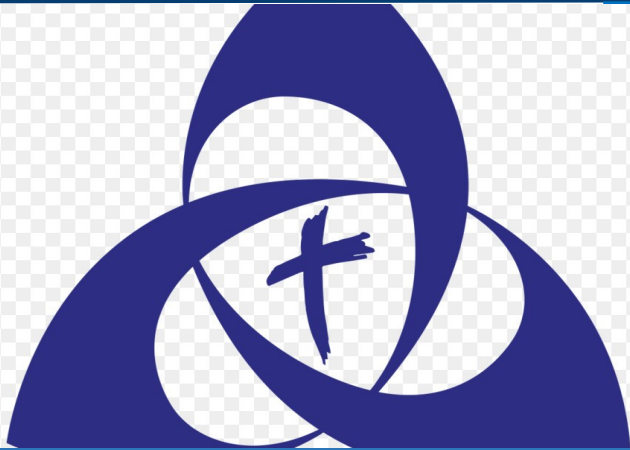




ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward-Looking



The Fourth Sunday of Trinity

13 July 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Trinity, 13 July. Sea Sunday. Disability Awareness Week

09.15 am Choir Practice
10.00 am Parish Communion

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.9-14 *Exhortation to choose life*
Colossians 1.1-14 *Paul greets and prays with some Colossians*
Luke 10.25-37 *Parable of Good Samaritan*

Commissioning of Mafambisa Team 2025

Collect

O God the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us your mercy: that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal: grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus' Christs sake, 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.
Passcode: 599753
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

3.00 pm East Beds Chamber Choir Concert—Church
6.00 pm Sunday @ 6. 'Walk with Me'

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*

Tuesday 15 July

7.30 pm PCC Meeting, Chapter House

Thursday 17 July

09.30 am Holy Communion.
Readings: Exodus 3.13-20, Matthew 11.28-30
followed by coffee in Chapter House

11.15 am—12.30 pm Bell Ringers

Friday 18 July

In school celebrations - Edward Peake Secondary @ 50!

Saturday 19 July

09.30 am—1.30 pm Bell Peal
10.00 am—12.00 Coffee Shop, Chapter House
Craft and Chat

Mafambisa Team 2025 depart to South Africa

7.30 pm 'For the Love of Music'
Biggleswade & District Choral Society Summer Concert, Potton

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity, 20 July

10.00 am Parish Communion
Followed by Coffee in Chapter House

5.30 pm Taizé Worship, Cockayne Hatley

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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 and Percy Doughty, Tim Robb. We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed. John Newlin: 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.

Summer Concert Sunday 13 July, 3.00 pm. There will be a concert in church by the East Beds Chamber Choir with whom I sing on Sunday 13 July at 3.00 pm followed by tea and cake in the Chapter House. Tickets £12.00 on the door. Accompanied under 18's free. Enjoy an interesting mixed programme of sacred and secular, modern and traditional music. *Rob Butcher*

All Together Communion, Sunday 6 July. The theme was "Recognising, celebrating and thanking" particularly thinking of young people and children at the end of another academic year. The Vicar shared words from a letter considering the many activities in church and beyond, providing reasons to be thankful for all who contribute to the many activities: the town's two church schools – St Andrew's Primary and Edward Peake Secondary; Sunday School, uniformed organizations, youth groups, musicians, altar servers, the annual Holiday Club ... A short film was also viewed, which marked the Church of England's launch of their 'Recognise' initiative; an opportunity to stand back and say thank you to leaders. Each group provides opportunities for listening and discussing, always ready to support each other! We are encouraged to say a huge thank you to all contributors for their tremendous, vital, work within our church and community. *Revd Liz.*

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*

Holiday Club 2025 - Jungle Adventure. Holiday Club registration has now opened. If you would like to register your child/children, please go to the church website St Andrew's Biggleswade and follow the registration link. This year's event is proving extremely popular, and we have already sold over 75% of our allocated spaces so don't delay, get them registered today! *The Holiday Club Team 2025*

MUmalade. We would appreciate it if you could return jars after use, or bring some in to keep our supplies going. There is a collection box in the vestibule. *Angela Sharp.*

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: Guga, Lifa, Siyamthantha, Prince, Tswarelo, Andile. Please visit our blog at www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk.



Safeguarding Starts with Culture. Safeguarding in church isn't just about policies and checks—it's about the kind of culture we create together. When a church is open, welcoming, and honest, it becomes a safer place for everyone. People feel able to speak up, ask questions, and raise concerns if something doesn't feel right.

Here are some simple ways our church culture helps **prevent** safeguarding issues:

- **Listening well** – When people feel heard and believed, they're more likely to share concerns early.
- **Clear boundaries** – Leaders and volunteers model respectful, healthy relationships.
- **Shared responsibility** – Safeguarding is something we all play a part in, not just the job of one or two people.
- **Being open about safeguarding** – We talk about it, include it in our prayers, and make sure information is easy to find.
- **Putting people first** – We take care, especially with children, vulnerable adults, and those who've had painful experiences in the past.

Let's keep building a culture where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported. If you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to speak to me. *Helen Tranter. Parish Safeguarding Officer*

Administration Assistant. Part time, 9 hours per week, 3 hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Remuneration: starting at £16.00 per hour.

St Andrew's Church Biggleswade is looking to appoint an Administration Assistant to support our busy and progressive parish. The successful candidate will work from the Parish Office during an induction period of six months; there may be some flexibility thereafter. The post holder will provide excellent administration assistance (including good secretarial skills, experience in use of Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel), manage the Parish Diary, liaise with volunteers and have some reception duties. The post-holder will work with the Vicar and key Church Officers, volunteers, and liaise with the Diocese to support the life, ministry, mission, and outreach of this parish. To apply: Please download the Role Description, available at: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/administrativeassistant/> and apply with full C.V., a supporting statement and two referees (N.B.

References will only be taken up if invited to interview) to: applications@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 28 July 2025. Interview date to be advised.

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*

Future Dates

Sunday 13 July, 3.00 pm	East Beds Chamber Choir Concert, St Andrew's Church
Saturday 19 July, 10.00—noon	Coffee Shop. Craft and Chat—all welcome
Thursday 24 July, 6.00 pm onwards	Summer Social Event – Kings Reach Inn, Potton Road.
Thursday 7 August, 12. noon – 2.00 pm	Summer Picnic, Games and Fellowship: recreational area adjacent to St Andrew's Primary School East and Orchard Community Centre
M 11— Th 14 August	Holiday Club
Friday 15 August, 10.45 am	VJ Day Service, the Market Square



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.

**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 Dilleby 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.*

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

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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