



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking

Luke the Evangelist



Luke the Evangelist, 18 October, 2026

10am Parish Communion

Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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

Readings: Acts 16.6-12a, 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9

Zoom: To join [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094

Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School – *all school age children welcome.*

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

11:45am Friends of St Andrew's AGM, Chapter House – *all welcome to attend*

5:45pm Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley

This week

Tuesday 20 October	7:30pm	Deanery Synod, St Andrew's
Wednesday 21 October	11am	Penrose Court Home Communion
Thursday 22 October	9:30am	Holy Communion
		Readings: Ephesians 3.14-end, Luke 12.49-53
	2pm	Funeral of Peter Noble RIP, North Herts Crematorium
	7pm-8:30pm	Youth Groups
	7:45pm	'Exploring Silence', St Peter's Church, Biggleswade
Friday 23 October	1:45pm	Beaumont Park Home Communion
Saturday 24 October	10am – 12noon	Coffee Shop
	1pm	'Frank, Franck and Faure' – Come and Sing – <i>see poster in foyer</i>
	7:30pm	'Frank, Franck and Faure' BDCS concert in church
Sunday 25 October	10am	Parish Communion (<i>no Sunday School</i>)

Intercessions: Let us pray for: Churches Together in Biggleswade

Requesting our Prayers: Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Ruth Loin, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett. We continue to pray for: Pat Boulter, Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Peter Noble

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: Evelyn Collins (21st), Jill Aves (23rd), Sgt Keith Rutt (24th)

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: Khethiwe and children: Ayisha, Felicia, Lovemore, Fikile

Grounds and Buildings Working Party

Thank you to all those of all ages who came to help with the grounds tidy and drain/gutter clearance.

Vaughan Johnson, Grounds and Buildings Committee Chair

Harvest Donations – The funds raised for Harvest were £549, which comprised £443 from Sunday Lunch and £106 from retiring collections. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Songs of Praise Fundraiser for Church Funds

With many thanks to all who voted for their favourite hymns and worship songs, and all who supported this uplifting fundraising evening last Sunday, followed by delicious refreshments and the raffle draw in the Chapter House. We raised over £500 which includes Gift Aid. Just in case you missed the evening, the Top 12 Hymns and Worship Songs are displayed on the noticeboard in the foyer. Thank you for raising your voices as we raised much needed funds for the Church. With thankful hearts, *Revd. Liz and Sue Thorn*

Nativity Tableaux 2026

Following a Growth & Mission Working Party we are seeking an individual, pair or small group to coordinate the Tableaux for this year. If there is interest, we are hoping to hold this on the morning of Saturday 19 December. If you are considering taking the coordination on this for this year, please could you speak to Lucy Dilley (Growth & Mission Working Group Member) in the first instance, by mid-October. We look forward to hearing from you.

Growth & Mission Working Party

Lay Administration of Holy Communion

The Vicar is currently seeking a few more lay people who may feel called by God to be involved in the important ministry of the administration of Holy Communion, serving as Chalice Administrators and/or Home Communion visits. Churchwarden Rob Butcher reflects that 'several years ago after much heart-searching I realised God was not calling me to ordained ministry. There was still a desire to find a way to be more deeply involved. After discussion with the then Vicar and with their approval I started accompanying a member of the visiting team taking the consecrated elements of communion to the housebound. I've now been involved in this important lay ministry for 10 years. The Vicar and Ministry Team offer initial training and ongoing support for those who feel called to this ministry'.

Please be encouraged to talk with Revd. Liz and others at church as you ask yourself if God is calling you for this ministry.

Revd. Liz - Vicar

Shoebox Appeal 2026

A reminder that shoeboxes should be returned on or before 1 November. The cost of a shoebox including transportation is £4 (donations also welcome). The age categories are 3-5yrs, 6-11yrs and 12+. All items need to be new or as new (no liquids).

Mary Dominey

MU Meetings and Events

Saturday 17 October 10:30am-3pm Quiet Day. Theme: the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis
2:30pm Holy Communion will be celebrated by Revd Liz, our Vicar, and all are invited to attend, whether you join us for the day or just for the Eucharist. Lunch will be available or bring your own. A donation of **£5** is requested to help with costs.

Please sign up on the notice in the foyer. That's just for an idea of numbers, not a commitment.

A curtain of poppies: We would like to make a curtain of knitted or crocheted poppies for Remembrance Sunday and invite everyone to contribute. If you'd like to make a poppy but aren't sure how please join us at the Saturday morning coffee shop (10-12 in the Chapter House). There are patterns in the church for knitted and crocheted poppies. Please bring any crafted items to church by the end of October.

Wednesday 4 November 2-4pm Meeting. We'll be putting the **curtain of poppies** together (and enjoying tea, cake and fellowship), so please join us if you have made a poppy or would like to help. All welcome!

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

St. Andrew's VC Primary School Information Evenings

Was your child born between Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2023? If so, then it's time to apply for a school place. Come and see what St. Andrew's Primary School has to offer. The Information Session will include a presentation and a tour around the school.

We are holding two Information Sessions:

East Site – Bantock Way, Kings Reach, SG18 8UQ 10 November at 7:30pm

West Site – Brunts Lane, off Shortmead Street, SG18 0LY 17 November at 7:30pm.

www.standrewslowerschool.co.uk 01767 312311/312212

office@standrews.beds.sch.uk

Annual Mission Giving

The Growth and Mission group will shortly be choosing a second charity (alongside Hands at Work) for our annual mission giving in the coming year. The group would very much like to hear from the congregation of any charities that you would like to nominate. Please email secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk by 15 November with your nominations.

Christmas charities

It is our tradition to have retiring collections for 2 charities over the Christmas season. The PCC will shortly be choosing these and would love to hear from the congregation of any suggestions – either local or national. Please email secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk by 15 November with your nominations and a brief reason for your choice. Nominations will then be discussed and confirmed by the PCC in November.

St Andrews's Crib Service - Christmas Eve at 6pm

The Sunday School Team are now planning this year's crib service. We will have parts, whether big or small, for any children that wish to join us on Christmas Eve. We will begin rehearsing for this exciting service on Sunday 16 November. Please come along so we can ensure everyone is involved.

The Sunday School Team

South Africa 2027

Are you interested in joining next year's mission trip to South Africa and our partner community of Mafambisa? We have been provisionally offered the following dates 1 - 14/15 August. Please prayerfully consider whether you would like to join next year's team (first time and returnees both welcome). Please let Alice, Sally, John or Oliver know if you are interested or would like to find out more information.

07914341922 Oliver.dilley3@gmail.com

Oliver Dilley -St Andrews Hands at Work Advocate

Mayor's Christmas Card Photography Competition for children and young people

Age Groups for judging: 5-12 and 13+ – see notice in Foyer for details.

Presentation of cheque from money raised at Country Fayre to Home Start Bedfordshire last Sunday

(An equivalent cheque has been sent to Cruse Bereavement)



All Souls' Evensong, 1 November 6pm

If you would like a loved one to be remembered by name at this service, please fill in a card and post it in the box at the back of church or email secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk by 27 October.

Remembrance Services – 8 November

Please remember that our Parish Communion will be at an earlier time of 9:30am, to allow for the Act of Remembrance in the Market Square at 10:45am. Please feel free to attend either or both of these services.

Occasional Transport Required

Robin Jopson would very much like to attend All Together Communion and Sunday Lunches once a month. If anyone is able to offer a lift, either regularly or as a one-off, please speak to Rosemary Jopson.

An Autumn Prayer

O God of creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons and the bounty of the earth.

We yield you humble and hearty thanks for this your bounty.

As the leaves fall and the harvest is gathered, renew our hearts with your grace,

and-as you feed all creation- teach us to share your gifts with a generous spirit;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Future Dates

1 November	8am	All Saints' Holy Communion – Order II – Traditional
	10am	All Together Communion and shoe box donations
	12:45pm	Sunday Lunch
	6pm	All Souls' Evensong
3 November	7:30pm	Finance Working Party
8 November	9:30am	Parish Communion and Sunday School
	10:45am	Act of Remembrance, Market Square
21 November	5pm	Bishop Richard's Service of Thanksgiving and Farewell, St. Alban's Cathedral

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All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets: office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk by **Tuesdays, 11am**