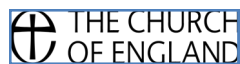




ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE



PARISH NEWS



Summer 2025

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VICAR'S LETTER.

Good News?

What is the Good News that the Church has to share? We have the Good News of Jesus Christ to share, which includes his forgiveness, his love and the way to Eternal Life. This “Good News” is also known as the Gospel that we have to proclaim, which, Christians the world over believe, is good news for all throughout the earth.

Recently Churches have had some more good news to share. The Bible Society have named it the “Quiet Revival” with many Churches reporting that they enjoyed bumper attendances with packed services over Easter as increasing numbers of younger people are coming to church. It follows the recent survey by the Bible Society, which found that the share of the population who attend a service a month has risen from 8% in 2018 to 12% last year. But surprisingly, the figures for those aged 18 to 24 have quadrupled, to 16%.

Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn, said that the numbers at services were up by as much as a half in some areas. He said that, despite so much recent bad publicity about the Church, “There is such a hunger for faith, especially among the young.”

The rector at one church in London said: “The world is a much more frightening and chaotic place than when I was growing up. People in their 20’s and 30’s have had two major financial crashes, a pandemic, a land war in Europe, and a housing crisis. The world is not a place for blind optimism right now. The stability and comfort that God can provide is something that appeals to young people.”

Churches certainly can provide a sense of community, a social network, as well as a spiritual one, which can help young people who

are struggling to connect with others. Whether resources are plentiful or scarce, may we commit to serving the children and young people, and all those new to faith in our community and church more deeply. We have a Gospel to proclaim, “Good News” for all throughout the earth.

Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong

DIARY:

SUMMER.

JULY.

Mon 7th		National ‘Thank You Day’.
Fri 11th – Tue 15th		General Synod, York.
Sun 13th		‘Sea Sunday’. Disability Awareness Day.
	10.00 am	Parish Communion.
		Commissioning Team Mafambisa 2025.
	3.00 pm	East Beds Chamber Choir Concert, St Andrew’s Church.
Sat 19th		Team Mafambisa 2025 depart to South Africa.
Sun 20th	5.30 pm	Taizé Worship. St Mary’s Church, Cockayne Hatley.
Tue 22nd		Academic year ends for our schools.
Thur 24th	6.00 pm onwards	Summer Social Event – Kings Reach Inn.

AUGUST.

Sat 2nd		Team Mafambisa 2025 returns home.
Thur 7th	12-2.00 pm	Summer Picnic, Games and Fellowship – recreational area adjacent to St Andrew’s Primary School East and Orchard Community Centre.
Mon 11th - Thur 14th		Holiday Club – ‘Jungle Adventure’.
Fri 15th	10.45 am	Royal British Legion VJ Day Service. Market Square.

Sun 17th	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.00 am	Holiday Club Service and Barbecue.
	5.30 pm	Taizé Worship, St Mary's Church, Cockayne Hatley.

SEPTEMBER.

Sun 7th	8.00 am	Holy Communion: <i>Order II Traditional</i> .
	10.00 am	Education Sunday – All Together Communion.
Sat 13th		Beds and Herts Historic Churches – Bike 'N' Hike. St Andrew's Church open all day.
Sat 20th	10.00 am – 3.00 pm.	Country Fayre, 40th Anniversary.
Sun 21st		International Day of Peace.
	5.30 pm	Taizé Worship. St Mary's Church, Cockayne Hatley.

OCTOBER.

Sun 5th		Harvest Thanksgiving.
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**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 18th May – Margot Pamela Kingston.

Sunday 29th June – Benedict Jack Gowers.



HOLY MATRIMONY:

‘Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.’

1 Corinthians 13.4-7.

Tuesday 27th May:

Andrew Michael Twydell and Hannah Mary Louise Keller.



THOSE ADMITTED TO HOLY COMMUNION.

Trinity Sunday – 15th June by Jane, Bishop Of Hertford.

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace.'

Charles Fulcher.

Isabella Fulcher.

Ava Tranter.



THOSE CONFIRMED:

Trinity Sunday – 15th June by Jane, Bishop Of Hertford.

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace.'

Emily Couram.

Christopher Edwards.

Bianca Gowers.

Harvey Jenkins.

Kizzy Stanley [*St Mary's Clophill*].



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.

Thursday 24th April – Wendy Kathleen Walters.

Tuesday 13th May – John Bryant.

Tuesday 20th May – Michael Dennis Mahoney.

Wednesday 28th May – Margaret Maureen Hendy.

Thursday 4th June – Alice May Lee.

Friday 13th June – Patrick 'Mac' McLoughlin.

Monday 16th June – Kenneth Edward Harrold.

Wednesday 25th June – Pamela Eldridge.

Thursday 26th June – John Newlin.

Monday 30th June – John Gray



OUR VISION:

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



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PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

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, jlmcurray@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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