



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas

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8am Holy Communion *Order II Traditional*

Readings: Hebrews 2.14-18
The meaning of Jesus' death
Luke 2.22-40
Jesus is presented in the temple

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented at the temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen

10am All Together Communion

Zoom Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830
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followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

3pm Christingle Service

Monday 2 February

12 noon Service of Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Revd Tim Robb RIP
St Mary's Church Eaton Socon
7:30pm Friends of St Andrew's Trustee Meeting

Tuesday 3 February

7pm Growth and Mission Meeting, Ivel Room

Wednesday 4 February

11am Penrose Court Home Communion
2-4pm MU, Ivel Room,
Speaker: Revd Barbara Ebeling

Thursday 5 February

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Kings 2.1-4, 10-12
Mark 6.7-13
*Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship,
Chapter House*

11am Parish visit to Anglesey Abbey

Saturday 7 February

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces,
Chapter House

Sunday 8 February

10am Parish Communion
Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House
6pm Sunday @6: *The Joy in Waiting*

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Requesting our Prayers: Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, John Gutteridge, Revd Liz Lavelle, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Cory Sherry

We pray for the souls of the recently departed:

Richard Cope, Anna Enongené, Sylvia Lowther, Chris Parker, Revd Tim Robb.

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: Revd Stuart Ansell (2nd), Joan Carding (2nd), Jonathan Cressey (2nd), John Lee (5th), Tracey McLaughlin (6th), Thomas Wilson (6th)

Mafambisa: We remember 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 care-worker: Khethiwe and children: Josphina, Willson, Nancy, Thandolwethu and Metusi.

Chris Parker, Rest in Peace

Dear friends in Christ,

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that Chris Parker, Churchwarden here at St. Andrew's Biggleswade, died unexpectedly, peacefully, at home on Tuesday morning. We give thanks for Chris' life, his faithful service and dedication over many years and his ministry with children and young people.

We hold Jane, his wife, and their children Alice, Alasdair and Ben, and all the family in our hearts, and in prayer at this time.

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' (1 Corinthians 2.9).

Rest eternal grant unto Chris, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon him.

May Chris Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Amen.

Revd Liz, Vicar

MU

Wednesday 4 February 2-4pm, Ivel Room. Speaker: Revd Barbara Ebeling.

Wednesday 4 March 2-4pm, Speaker: Alan Doughtey. '40 years on probation'.

Tea and cake to follow. All welcome!

MU is 150 years old this year, and we intend to celebrate. Our little group has increased rapidly in the last year or so, and we'd love to have more come and join in. No commitment, no membership, just come and see. Our first principle is to share God's love, (and home-made cake).

We also run the coffee shop on the 2nd Saturday of each month and there is a soup lunch on the 3rd Thursday of each month. So come and join us!

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, finishing on 21 March. Julie Balaam, the Community Agent, will visit the Church during warm spaces on Thursday 12 February.

Nettie van de Weerd



Snowdrops at Anglesey Abbey

Thursday 5 February, departing from St Andrew's Church at 11am, for a visit during the snowdrop season. We are both willing to offer seats in our cars if requested; email romybentley@aol.com, or leave a message, 07885 431928, if you wish to participate, stating if you need transport, or if you can offer car sharing. Entry free to National Trust members, £19.00 for others.

Also known as Candlemas Bells, snowdrops are common in the grounds of old religious communities, and it's possible that Anglesey Abbey's snowdrops go back to the time when it was a priory.

Although various refreshments and drinks are available in Redwoods Restaurant and Garden Office Cafe, we suggest participants bring a picnic lunch and a hot drink as catering options are likely to be busy.

We look forward to this opportunity to enjoy together the wonderful snowdrops in the grounds of Anglesey Abbey.

Revd Liz and Rosemary Bentley

Risk Assessments

As part of ensuring those we welcome into our church are safe, we need to ensure activities are risk assessed. This should not be an over detailed process but ensures any likely issues are identified and dealt with. To help ensure this, if you have risk assessments for any church activities, could you please send them to me at the email address below or hand them to me in church? I am trying to create a central resource for them both to ensure they are in place and to allow people to reuse them rather than starting from scratch. healthandsafety@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Peter Giles

St Andrew's School Governor Vacancy: The Governing Board at St Andrew's School would like to give sincere and heartfelt thanks to George Dilley for his tenure as Foundation Governor. George's departure has created a new vacancy on the Board, and we would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved. You don't need to be an education expert or know everything about governance. What you *do* need is passion, curiosity, and the desire to make a difference - and full training is provided! Foundation Governors help steer the strategic direction of the school, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

This role will provide opportunities to develop leadership and strategic skills and work alongside passionate, skilled people who care about children and community and make a measurable difference to young people's lives. For further information on this vacancy please contact the Clerk, Sarah Greene, on clerk@standrews.beds.sch.uk by Friday 6 February 2026.

A Date for Your New Diary!

We are inviting all those who would like to participate in our church production of 'Saints Alive!' by Roger Jones to a 'learn and perform afternoon' on Saturday 9 May, from 2pm – 5:30pm to be followed by a performance in church at 7pm. Singers, instrumentalists, readers and stage and sound crew all welcome. More details nearer the time.

If you would be interested in singing a solo part, narrating or playing as part of the band, please contact Sue or Rob at church or email suethorn@hotmail.co.uk

Sue Thorn and Rob Butcher

Exploring Silence

The next session of Exploring Silence is again at St Peter's, at 7:45pm on Wednesday 11 February, and all are welcome.

These sessions aim to help people get into and explore a period of silence in their life. This started as a result of conversations in the "Churches Together in Biggleswade", and a number of occasional sessions have been held at St Peter's Church in Station Road.

There's more information about what the sessions hope to cover at the website exploring-silence.org.

Revd Liz, Vicar

A Prayer for our world

Lord of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety;
yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away.
Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home,
and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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. Please do contact Oliver Dille or Jessica Mephram 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.

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade

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Future Dates

5 February	11am onwards	Parish visit to Anglesey Abbey
18 February	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
22 February	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Potton
1 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Andrew's, Biggleswade
8 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—All Saints, Great Barford
15 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Northill

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