



Third Sunday of Easter

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 36-41 *The first converts*
1 Peter 1.17-23 *Trust in God*
Luke 24.13-35 *The walk to Emmaus*

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 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.

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12:45pm Sunday lunch (please order in advance)

5:30pm Taize Service, Cockayne Hatley

Thursday 23 April—St George's Day

9:30am Holy Communion

Readings: II Timothy 2.3-13
John 15.18-21

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

11am Mantles Court Home Communion

Friday 24 April

7:30pm Choir practice

8pm –8:45pm 'Saints Alive!' rehearsal
band and extra singers welcome

Saturday 25 April

10am-12noon Coffee Shop,
Chapter House

10am—3pm MU Quiet Day
(see notice in foyer)

2:30pm Holy Communion - all welcome

Sunday 26 April

10am Parish Communion
Sunday School

followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

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Intercessions :Let us pray for: Churches Together in Biggleswade, Biggleswade uniformed organisations

Requesting our Prayers: Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Revd Liz Lavelle, Ann Pridmore, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Celia Paterson.

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: Phyllis Dominey (20th), Jean Bliss (22nd), Matthew Hardy (22nd)

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

Easter Displays

Thank you to all the crafters who made flowers which have been used in a window display in church. There have been many lovely comments and I hope you enjoyed being a part of this way of celebrating Easter.

Anna Rutt

MU Quiet Day: Saturday 25 April 10am-3pm. Theme: 'The Emmaus Road'- Led by Revd Barbara Ebeling, Holy Communion at 2:30pm officiated by Revd Liz.

Please take a 'flyer' for details of the programme. If you feel you don't want to spend the whole day you can join when you want to, from lunch, for example, or just for the Eucharist, and leave at any time.

See notice in the foyer to sign up for the day. Please give any dietary information if you would like lunch provided.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Saints Alive!

We are looking forward to our coming production of 'Saints Alive!' on Saturday 9 May. The choir and band are beginning to rehearse some songs on Fridays between about 8pm and 8:45pm to which additional singers are welcome. The Sunday School will be rehearsing some short pieces of drama to go with the songs.

If you would rather wait until the day, then 'come and sing' and learn a few songs from 2pm in the Chapter House or come and see the result of the hard work from 7pm in church. Admission is free, but there will be a raffle and collection to go towards costs. Speak to Sue Thorn or Rob Butcher to find out more. There is a poster with more details in the foyer.

Notice of Meeting of Parishioners and APCM to be held on Sunday 10 May 2026, 11:45am

All are welcome to attend the meeting of parishioners, where new church wardens will be elected. Anyone on the electoral roll is welcome to also attend the APCM. We have vacancies for 2 Church Wardens, 8 PCC Members (4x 3 years, 3x 2 years, 1x 1 year) and 3 members to Deanery Synod. The PCC plays a vital role in shaping the mission, stewardship and future direction of our church. If you feel you could contribute your gifts, please prayerfully consider standing for election. We would love to welcome new voices and perspectives. If you would like to know more about what being on the PCC involves, please speak to a member of the clergy or an existing PCC member. Forms for all vacancies are available at the back of the church, or from Harriet.

Harriet Shannon, PCC Secretary



Revision of the Electoral Roll

In preparation for the APCM on Sunday 10 May, the annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 11 and 25 April. This means that new names can be added to/removed from the Electoral Roll up to and including 25 April. After that date no new names may be added until after the APCM. If you are new to St Andrew's and would like to be included on the Electoral Roll, please let me know and I will give you a form. You can also download the form from the Church website:

<https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/electoral-roll-application-form.php>.

The following are the conditions under which you can request inclusion in the Electoral Roll:

- Those eligible must have been baptised and be over the age of 16 years
- They must live in the parish of Biggleswade. Alternatively, if living outside the parish, should have worshipped at St Andrew's habitually during the past six months.

They must be a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England or in good standing with the Church of England. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, Electoral Roll Officer*

Mafambisa News

I am delighted to let you know that there is the annual update from Hands at Work charity regarding the communities they support throughout Africa placed up on the Mafambisa noticeboard in the Chapter House. The great news to read is about some of the communities are/have graduated - meaning they have become self-sufficient through the support and help of the charity. What a blessing! We thank God for their continued growth. We pray for our partner community in Mafambisa and that they may be able to be in this position in the future. Please do take a few minutes to read this encouraging updates. *Lucy Dilley*

Confirmation at St Andrew's Church Sunday 14 June

We look forward to welcoming Richard, Bishop of Bedford, to preside at Confirmation for young people and adults, and also Admission to Communion for some Sunday School children, during our worship on Sunday 14 June, 10:00am. If you wish to receive further information about attending preparation classes, please discuss with Vicar, Revd Liz, or Licensed Lay Minister, Rosemary Bentley, as soon as possible.

Mayor's Charity Quiz Night

You're warmly invited to join us for a Charity Quiz Night at The Rose Pub on Thursday 30 April (7pm for an 8pm start). Bring a team of up to 6—or join one on the night—and enjoy an evening of trivia, friendly competition, and a few "I should have known that!" moments.

The event supports the Mayor's chosen charities, **MAGPAS Air Ambulance** and **Biggleswade Good Neighbours**.

Please see the poster in the foyer. Tickets are available here: <https://biggleswadetowncouncil.gov.uk/event/mayors-charity-quiz/>

MU

Wednesday 6 May Ivel Room 2pm. Quiz, followed by tea/coffee and cake. All welcome.

Thursday 24 May Ploughman's lunch 12-2pm. No set price, donate what you can. All welcome

Maggie McLoughlin

St. John's Passion: Concert by Biggleswade and District Choral Society on Sat 25th April at **7pm**

If local please consider walking to the concert or car-sharing with a friend. Concert Tickets are £15 including refreshments, available from BDCS box office on 01767 317900

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.

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

Future Dates

- 25 April 10am-3pm MU Quiet Day—see notice for details
- 9 May 2pm Come and sing 'Saints Alive!' - all welcome—see posters for details
 7pm 'Saints Alive!' performance - open to all
- 10 May 11:45am Meeting of parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 17 May 5:30pm Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley
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Creator God, We acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made. Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care. May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us; and may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to you, the God of all things. We pray in Jesus name, Amen

Revd Cate Williams, Environment Officer, Diocese of Gloucester



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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