



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward-Looking



## The Eighth Sunday of Trinity

10 August 2025

### 10 August Eighth Sunday of Trinity

**10.00 am Parish Communion**  
*Followed by Coffee in Chapter House*

**Readings:** Genesis 15.1-6 *God's Covenant with Abram*  
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 *Faith in Action*  
Luke 12.32-40 *Jesus encourages listeners not to be afraid*

**Collect.** Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments: that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.  
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12.00 noon Burial of Ashes. Bernard Gurney RIP.

6.00 pm Holiday Club Preparation Service

**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*

### Monday 11 August

09.30 am—4.00 pm Holiday Club

### Tuesday 12 August

09.45 am—4.00 pm Holiday Club

2.00 pm MU Mary Sumner Day, All Saints Church Cople

### Wednesday 13 August

09.45 am—4.00 pm Holiday Club

### Thursday 14 August

09.30 am Holy Communion

Readings: Joshua 3.7-11, 13-17.

Matthew 18.21-19.1

\*\*\* No coffee today

09.45 am—4.00 pm Holiday Club

11.00 am Mantles Court Home Communion

### Friday 15 August

10.45 am VJ Day 80th RBL Service, The Market Square

6.30 pm Bells to ring for VJ Day 80th Celebration

### Saturday 16 August

10.00 am—12.00. Coffee Shop, Chapter House  
Craft and Chat

### The Ninth Sunday after Trinity, 17 August

**09.30 am** Parish Communion

11.00 am Holiday Club Service  
followed by Barbecue

5.30 pm Taizé Worship, Cockayne Hatley Church

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**Requesting our Prayers:** **Requesting our Prayers:** Peter Clapson, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Nick Smithers, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine & Percy Doughty, Tim Robb, Bobbie Ball. We continue to pray for: Cory Sherry, Joan Betts

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed.** 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: 12 George Spring, 13 Oscar Ntuge Elong, Ken Thorpe, 14 Cecil Cutter, 16 Elizabeth van de Weerd-Wildekamp.

**MU Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 August 2.00pm** Mary Sumner Day. We join the service at All Saints Church, Cople, for this celebration of the founder of MU; particularly significant this year with several new members being welcomed. If you would like to join us, please ask me or Ros Drakes - transport should be possible. All welcome. *Maggie McLoughlin*

**VJ Day Service, Market Square. 10.45am Friday 15 August 2025.** What will be done to commemorate VJ Day 2025? Cathedrals, churches, and community groups will hold services to honour the sacrifice of those who fought in the Far East Events on the 80th anniversary. The Royal British Legion (RBL) will plan events to remember the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation.

The Very Revd Jo Kelly-Moore, chair of the Association of English Cathedrals and the Dean of St Albans has said: *As we gather in prayer in our Cathedrals and places of worship on that special anniversary, the bells that ring out are also a call to us to renew our commitment, people of all faiths and none, to work for peace in our communities and in God's world.'*

At 6.30pm Bells will ring on 15 August, commemorating the end of World War II in 1945. As part of the nationwide remembrance, bellringers are encouraged to ring at their local tower, beginning at 6:30pm, to honour those who served and sacrificed in the Far East. This symbolic act of bell ringing echoes the celebrations that swept the nation 80 years ago and offers a moment of reflection and gratitude for peace restored. Further information on VJ day and other celebrations planned can be found on the website <https://ve-viday80.gov.uk>. Recognition and thanks and being united in our commitment to this area of mission, growth and ministry

**Craft and Chat.** The next session of Craft and Chat will be held on **Saturday 16 August** between 10.00 am and noon, alongside Coffee Shop. You are more than welcome to join the Crafters or the Chatters, the more the merrier. There will not be a Craft and Chat in September as it will be Country Fayre Day, but if you are a Crafter then please consider making and donating an item for the Country Fayre Craft Stall, items to Janet Castle or Jane Parker. See you on Saturday 16 August. *Anna Rutt and Janet Castle.*

**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 careworker: Virginia. Children: Bongani, Mfanafuthi, Lindokuhle, Maira.

**Tinned Vegetables Needed.** If you use the Bank the Food app you may have noticed that **they are always short of tinned vegetables - peas and carrots** but also **potatoes and sweetcorn**, plus any other vegetables. So, whether you use it or not, please consider putting tinned veg in the food bank collection box. It may not look like much, but it's what they need. *Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt*

**Used Postage Stamps.** Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important that we give them all the support possible. Please place your used stamps in the container adjacent to the area in church where service books are distributed. Thank you. *Gill Hibbert*

**Choice of Hymns.** I have been choosing the hymns for our 10.00 am Parish Communion for several years. I use a resource "Sunday by Sunday" published by the Royal School of Church Music which reflects the readings for each Sunday. There are times during the church year: Christmas, Easter, Whitsun etc when there are obvious choices. I do welcome suggestions from preachers but also you, the choir and congregation who sing them! If you have any favourites we haven't used recently or indeed quite a few new ones from either our "red hymn books" or "Songs of Fellowship hymn books" which may be unfamiliar, please let me know and I'll be happy to include them where appropriate.

*Rob Butcher, organist and director of music,*

**Communion Hymns.** Sometimes when we have a large congregation there is time for an additional communion hymn. There is only space on the hymn boards for two. It has been suggested that we have a small list of hymns and choruses that we can choose when required. There are several simple ones whose words are probably known by heart by many people. However, a printed list of their numbers could be added to each hymn book so all people will know where to look to get the number. Please help me create a list of quiet worshipful hymns and songs that we can use. Your ideas to me please. *Rob*

*Butcher, organist and director of music,*

**Leprosy Mission.** I will be collecting any money that has been saved in Leprosy Mission boxes on Thursday 7th, Sunday 10th, Thursday 14th and Sunday 17th of August. Unfortunately, there are no further boxes to give out for collecting small change, as the Society have found, that the cost of providing boxes means there is little profit to be given to the Mission. However, they have sent their 'Gift Envelopes' which can be used for your personal collection. I can only suggest that money is saved and kept in a receptacle at home. Next year I will again collect savings and send to the Mission, unless people have decided to donate online or through sending a cheque using the Gift Envelope provided.

I am sorry that this is now the way that the Leprosy Mission is working. I suspect that they are doing what many more charities have had to do, following rising costs for producing materials which encourage saving. Thank you for your dedicated help with the collection for the Leprosy Mission. *Sue Oldroyd.*

**Garden of Remembrance.** When I was churchwarden, I took over responsibility for mowing the lawn and keeping an eye on general tidiness. It has recently become apparent that the boxwood hedge round the rear has been fatally affected by a predatory moth. After discussions it has been agreed to remove the dead bushes this year and replant this autumn with a disease resistant substitute. So please be aware of work in progress. We will need 40 plants, roughly £3.00 each. If you would like to contribute towards these, I will be happy to collect any donations. *Rob Butcher*

### Future Dates

1 September [to 4 October]	Season of Creation theme for 2025: 'Peace with Creation'
Sunday 7 September, 8.00 am	Holy Communion: <i>Order Two traditional</i>
10.00 am	All Together Communion—Education Sunday
Sunday 14 September 12.45 pm	Sunday Lunch, Chapter House
Sunday 5 October	Harvest Thanksgiving

**The Diocese of St Albans: Vacancy in See Prayer.** As the process of discernment prior to the appointment of the next Bishop of St Albans continues, we share this prayer.

Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans. As we take this journey of discernment for our new bishop, open our hearts and minds to hear the wisdom of your Spirit. Be with those who sense a call to this ministry, with those discerning the appointment, and with all those leading and serving us at this time. In this shared discernment, and always, draw us deeper into your love, that we may live it with joy and courage for your world, in the name, and for the sake, of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### **Diocesan Prayer for the Year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing 2025**

God of life and love, pour out your blessing on our diocese as we journey to your kingdom on the Emmaus Road: where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith; where there is fear, establish us in love; where there is discord, bring reconciliation and healing: that together we may be renewed in hope by your Spirit and be ambassadors of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Renewal 2025**

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit,  
and give us, for our hallowing,  
thoughts that pass into prayer,  
prayers that pass into love,  
and love that passes into life with you forever,  
Amen.

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**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 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. *Thank you.*

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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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