are available to help and on which days. A prompt reply will help us with checking that everyone's DBS is up to date and complete checks on any new volunteers in accordance with our child protection policy.

Emma Pallett, Holiday Club Leader, emmapallett@hotmail.com, 07900 697945
Chris Parker, Youth Co-ordinator, chris2parker@btinternet.com, 07702 250776
Sally Wells, Registration Co-ordinator, sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk, 07932 760864

Please pray for the Holiday Club team as we make the preparations for this important week in the St. Andrew's calendar. Many thanks. *Holiday Club Team*

COUNTRY FAYRE..... Do you want to be part of a team who have a fun time whilst creating an exciting, annual event which generates monies for worthwhile causes? Are you thinking you would like to give some time to help others but not sure how to? Then this is your chance....no experience necessary, just the desire to outreach to our community.

We are looking for people to join the team that organise the annual Country Fayre which takes place each September, and we'd love to hear from you! We are looking at starting our meetings soon so do please speak to a member of the current team if you would like to help....you'd be made very welcome.

Current team: *Chris and Jane Parker, Nick Gurney, Carolyn Tebbutt, Janet Castle, Oliver and Lucy Dilley*

Notices and News



FOCUS ON MAFAMBISA – FORTNIGHT Mafambisa fortnight continues - please find time to pray for the community of Mafambisa, in particular the care point and the children who attend. Please pray for the care workers who cook and care for the children and for the care givers who look after the children in their homes. Please pray for Hands at Work who support and the Haziview Service Centre.

We have raised over £400 so far to pay for the construction of a house for Celine and her children. If you have not yet had a chance - please follow the link to the just giving page - or make a cheque out to the PCC of Biggleswade and bring it to church or put it through the vicarage letter box - write Celine house on the back. Thank you.

CELINES HOUSE We have heard from Hands at Work that they need to build a house for a lady called Celine who is living in Mafambisa with her children but does not have a house to live in or to care for her children in!

Celine has been allowed to stay in other people's houses, whilst they are away doing peace work in Johannesburg. These arrangements often come to an end suddenly as the person whose house she is borrowing return as their work has finished. This is very disruptive to the children as Celine and her children often find themselves homeless again.

Hands at work have decided to build a house for Celine on a plot of land that the chief has given to the church. This will cost £1600, and we would like to see if we can raise this during Mafambisa fortnight!

Please make your donation by following this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chris-parker50?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=chris-parker50&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=495e06b28eb24e16aa2df68638dc24b8

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast, and totally secure. Once you donate, they will send your money directly to Hands at Work in Africa UK, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.
