



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



Epiphany II

18 January 2026

Epiphany II, 18 January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7 *The Servant's Mission*
1 Corinthians 1.1-9
A Salutation from Paul
John 1.29-42 *The Lamb of God*

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory; 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 Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
Passcode: 599753
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830
N.B. Please MUTE when joining Zoom

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Sunday School: All school age children welcome.

Thursday 22 January

9:30am Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 18.6-9; 19.1-7
Mark 3.7-12

*Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship,
Chapter House*

Youth Groups—see website for details

Saturday 24 January

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces,
Chapter House

6:30pm Burns Night in the Chapter House
(See notice in Foyer)

Sunday 25 January

10am Parish Communion
Sunday School

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church

Our church is usually open for private prayer Monday to Saturday 9am-4pm.

Rev'd Liz and Churchwardens

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Requesting our Prayers: Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, Revd Liz Lavelle, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Bobbie Ball, Fran Sharp, James Etienne

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Richard Cope, Revd Tim Robb, Martin John Smith. 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: John Pryor (19th)

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: Lucia and children: Boy, Clement, Sammy, Bandile, Siphosinhle, Inoncetia.

Snow

When we do have snow falls we need to ensure that we keep the church paths clear ready for all users. Salt and grit are available to scatter and shovels in foyer! If you wake up to snow and are able, please come down to church at around 8:30am and clear the snow from the path to the car park and the north path down to Shortmead Street. Thank you.

Churchwardens

Burns Night

We will be celebrating Burns Night on Saturday 24 January in support of this year's team heading for Mafambisa. The evening will be a Ceilidh, with Scottish food, Scottish dancing, poetry, games, lots of fun for the whole family! The fun starts at 6:30pm. See Poster in foyer for details.

Chris Parker

PCC Secretary

As of 1 January, Harriet Shannon has started in the role of PCC secretary and can be contacted on this email address pccsecretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Palm Crosses

If you have a cross from last year, please may we ask you to return it to church as soon as possible in preparation for the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, also Thursday 19 February. Thank you.

Revd Liz and sacristan team

Risk Assessments

As part of ensuring those we welcome into our church are safe, we need to ensure activities are risk assessed. This should not be an over detailed process but ensures any likely issues are identified and dealt with. To help ensure this, if you have risk assessments for any church activities, could you please send them to me at the email address below or hand them to me in church? I am trying to create a central resource for them both to ensure they are in place and to allow people to reuse them rather than starting from scratch. healthandsafety@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Peter Giles

A Date for Your New Diary!

We are inviting all those who would like to participate in our church production of 'Saints Alive!' by Roger Jones to a 'learn and perform afternoon' on Saturday 9 May, from 2pm – 5:30pm to be followed by a performance in church at 7pm. Singers, instrumentalists, readers and stage and sound crew all welcome. More details nearer the time.

If you would be interested in singing a solo part, narrating or playing as part of the band, please contact Sue or Rob at church or email suethorn@hotmail.co.uk

Sue Thorn and Rob Butcher



Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, finishing on 21 March.

Nettie van de Weerd

Snowdrop Garden Open Days

We are pleased to share that the Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open to visitors on: Saturday 14 February, Sunday 15 February, Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February, from 2pm – 4pm, offering a much-loved chance to enjoy God's creation in its early spring beauty. Entry is £5 per adult and all proceeds will go directly to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans

For more information, please contact: janesmith@stalbandiocese.org

Food Bank

Please consider adding an item to your shopping basket to help those in need in our area. Current needs are: tinned carrots, custard, rice pudding, tinned bolognese. Items can be put in the box in church or at the supermarket.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

North Roof As you are aware the roof of the north Aisle has been leaking for a while now and temporary repairs are no longer effective. We have now completed consultation with the DAC and other necessary bodies and the notice of petition to apply for a faculty is completed. All being well work will be able to start soon.

Churchwardens

A Tribute from St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon

In Loving Memory of Revd Tim Robb (*from Edward Jarvis, Churchwarden St Mary's, Eaton Socon*)

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of our Vicar Tim Robb. Tim passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday 7 January with his wife Julie and daughter Sarah at his side. Timothy Simon Robb had been vicar of St Mary's since 2007 and during that eighteen and a half years he reached out to the local community with his friendly and engaging manner. Tim was both faithful and visionary in his ministry, he has encouraged and empowered church members in their ministries and consequently built up a multi-talented team of people serving God in this church. This is Tim's legacy to this church. He will be sadly missed. Please continue to give your prayers, love and practical support to Julie and Sarah and also remember Tim's family in New Zealand and Canada in your prayers as well as Julie's UK family.

Details of the funeral and all subsequent arrangements will be announced as soon as they are finalised.

Revd Liz, Vicar

Large Christmas Tree

We have been fortunate enough to have been gifted a large Christmas Tree for the last 46 years from a friend of The Hill family (from when we lived in Goldington Bedford). I am saddened to let you know this generous individual, Richard Cope died suddenly last week so this year's tree may have been the last. Many of the congregation may have met Richard at some stage over the years. Please can I ask you keep Mary his wife and daughters, Elizabeth and Helen in your prayers. We thank God for Richard's life and dedication to bring happiness to all he met. Revd. Liz has written to Mary and the family, expressing our condolences, with thanks on behalf of all who have been blessed over the years by this generosity towards St. Andrew's Church at Christmas.

Lucy Dilley



Please join us in prayer for the interviews which will take place on 20–21 January, for the next **Bishop of St Albans**. We invite you to pray, both personally and within your church communities, that God's wisdom and guidance will be deeply felt throughout this process:

Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans.

As we continue this journey of discernment for our new bishop, bless all involved with wisdom and grace. Be with those being interviewed for this ministry, with those making decisions, and with all who lead and serve 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.

One Body, One Spirit 18 to 25 January, 2026

For 2026, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians

worldwide. <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>

Revd. Liz, Vicar

Future Dates

24 January	6:30pm	Burns Night
27 January	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
1 February	3pm	Christingle Service
18 February	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

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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