



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward-Looking



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025

### Sunday 18 May

10.00 am Parish Communion

#### Readings:

Acts 11.1-18 *Peter's report to the Church at Jerusalem*

Revelation 21.1-6 *The new heaven and new earth*

John 13.31-35 *The New Commandment*

#### Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has 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 live 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

Followed by Coffee and fellowship in Chapter House

12.00 noon Holy Baptism—Margot

**3.00 pm Farewell Service—Alan, Bishop of St Albans,  
St Albans Cathedral [live streamed You Tube]**

5.30 pm Taizé Worship, Cockayne Hatley Church

**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*

### Monday 19 May

7.00 pm Launchpad Celebration. Youthscape, Luton

### Tuesday 20 May

11.00 am Funeral, Michael Dennis Mahoney RIP. Church

### Thursday 22 May

09.30 am Holy Communion,  
Readings: Acts 15.7-21, John 15.9-11  
*followed by coffee in Chapter House*

Evening Youth Groups—new members always welcome

### Friday 23 May

1.45 pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

### Saturday 24 May

10.00 am Confirmation Preparation, Ivel Room

10.00 – 12.00 noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

12.30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

12.45 pm "Walking with Trees" Cockayne Hatley  
*[details on vestibule noticeboard]*

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogation 25 May

10.00 am Parish Communion

**Vicar:** Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong (01767 312243)

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**Requesting our Prayers:** Derek and Gill Whinnett, Nick Smithers, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelag 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: Melokuhle, Sandra, Nkazimulo, Owethu, Lebo, Isaac, Siphosethu, Ennocencia. Please visit our blog at [www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk).

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed.** Michael Dennis Mahoney, Margaret Hendy, Patrick 'Mac' McLoughlin: 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: 19 Peggy Barnes, 19 Peter Hill, 22 Charles Maynard, 24 Colbie Pesch

**MU Wednesday 4 June from 2.00 pm.** The Sandy RSPB Lodge HQ. In the cafe if wet! All welcome. Meet in St Andrew's Church car park to leave by 1.30pm. If you need a lift, please ask, and we will try and get you there. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

**Confirmation, St Andrew's Church Sunday 15 June.** We look forward to welcoming Jane, Bishop of Hertford, for our Confirmation for young people and adults, and Admission to Communion for some Sunday School children, during our special worship on Sunday 15 June, 10.00 am. Several have already expressed an interest in discovering further information, and exploring preparation classes; if you wish to consider the possibility of Confirmation please discuss with the Vicar, or churchwardens, as soon as possible.

**APCM Election Results** Following the APCM last Sunday, the following people were elected to serve on the PCC: Churchwardens - Chris Parker and Nettie van de Weerd PCC - Lucy Dilley for 3 years, Rob Butcher for 2 years.

A list of names of all members of the PCC and Deanery Synod is located on the board in the church foyer, together with signed copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2024 and Minutes of the APCM 2024. These documents can also be found on the website. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

**Vicar's APCM Sermon:** Revd Liz's APCM address has now been uploaded to the website. Please follow the link: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/vicars-sermon-for-apcm.php>

**Team Africa 2025.** As part of our link with our Mission Partners Hands at Work, we are again sending a team out to South Africa in July. The Team will be, Alice Parker, Oliver Dilley, Noah Dilley, Nick Gurney, Pippa Wells, Rachel Smith and Adam Wells. As usual we are fund raising to support our two youngest members Pippa and Rachel and need to raise £3000. There will be a couple of events that you can support or if you are able donate directly by going to the 'Give Button' on the web site and selecting Africa 2025. The 2025 Africa team are organising a games/quiz night on Saturday 7 June. The evening will include a bangers and mash supper! The evening will be run in teams or tables and be a combination of "rounds" including quiz, bingo and beetle. Grab your family and friends and make a team, or just sign up in your own right. Fun social evening for all! *2025 Africa Team*



**PCC Secretary Vacancy:** I stood down as PCC Secretary at this year's APCM, 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](mailto:pccsecretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk). **NB** You do not have to be a member of the PCC to undertake this role. Many thanks. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, former PCC Secretary.*

**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.

**Country Fayre 2025.** This year's Country Fayre will take place on Saturday 20 September and is the 40th Anniversary for the event [look out for some special things to celebrate this.] The Committee are very happy to announce the 2 chosen charities we will be supporting at this year's Country Fayre are The Willow Foundation - a charity working with young people 16-40 who have had a terminal diagnosis to give them and their families some memorable moments to cherish. The second charity that we will be supporting is MS Trust who work tirelessly to support people who are living every day with Multiple Sclerosis through specialist MS Nurses and are desperate to ensure that there are enough specialist nurses for everyone across the UK. As is usual, the committee will be asking members of our Church and local community for their help to make this year's Fayre a huge success and anything you can do to help will be massively appreciated please do speak to our members. We are always looking and would be pleased to have new members join our committee so please do speak to us about that as well. *The Country Fayre Committee. Sue Cleghorn, Lucy Dilley, Noah Dilley, Oliver Dilley, Nick Gurney, Carolyn Marron, Chris Parker, Jane Parker and Nicola Woodward*

**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

Thursday 29 May	09.30 am	Ascension Day Holy Communion
<b>Pentecost 8 June</b>	8.00 am	Holy Communion— <i>Order II Traditional</i>
	10.00 am	All Together Holy Communion
	6.00 pm	Sunday @ 6 for Pentecost
Trinity Sunday 15 June	10.00 am	Confirmation, and Admission to Holy Communion, during Parish Communion. Jane, Bishop of Hertford presiding.



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### **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.

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**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 Mepham 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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