



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

worshipping God with joy, growing in faith, serving with love, and welcoming all



5th Sunday of Easter

[Letter from the Archbishops about Ukraine](#)—[READ HERE](#)

15th May 2022

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10.00am Parish Communion with Sunday School

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Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 11.1-18 The Jerusalem Church calls on Peter to justify his eating and preaching among gentiles, and they realise new life in Christ is not restricted to a privileged few.

John 13.31-35 At the Last Supper, Judas departs to betray Jesus.

12.00 noon Holy Baptism—Jacob Vosper

2.30 pm Holy Baptism— Romey Barker

6.00pm Christian Aid Worship at St Peter's Church, St. Rd



This Week

Monday 16th May

2.00 pm Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Barbara Dennis RIP

Tuesday 17th May

1.00 pm Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Hazel Peace RIP

Wednesday 18th May

9.00am —12.00noon Church Open for Private Prayer

Thursday 19th May

9.30am Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Readings

Acts 15.7-21

John 15.9-11

3.00 – 4.30 pm MU Tea "Summer of Hope"

Friday 20th May

6.30pm Bangers, Mash and Beetle Drive evening in support of Ben and Jacks trip to Mafambisa

Saturday 21st May

09.00am - 12.00 noon, Church Open for Private Prayer

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In our prayers this week:

We pray for the people of **Mafambisa**, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the care givers and all who support them. www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

The people on the Ukraine. [Pastoral letter from our Archbishops](#)

A Prayer for Ukraine from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Needing our Prayers: Dave Stapley, Peter Hill, William Jack, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura, Audrey, and Baltiska from Mozambique

Continue to Pray for: Bobbie Ball, Fran Sharp, Joanna Friend, James Etienne

NB. In future, the names of those requesting prayers will be posted in the pew sheet for four consecutive views, unless we are requested to continue beyond that time span. Simply, after a month, requests will be reviewed: of course, loved ones may remain on our intentions as long as required, weeks, months but we should appreciate confirmation of revision / affirmation of further inclusion on a monthly basis. Sincere thanks to the many who have already responded to this request. *The Vicar and Churchwardens*

We pray for the Departed: Doreen Maynard, Barbara Dennis, Hazel Peace, Mary Barker; and for families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration

Year's Mind: 19th Peggy Barnes

COMING SOON

Sunday 22 May, 11.30 am Burial of Ashes, Tammy Waldron RIP

Sunday 22 May, 12.15 pm Burial of Ashes, Yvonne Gray RIP

Thursday 26 May Ascension Day: Holy Communions at 09.30 am and 7.30 pm

Wednesday 1 June, **19.52-20.22**

Thursday 2 – Sunday 5 June

Sunday 5 June, 8.00 am

Sunday 5 June, 10.00 am

Sunday 5 June, 3.00 pm

Sunday 5 June, 5.00 pm

Continuous ring to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee,

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Holy Communion

Family Communion

Jubilee Afternoon tea/picnic in church grounds

Ecumenical Pentecostal Praise at St Andrew's in church grounds

Saturday 23rd July— Sunday 7th August- St Andrew's team visit Mafambisa,

Monday 15th —Thursday 18th August - Holiday Club

Sunday 21st August - Holiday Club Service of Praise

Saturday 17th September—Country Fayre

UKRAINE UPDATE

A message from Bishop Alan. Our diocesan system for collating offers is now live: please visit – www.stalbans.anglican.org. The situation we face is undoubtedly going to keep on changing. Please remember that the strength we bring to all that needs to happen is our ability to offer help as a community. No one should be seeking to offer help alone. For this reason, my greatest encouragement to you, if you're thinking of offering support is to develop a parish support group that can draw on the time, energy, and skills of as many different people as possible. We are likely facing a marathon, not a sprint. So being able to sustain the good we want to do is going to be imperative. Thank you for all that we shall be contributing together to help people in grater need. *Bishop Alan*.

NOTICES AND NEWS

WEEKLY NOTICES

Notices for inclusion on the website, and a limited number of paper copies in church, should be emailed to office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk, by Wednesday 10.00 am at the very latest for inclusion in the following Sunday's pew sheet. If necessary, handwritten information may be posted through the Chapter House letter box by the same deadline. Details of future events most welcome. Please contact the churchwardens if further details required; and to keep us informed of those who should welcome our prayers.

CHRISTIAN AID.  [CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO CHRISTIAN AID \(Select Christian Aid 2022\)](#)

May is Christian Aid month and we will be celebrating with a Big Breakfast in the Chapter House on Saturday 14 May, 09.00 am. Please come along and enjoy breakfast and support Christian Aid!

There will also be an Ecumenical service on Sunday 15 May, 6.00 pm, at St Peter's Church, followed by refreshments. It would be appreciated if those who can wear face masks do so during the service.

BANGERS AND MASH AND BEETLE DRIVE EVENING 6.30PM FRIDAY 20TH MAY

The Mafambisa 2022 team are organizing an evening of Family Fun on Friday 20 May. The evening will start with dinner of Bangers and Mash followed by a delicious pudding. Then the fun will start with a session of Beetle. Come along and join the fun. Adults £7 and Children £4. Proceeds will go to support Jack and Ben's trip to Mafambisa this July.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2022

We are now busy planning this years holiday club and are keen to enlist as many helpers as possible. Holiday Club will take place 15 to 18 August with a service of praise on 21st followed by a barbeque. Please let Emma Pallett or Chris Parker know if you are able to help by filling out this volunteer registration form

[PRESS HERE](#)

TAMMY SUZANNE WALDRON RIP.

Tammy's ashes, who died 21 December 2020, are being interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 22 May 2022 at 11.30am. Husband Steve would welcome the attendance of anyone who remembers her over many years at St Andrew's, or knows the family to join us for a brief ceremony. Revd Liz will officiate, and provide a prayer and blessing. Likewise, I will say a few words of remembrance. Kind regards. *Steve Waldron*

YVONNE GRAY RIP.

Yvonne's ashes are also being interred on Sunday 22 May, 12.15 pm. Her family and friends wish to remind all that a concert in memory of Yvonne will take place on Saturday 19 November.

MU.

Our next tea will be on **Thursday 19 May, 3.00 - 4.30pm**. The theme will be the MU charity 'Summer of Hope': donations will go to that. More details on the notice board in the Chapter House. **All welcome.**

Coffee shop - If you might be interested in joining us to provide refreshments on a Saturday, as per the 'old' coffee shop, please drop in or speak to me (after church Sunday or Thursday). We are trialling every other Saturday, but may need some help if we decide to continue.

MU coffee shop Saturday 28th May 10 - 11.30. Any MU activities are open to all, not just members - our group comprises both members and non-members. *Maggie McLoughlin*

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MAFAMBISA 2022 /2023

We are pleased to be able to announce that our previously postponed visit to Mafambisa will now take place in July of this year. We have now established a team of Lucy, John, Ben, Carolyn, Jack, Alice and Chris. Please pray for these people as they make their preparations to visit our partner community. Please pray for the communities they will visit, the Care Workers and The Care Givers. Also please pray for Hands at Work as they again prepare for teams visiting from around the world. We are also now thinking about for 2023: if you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Oliver or Chris.

CARD FROM HANDS AT WORK

Please collect a Thankyou card from Hands at work for of partnership and support of Mafambisa. There is a card for every one on the table in the foyer. Thank you

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The signed minutes of the Meeting of Parishioners held on 25th April 2021 and the signed minutes of the APCM held on 25th April 2021 are available to view and are located on the noticeboard in the Church foyer, together with the results of Election of Churchwardens and PCC members. They can also be found on the church website <http://www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk>.

Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.

Elected Churchwardens, PCC, and Deanery Synod Representatives. Churchwardens: Robert Butcher and Rosemary Bentley. PCC Members: Paul Daniels, Oliver Dilley, Vivienne Gayfer, Vaughan Johnson, Rob Lackey, Claire Leeks, Maggie McLoughlin, Ruth Marshall-Jones, Chris Parker, David Pilgrim, Andrew Rutt, Mark Simmons. Deanery Synod Members: Rosemary Bentley, Hilary Johnson, Andrew Whatling

NB A copy of the Vicar's Homily, Sunday 8 May is posted on the Parish Website.

BELL RINGING.

On Wednesday 1st June to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee during the normal practice night ringing we shall ring continuously from **19.52hrs to 20.22hrs** ie 30mins but the numbers are, of course, significant. It will be straightforward ringing so that all our members are able to take part and we will be bolstered, as so often nowadays, by people from outside the local band. *Charlotte Smith*

EDWARD PEAKE, NEEDS A NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNOR—Our Church of England Middle School.

Foundation governors share the collective responsibilities of all governors to set the school's strategic direction, ensure financial accountability, and provide support and challenge to the headteacher. Additionally, **they have a special role in promoting the school's Christian ethos and preserving the Christian character of the school.** This is an extremely important role. If you want to know more, are interested, can commit to half-termly meetings, visiting the school regularly and particularly if you have any relevant industrial or commercial experience, other skills, interests or local connections which might benefit our service to the school, please talk to me at church, or email me a contact number at (vjohnson@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk.) Thank you. *Vaughan Johnson, Chair of Governors'*

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THE SECOND ST ANDREW'S FESTIVAL

a weekend of concerts and other events (tbc) in and around St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade, organised by Collectivel - a collective of freelance musicians and performance artists. Collectivel aims to offer the opportunity for citizens in Mid Beds and further afield to hear top notch musicians perform concerts of high quality; our musician 'Collectivists' typically have trained at European Conservatoires, play with UK-based professional orchestras and have performed at major concert halls all around the world. In this festival, as well as including local community talent, we will also showcase some extraordinarily talented up-and-coming musicians straight out of conservatoires...Excellent music on your doorstep!

The theme of the festival this year will be around Bach and jazz as musicians and artists get "Bach to normal" after a pandemic-enforced break in their careers! To start this mini Festival, on **Friday 1 July** at 7pm our opening gala concert will involve local choirs and instrumentalists. On **Saturday 2 July**, we will be treated to a fabulous lunch-time concert of organ music on the organ of St Andrew's Church, Biggleswade, by award winning organist William Whitehead followed at 7pm by *Bach and the Art of Jazz*.

Our final concert, outside the church on **Sunday 3 July**, will be a jazz picnic concert performed by musicians from Kansas Smitty's House Band; a group who describe themselves as 'a group of jazz-addicted twenty-somethings who run their own bar! So bring a rug, chairs and a picnic, and join us for the fun-filled festival conclusion...

More in-detail info about the concerts and performers, and how to buy tickets will be available from the 1st week of May - we would ask that you buy tickets in advance, or indicate your wish to attend via the Collectivel website. Covid restrictions have eased but there's still a lot of it around so we will do our best to ensure well ventilated and distanced performance spaces!

Meanwhile do visit <https://www.collectivel.org> where you will be able to take the opportunity to read more about our work, to listen to audio and video clips of previous events, including the first St Andrew's Festival held last year and watch out for our promotional videos, coming soon... *Julia Black*

COUNTRY FAYRE 2022.

On Saturday 17 September 2022 we are back! Our Country Fayre this year will focus on caring for Gods People with the agreed charities of YMCA and Samaritans (specifically the Stevenage/Hitchin branch). As usual we will be looking for help both one the day and prior to the event, it would be massively appreciated if people could volunteer their time and preference as this is part of our major outreach and mission as a church and will save the committee a lot of time. We will of course be having some of our regular and very popular stalls and therefore donations of items for these would be greatly appreciated (please see a member of the committee if unsure). We are also appealing to anyone who may have a contact or link with any charity or organisation locally who support people in any way whether that be children, the elderly or anyone in between. If you could please get in contact as we would love to showcase that work in our Exhibition.

We are pleased to say that Nettie Van De Weerd has very kindly agreed to support the committee with the organisation of the Exhibition which will be greatly appreciated, and therefore if you are unable to contact her directly then we will be able to do this for you.

Oliver and Lucy Dilley, Chris and Jane Parker, Carolyn Marron, Nick Gurney, and Nicola Woodward.

Country Fayre Committee.

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BRASS CLEANING.

I am hoping to get the rota for cleaning the church brass going again, and would love to hear from anyone who would like to use their talents in this way. Unfortunately, we have lost several of our loyal cleaners over the past two years for a number of reasons. rosiesj@hotmail.co.uk or you can usually catch me on a Sunday or Thursday morning. *Rosemary Jopson*

THANK YOU.

Dear Friends, thank you for your lovely cards and prayers. I am recovering well following my operation, taking the pills and using ice packs. I'm now doing things little and often, but getting there. Hope to see you all soon. Love. Pat Sherwood -Saunders.

CHILDREN' SOCIETY-HOME COLLECTION BOXES.

After many years as Coordinator for the Society here at St Andrew's, I have with sadness decided that I will be retiring and standing down from that role this year.

I hope to complete my last collection during May and June, please could I ask your help with this; you may telephone Biggleswade 312160 to arrange a time for collecting or if more convenient, you may leave your box anytime at 250 London Road. * You may also leave in the safe at church after services and I will collect.

Can I thank all here at St Andrew's who have helped and supported me in so many ways and in that role, during various activities, Christingle, Box Opening, Coffee mornings, etc..so, so many to mention. And my special THANK YOU, to the loyal and generous Box holders past and present who have supported, here at Church and in the Community by sending help to The Society in their work with vulnerable young people often at the margins of society.

- Home House boxes help raise more than 1 MILLION each year to support young people in urgent need of support. Gill Hibbert

ECO GROUP SURVEY.

Please complete our Environmental Survey. The Eco Group at St Andrew's Biggleswade is working on behalf of the PCC to move towards a more environmentally sustainable church as well as achieving recognition as an Eco Church. As part of this work, we would like to know more about what people at St Andrew's know, do and would like to do regarding climate change.

The survey can be found online using the QR code, on our Parish Website, on the Eco Church page (or if you are using the online version of the notice sheet: [clicking here](#)).

Paper Copies are available at the back of the church.
Please return these to a member of the Eco Group.

Your responses will be a great help in determining how St Andrew's can best help our environment.

Mark, Vaughan, Hilary, Peter



New to St Andrew's?

St. Andrew's is an Anglican Church normally offering a variety of Services with and without communion. There are many ways to praise the true and living God and in addition to our Communion services there are usually contemporary services with modern music. During the current Covid

Pandemic we are offering services via Zoom (details on the front sheet) We hope that you will find these services bring you closer to God. We normally have lots going on at St. Andrew's for all ages; Sunday School, Youth Groups, Holiday Club and more. We have a Sunday Lunch every month, Food for Thought, Lent Lunches and Group study during Lent. We hope that we will be able to resume these events in the not too distant future.

MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We are now getting weekly updates from Hands at Work - from different communities via WhatsApp. If you would like to receive these I will add you to the WhatsApp group. Please text your mobile number to Chris on 07702 250776 or email on chris2parker@btinternet.com

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Used Postage Stamps

Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important especially at this time that we give them all the support possible.

Gill Hibbert

Social Media

Keeping in touch with family and friends has never been so crucial, and this 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. *Thanks.*

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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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