



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 17.22-31 *Paul in Athens*
1 Peter 3.13-22 *Suffering for doing right*
John 14.15-21
The promise of the Holy Spirit

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Zoom To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School —all school age children welcome

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

11:45am APCM (also on **Zoom**)

6pm Sunday @6: Restoration

Thursday 14 May—Ascension Day

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 1.1-11
Luke 24.44-53

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

7:30pm Sung Holy Communion (with incense)

Friday 15 May

7:30pm– 8:30pm Choir Practice
(any new members welcome)

Saturday 16 May

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Craft and Chat
Chapter House

Sunday 17 May

10am Parish Communion
Sunday School —all school age children welcome

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12:45pm Sunday lunch—please order in advance
Mafambisa fundraiser

5:30pm Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley

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Intercessions Let us pray for: Christian Aid Week, Edward Peake – pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers

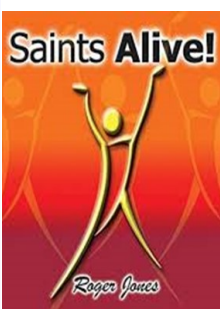
Requesting our Prayers: Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Revd Liz Lavelle, Ann Pridmore, Charles Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jo Chelley, Maurice Darnell, Joanna Friend

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Richard Albone, Nick Smithers, Steven Wilson
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: Prudence Moore (10th), Bill Cressey (13th)

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: Kethiwe and children: Ayama, Lethokuhle, Asanda, Ayanda

'Saints Alive!'



Come and sing with us or pop along at 7pm to celebrate with us. The choir and band will be rehearsing some songs on Friday between 7:45pm and 8:45pm - additional singers welcome.

2pm: 'Come and Sing', refreshments available—no worries if you can't read music—just enjoy the singing!

4pm: Dress rehearsal—a complete run through for singers, band and readers.

7pm: Come and see what we have been preparing.

Admission free, refreshments and fellowship after in the Chapter House Raffle and collection to contribute to costs.

Sue Thorn and Rob Butcher

Notice of Meeting of Parishioners and APCM to be held on Sunday 10 May 2026, 11:45am

All are welcome to attend the meeting of parishioners, where new churchwardens will be elected. Anyone on the electoral roll is welcome to also attend the APCM. Please let me know of any apologies, either in person or via email - pccsecretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk. Thank you to those who have already submitted nominations for the PCC. If anyone else feels called to contribute their gifts in this important role, or as a churchwarden or deanery synod representative, there are forms at the back of the church, or from Harriet. Do continue to prayerfully consider these opportunities in shaping our parish's mission and stewardship.

Harriet Shannon, PCC Secretary

Rest in Peace

All are most welcome to attend the Funeral of Nick Smithers in Church on Wednesday 20 May, 2026, 2pm. +May Nick rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

Mel and family

Confirmation at St Andrew's Church Sunday 14 June

We look forward to welcoming Richard, Bishop of Bedford, to preside at Confirmation for young people and adults, and also Admission to Communion for some Sunday School children, during our worship on Sunday 14 June, 10am. If you wish to receive further information about attending preparation classes, please discuss with Vicar, Revd Liz, or Licensed Lay Minister, Rosemary Bentley, as soon as possible.



Mafambisa Fundraising Events – Supporting Freya & Jack

Freya and Jack are heading out to Mafambisa this year as part of the mission team. To help them fundraise, a number of events are taking place over the coming weeks. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and support them.

- **Sunday 17 May: Sunday Lunch** Please sign up in the foyer
- **Saturday 31 May: School Assembly Songs – 6pm** An evening of songs you may remember from school days. £5 entry, plus raffle. Tea and coffee served afterwards.
- **Saturday 6 June: Car Wash – 10am–12pm** Bring your car for a shine. Minimum donation £5.
- **Saturday 20th June: Quiz Night with Bangers & Mash – 7pm** A fun evening with a hot meal and dessert included. £12 per person. Teams of up to 8.

You can also donate via our Go Fund Page <https://gofund.me/5f6329fea>

Mafambisa 2026 Team

St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2026 – 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 18 to Friday 21 August plus the Service and BBQ on Sunday 23 August.

So the main question is, are you available to help? Our greatest need is for helpers to work with the 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 Pallett 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 Pallett, Holiday Club Leader, emmapallett@hotmail.com, 07900 697945

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

Cafe Mocha is a small but very friendly - not for profit - cafe in town opposite the White Hart Pub. They are now looking for volunteers for all aspects of running the cafe. For more information about the Cafe and its vision, or about what help is needed please contact Helen on Helen.horner@outlook.com

MU Thursday 21 May Ploughman's lunch 12-2pm. No set price, donate what you can. All welcome.

Maggie McLoughlin

Craft and Chat The next craft and chat session will be on 16th May in the Chapter House during coffee shop, between 10 and 12. It would be good to see you. We are a small group of people who enjoy crafting but we are also happy chatting!! Why not bring along your ongoing craft project and join us or just pop in for a drink and a chat. No extra charge...just a donation for your drink and biscuits .

Janet Castle, Jill Hibbert, Anna Rutt

Country Fayre 2026

The Country Fayre Committee are pleased to inform you that the PCC have agreed to support Cruse Bereavement Support and Homestart UK as this year's Country Fayre charities. Thank you to all those who made suggestions of potential charities. We are looking for additional committee members and support for the event, if you would like to be involved and/or on the committee we would love to hear from you. Please do ensure you have the date in your diary of this year's fayre Saturday 19 September!



Future Dates

17 May	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch
	5:30pm	Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley
31 May	6pm	School Assembly Songs—fundraiser for Mafambisa Team 2026
6 June	10am	Eucharist - all welcome
	10am—12noon	Fund-raising car wash for Mafambisa Team 2026
14 June	10am	Confirmation and Admission to Holy Communion Service
20 June	7pm	Quiz Night with bangers and mash—fundraiser for Mafambisa Team 2026

A Prayer for our world

Eternal God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep bringing forth light and life; by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore your image in your people.

Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards, that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water and rich earth may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works; through Jesus Christ, your living Word, in whom the fullness of your glory is revealed. Amen

Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby

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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