



Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith, serving with love, and welcoming all



The Seventh Sunday of Easter /Sunday after Ascension

12 May 2024

Sunday 10.00 am Parish Communion

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 1.15-17,21-end Matthias is chosen to replace Judas

1 John 5.9-13 Testimony concerning the Son of God

John 17.6-19 Jesus prays for his disciples

Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

12.00 noon Baptism of Clementine

Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church. Please note our church is usually open for private prayer Monday - Saturday, **09.00 am - 4.00 pm.**

Revd Liz and Churchwardens

This Week

Monday 13 May

7.30pm Growth and Mission Meeting, Ivel Room

Wednesday 15 May

2.00pm Funeral In Church, Philip Hickin RIP

Thursday 16 May

9.30am Holy Communion, followed by Coffee

Readings:

Acts 22.30; 23.6-11

John 17.20-end

11.00am

12.00 –1.30pm

12.00 –2.00pm

Home Communion, Mantles Court

Deanery Chapter Meeting

Mothers Union Ploughman's Lunch, Chapter House

Saturday 18 May

8.30 –11.00pm

10.00 –12.00pm

10.00am

Christian Aid Big Breakfast, Chapter House

Coffee shop and Craft and Chat, Chapter House

Wedding Preparation in Church

Sunday 19 May

8.00am

10.00am

6.00pm

The Feast of Pentecost

Holy Communion

Parish Communion followed by coffee, Chapter House

Churches Together, Pentecost Praise, location: St Andrew's Church.

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Requesting our Prayers: Catherine, Princess of Wales, King Charles, Bobbie Ball, Julia Pilgrim, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott and Paul Bennett.

Continue to Pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit.

Mafambisa. We pray for the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for careworker: Khethiwe, children: Khoza Sipho, Amayama, Lethokuhle, Asanda, Ayanda.
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We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; Maurice Darnell, Philip Hickin, and for families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time: 19th Peggy Barnes, 19th Revd Canon Peter Hill.

APCM Election Results Following the APCM, the following people were elected to serve on the PCC:
*Churchwardens –Chris Parker and Nettie van de Weerd *PCC –Lucy Dilley and Judith Thatcher for 1 year, Adrian Maynard and Peter Giles for 2 years, Rob Lackey, Theo Lewis, Claire Leeks and Harriet Shannon for 3 years. A list of all the members of the PCC and Deanery Synod is located on the board in the church foyer, together with the signed copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2023 and Minutes of the APCM 2023. These documents can be found at <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/pcc/> and <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/apcm/> Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.

Vicar's APCM Sermon Rev'd Liz's APCM sermon has now been uploaded to the website. Please follow the link <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/apcm-sermon.php> paper copies are available from the Parish Administrator upon request.

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May Christian Aid week is 12-18 May and envelopes will be available for you to make your donation. You can also contribute to Christian Aid via our "GIVE" button on our website. We will be holding our usual Christian Aid Big Breakfast on Saturday 18 May, do come along and raise money for Christian Aid at the same time. Breakfast starts at 8.30am.

CRAFT & CHAT. The next session of Craft & Chat will take place on 18th May from 10am til 12. You will be very welcome to bring along some craft to do whilst chatting or just come and have a chat. The more the Merrier. The session will follow on from The Christian Aid Big Breakfast so why not come to that first?!

Spring Afternoon Tea Sunday 2 June 2024 Chapter House We will be raising funds for the Africa 2024 Youth Team. Pre-booking is required and there will be a choice of 1pm and 3pm sittings. Tickets are £10 per adult/£8 per child. Please book online at <https://bit.ly/49N4dOV>. Any queries please ask Sally Wells sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk 07932 760864.

Saturday 8th June. All day bell ringers competition. MU has volunteered to man the kitchen to supply drinks and snacks all through the day. There will be quite a few people coming and going. The Mafambisa team will be catering with us, but if you'd like to help please speak to me or Ros Drakes, or to Chris and the Mafambisa team. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2024 –Plenty of vacancies for helpers!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help at our Holiday Club. We are now on the search for volunteers for this year's event. As a reminder –Holiday Club this year will be **Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th** August plus the Service and BBQ on Sunday 18th August. So ,are you available to help? Our greatest need is for helpers to work with 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 Pallet, 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' are up to date and complete checks on any new volunteers in accordance with our child protection policy.

Emma Pallet, 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.*

CHURCH HISTORY AND GUIDE ILLUSTRATED BOOKLETS The cost of a reprint of the latest edition of these has been met by the Friends of St Andrew's and they are now on sale, price £3, on the table near the font. Please place your payment in the wall safe in the foyer. All proceeds are for church funds. *Philip Rutt.*

Interested in starting a rambling group? If you would be interested in taking part in a monthly ramble, following footpaths across our local countryside then please add your name to the list in the foyer. *Sam Elong.*

Future Dates

Tuesday 21 May	7.30pm	PCC Meeting, The Ivel Room
Thursday 23 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 May	10.00am	Parish Communion
Thursday 30 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 June	First Sunday of Trinity	
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	1.00 & 3.00pm	Afternoon Tea Fundraiser for Mafambisa
Thursday 6 June	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	80th Anniversary of D-Day Service, War Memorial, Market Square

A Prayer for Christian Aid Week 12-18th May
Theme for 2024: Extraordinary Love

Loving God,
Help us to hear the voices of those enduring extreme poverty.
It is hard to listen to stories of pain.
Show us how compassion for others can bring healing and fullness of life for all.
Help us to understand that we are one through your love,
For every human being is loved by you, beyond measure.



Loving God,
You call on us to build your kingdom of justice, mercy, and truth.
It isn't a task for the faint hearted.
When we lose our sense of purpose,
Fill us with faith.
When we doubt or throw up our hands in despair, fill us with hope.
When we pass by our neighbour as though we did not know them,
Fill us with the love that turns us back and takes us to their aid.
In Jesus's name,
Amen.

MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We receive 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

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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

Social Media

Keeping in touch with family and friends is something as a Church we are trying to undertake through the use of our social media platforms. The online sphere is another channel we are also able to use to be able to spread God's message. The platforms allow us to reach out to our community of faith, our local community as well as others who aren't as local. Please do contact Oliver Dilley or Jessica Mepham with any ideas, thoughts or content for the social media pages. In the meantime please continue to like, follow and share our social media accounts. *Thanks.*

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Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve, Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen

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