



Palm Sunday

13 April 2025

Sunday

09.45 am Liturgy of Palms, Market Square
10.00 am Parish Communion
Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Philippians 2.5-11
St Luke's Passion

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility; and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

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6.00 pm Sunday @ 6 for Palm Sunday

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

NB. Easter Sunday edition of Pew Notices will be printed on Wednesday 16 April.

Holy Week

Monday 14 April

7.30 pm Compline and Address: Bishop Richard

Tuesday 15 April

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Wednesday 16 April

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Maundy Thursday 17 April

7.30 pm Holy Communion / Foot Washing
Followed by The Watch to midnight
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Good Friday 18 April

10.30 am Walk of Witness, meet at Dan Albane car park
11.00 am Good Friday worship in market square
1.30 pm Good Friday Liturgy—St John's Passion

Easter Eve Saturday 19 April

10.00 – 12.00 noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House
including Craft and Chat
8.00 pm Paschal Ceremony

Easter Day

8.00 am Holy Communion—Order II Traditional
10.00 am Festival Communion,

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All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets to be sent to **romyben-ley@aol.com** by **Tuesdays, 11.00 am**

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Requesting our Prayers: Ruby Estrada, Nick Smithers, Lisa Ling, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Tim Robb. We continue to pray for: Bobbie Ball, Fran Sharp, Joanna Friend, James Etienne

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 children: Khoza siphos, Amayama, Lethokhule, Asanda, Ayanda. Please visit our blog at www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk.

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed: Wendy Walters, 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: 13 Ellen Ruth Hucklesby, Christine Macdonald, 14 Margaret Marshall-Jones, 14 Shirley Whiteley, 15 Jack Walters, 16 William Ritchie, 17 Graham Butt

Easter Lilies and Paschal Candle Donations. If you wish to remember loved ones with a donation towards the cost of the lilies in church on Easter Day [£2.50 per lily], please submit **by Sunday 20 April**. Donations towards the cost of our Easter Paschal Candle, [approx. £140] most welcome: please place in appropriately labelled envelopes, together with those whose names you wish to be remembered, on one of the collection plates. The names of those in whose loving memory the Easter Lilies and Candle are donated will be posted on the prayer board in the Memorial Chapel area for Easter; and, also dearly departed names included on the Easter Day 2025 pew sheet notices. Thank you. *The Vicar and Churchwardens*

Watch of the Night. On Maundy Thursday, 17 April, following the service at 7:30pm, when we remember Jesus washing his disciples feet and sharing the Last Supper with them, there will be a "Watch of the Night" in church until midnight. Please sign the list at the back of church so that we can ensure each half hour is covered by at least two or three people - but there is no maximum number. *John Dilley*

Easter Monday Pilgrimage 21 April. The theme this year is 'Joy'. The day starts with breakfast in the Chapter House (for a donation): 10.00 am board the coach to Harpenden. At Harpenden people will disembark and walk the last 5 miles into St Albans, others will remain on the coach and travel all the way to St Albans Cathedral. The walk is fairly easy going, mainly on paths and road; you can take buggies. Once at St Albans we gather outside in 'The Orchard' for our picnic lunch. At 2.30 pm we process into church for the Easter Monday Pilgrimage Service. At the end of the day the coach will pick us up and bring us back to Biggleswade! Please sign the bus list as soon as possible. *Chris Parker and John Dilley*

Bishop of St Albans Retirement. Bishop Alan has announced his retirement, 31 May 2025, year after sixteen years as our Diocesan Bishop. To celebrate his commitment and to say thank you, there is to be a Farewell Service at St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 18 May, 3.00pm, which is open to all, when it is intended to give Bishop Alan a gift from the Diocese to thank him and wish him well in his retirement. At St Andrew's there will be a retiring collection on **Sunday 4 May** for individual donations, should you wish to make a gift; nearer the time, BACS details will be provided should anyone wish to donate in that way. Thank you. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

MU Change of Lunch Date. Due to Wendy Walters' funeral being 24 April, we are moving the next lunch to **Thursday 1 May 12 noon -2.00 pm** Soup and roll lunch [might be ploughman's if the weather is warmer.] *Maggie McLoughlin*

Coffee Shop Rota. A few more people required to commit to regular offers of help for Saturday morning coffee shops.. If you feel you are able to help - once a month on a Saturday morning - please speak with one of us so we can add you to the rota. Your help will be very much appreciated. *The Churchwardens.*



APCM 2025. Sunday 11 May, 11:45 am in church; it will also be facilitated by Zoom. This year we require nominations for: * Two churchwardens, and several to serve 2-3 years on PCC. * One person to serve 1 year on Deanery Synod. All paperwork will be disseminated via email, although there will be a small number of paper copies available at the back of the church from Sunday 27 April together with copies of the Parish Annual Reports booklet. All documentation also available on the church website. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

Preparation of New Electoral Roll: Application forms available until Sunday 13 April. **All forms must be received no later than Sunday 20 April.** Many thanks. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, Electoral Roll Officer.*

PCC Secretary Vacancy: I shall be standing down as PCC Secretary at this year's APCM on 11 May after having held the position for 8 years. If this is a role you feel you might be interested in pursuing, do please speak to me and I can elaborate more on the role and provide a job description, or you can email me at pccsecretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk. Please note that you do not have to be a member of the PCC to undertake this role. Many thanks. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

Sunday School - Easter Holidays. Sunday School returns on 27 April but don't worry there is lots happening over the Easter holidays for the children. **Palm Sunday 13 April.** Come along to the market square at 9.45am when the children can use the palms they have made during Sunday School. These will be handed out at the Market Square. Good Friday 18 April. There will be children's activities, with parents/carers accompanying children, available in the Chapter House during the service, along with refreshments and hot cross buns. Easter Day 20 April. We look forward to seeing you at these events. Thank you. *The Sunday School Team*

Craft and Chat. The next session is on Saturday 19 April between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon, during coffee shop. It would be good to see some new faces along with the regulars. *Anna Rutt*

PCC Emergency Mission Fund Donation. The Disasters Emergency Committee has launched a Myanmar Earthquake Disaster Appeal: the PCC has now donated £750 to the Appeal. We continue to hold the people of Myanmar in our prayers. *Andrew Rutt, PCC Treasurer*

Holiday Club 2025 -Jungle Adventure. Our 2025 holiday club will take place during the week beginning 11 August followed by a service and barbecue on Sunday 17. This year's theme is Jungle Adventure, and we discover what a great guide Jesus can be. Please follow the link to sign up to help with our very successful holiday club. Click on "volunteer" and fill in the form – thank you. <holiday Club 25.pub>

Thank You. A note to say thank you for all your love, prayers, and cards during the past 5 weeks while I have been in hospital. I have been very humbled by the number of people praying for me in the parish, around the country, and indeed the world even in Jerusalem, Zimbabwe and Mafambisa. I have certainly felt God's presence with me during the ups and downs of these past 5 weeks. I am now at home and my leg is gradually healing: it seems a very long haul and there is still a way to go! But we thank God for his presence his love and care. Thank you for your continued prayers. *Chris Parker*

The signed minutes of the PCC meeting held on 28 January are available to read and are located on the noticeboard in the church foyer or on-line on the church website <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/pcc/>. Many thanks *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

Future Dates

Easter Day 20 April	8.00 am	Holy Communion—Order Two, Traditional
	10.00 am	Festival Parish Communion
Thursday 24 April	1.00 pm	Funeral—Wendy Walters RIP
Trinty Sunday 15 June	10.00 am	Confirmation, and Admission to Communion

Food Bank For updates on supply needs use the app BanktheFood. Details on the website bbchurch.org.uk Maggie McLoughlin.

Spoofing. Please be aware that members of the congregation are receiving fake emails pretending to be from the vicar. These emails are part of a phishing scam. Please be careful to check that emails are from the Vicar and are genuine. The vicar's email address is vicar@standrewschurchbw.org.uk, phishing emails will appear to have either a name or "vicar" but the email address will be wrong. If you receive a suspicious email from someone else in church about an unexpected topic, please check with them by another method before doing anything. Phishing emails tend to be urgent in nature, stressing that they are in a hurry but often not saying why. If you receive a suspicious email, please let us know at websiteadmin@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

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.

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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