



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward -Looking



## Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

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**8am Holy Communion Order II (traditional)**

**Readings:** Romans 4.1-5,13-17  
*The example of Abraham*  
John 3.1-17 *Nicodemus visits Jesus*

**Collect:** Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

**N.B. Please MUTE when joining Zoom**

*followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

**12:45pm** Sunday Lunch (pre-booking requested)

**6pm** Deanery Evening Worship  
St Andrew's, Biggleswade

### Monday 2 March

7pm Lent Group 2 with soup and roll supper  
Ivel Room

### Tuesday 3 March

7:30pm Standing Committee, Ivel Room

### Wednesday 4 March

11am Penrose Court Home Communion  
2pm-4pm MU: Speaker Alan Doughtey

### Thursday 5 March

9:30am Holy Communion  
Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10  
Luke 16.19-31

*Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship,  
Chapter House*

10:45am Lent Group 2, St John's Room

### Friday 6 March

7:30pm World Day of Prayer,  
Biggleswade Pentecostal Church, Crab Lane

### Saturday 7 March

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

3pm A Service of Celebration for the  
Life of Chris Parker RIP

### Sunday 8 March

10am Parish Communion  
Sunday School: All school-age children welcome  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*  
6pm Deanery Evening Worship

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**Intercessions** Let us pray for: World Leprosy Day, Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup>), World Day of Prayer, Biggleswade Retailers, Businesses and Industries

**Requesting our Prayers:** Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, John Gutteridge, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.  
We continue to pray for: Cory Sherry

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed:**

Alan Buck, Pat Edmonds, Gillian McSweeney, Chris Parker.

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:  
Daisy Thatcher (1<sup>st</sup>)

**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: Dudu and children: Ntandokazi, Prince, Victoria, Amanda

**Chris Parker, Rest in Peace**

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, visits, prayers and thoughts. It has been lovely to hear lots of different anecdotes and stories about Chris.

As per Chris's wishes there will be a private family funeral followed by a celebration of his life/memorial service at St Andrew's. A service of Celebration for the Life of Chris will be taking place on Saturday 7 March at 3pm at St. Andrews Church Biggleswade. All welcome. *the Parker family*

**World Day of Prayer**

Friday 6 March, 7:30 pm Biggleswade Pentecostal Church, Crab Lane - all welcome. *Rosemary Bentley*

**North Roof Works** The scaffolding shows us the work to replace the north aisle roof is well under way! The other good news is that, following generous donations from the Friends of St Andrews and the Peter Vickers Memorial Trust, we have a fully funded scheme.

The bad news is that, because of the early closure of the government's "places of worship" scheme we will no longer be able to reclaim the £18K VAT. Details of the new scheme are not yet clear and such funds may be less accessible for future projects.

However, if you can and would like to make a contribution towards the additional cost of this essential work, we would really appreciate it! If you have any questions please come and talk to one of us. Thank you.

*Vaughan Johnson, Chair, Building & Grounds sub-cttee, Rob Butcher,  
Nettie van de Weerd, Churchwarden, Andrew Rutt, PCC & Friends treasurer*

**Craft Flowers** Required for an Easter window display. If you can knit, crochet, sew or craft me a flower (or more), max 3" width it would be much appreciated. Please can you hand them to me by 29 March so that I can put the display together. *Anna Rutt*

**Church cleaning rota** A big thank to everyone who helps to keep the Church so well cared for! However, our regular cleaners need some help as several have either moved away or decided to resign from the job for personal reasons. It would be brilliant if we could get some more volunteers to help with this important four weekly job. If you are interested and could help at all please have a word with me. Many thanks. *Nettie van de Weerd*

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

Tea and cake to follow. All welcome!

*Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes*



Lord, thank you that your love keeps on giving. Help us to share what we have and to bring joy and hope wherever we can. Amen.

God of mercy, swift to help us, as our lips pour forth your praise, fill our hearts with the peace you give to those who wait for your salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Prayers taken from 'Draw Near' family and adult booklets*

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### A Prayer for our World

Creator God, Thank you for the waters of the earth, for the life-sustaining rains, lakes, and deep oceans. Keep us mindful of how precious these are, and how vulnerable they are. Help us to work together for clean water, and for the sharing of it with those who have need of it today. Amen.

**Rt Revd Christine Hardman,  
Former Bishop of Newcastle**

**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 Dilley 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.

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### Future Dates

15 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Northill
17 March	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
21 March	10am-12noon	Final Warm Spaces
22 March	3pm	Civic Service
	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship - All Saints, Cople

**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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