



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



The Feast of Pentecost

19 May 2024

<p>Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion</p> <p>Collect God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p>Readings Acts 2.1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit Romans 8.22-27 The Holy Spirit intercedes for us John 15.26-27; 16.7-11 The work of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Zoom Join Zoom Meeting: CLICK HERE Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616. Passcode: 599753 Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830</p> <p>6.00pm Churches Together, Pentecost Praise, In Church</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>This Week</p> <p>Tuesday 21 May 7.30pm PCC Meeting, Chapter House</p> <p>Wednesday 22 May 8.50-9.10am Pentecost Assembly at Edward Peake Middle School. 10.30am Funeral of Morris John Pulham RIP, in Church</p> <p>Thursday 23 May 9.30am Holy Communion, followed by Coffee Readings: James 5.1-6 Mark 9.41-50</p> <p>Saturday 25 May 10.00 –12.00pm Coffee shop, Chapter House</p> <p>Sunday 26 May 10.00am Trinity Sunday Parish Communion followed by coffee, Chapter House</p>
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Requesting our Prayers: Catherine, Princess of Wales, King Charles, Bobbie Ball, Julia Pilgrim, Shelagh Hizey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott and Paul Bennett.

Continue to Pray for: Wendy Walters, Ricardo Landsman.

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: Maria, children: Lucas, Sethu, Mbowane Prince. www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; Morris John Pulham, Richard Walker, Maurice Darnell, 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, 22nd Charles Maynard, 24th Cobie Pesch.

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.

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.*

Annual Mission payments Thank you for your suggestions before Easter for recipients of this year's annual mission payments. The PCC at its last meeting chose St John's Moggerhanger and Bedfordshire Carers as this years chosen charities along with Hands at Work for support of our partner community Mafambisa.

Victoria, our Chapter House Cleaner

Victoria, who has been doing a great job of keeping our chapter house rooms clean and fresh is leaving the area. We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Victoria and wish her well in her new home. **Vacancy** With Victoria moving away we have a vacancy for a self-employed cleaner to clean our chapter house and St John room. Thank you. *Chris Parker.*

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. Link for Holiday Club volunteer [applications](#)

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.*

Future Dates

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
Saturday 8 June	9.30am	Bells Ringers Competition
Sunday 9 June	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion followed by Coffee in Chapter House
	12.45pm	Sunday Lunch
Thursday 13 June	9.30am	Holy Communion

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.*

Bishop of St Albans Garden –Summer Opening The Bishop of St Albans will be opening every Sunday between Sunday 9 June and Sunday 11 August for people to come and look at the beautiful gardens and the summer display. Those who saw the snowdrops will have seen the potential that the garden had for summer and will be delighted at the change a different season brings. The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and visitors frequently comment on the fact they did not know the garden was here or how extensive it is. Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome, there will also be plants for sale on some weekends. Please wear footwear suitable for the time of year. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill

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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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



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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