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8am Holy Communion—Order II, Traditional Readings:

Romans 9.1-5 *God's Election of Israel*

Matthew 14.13-21 *Feeding the Five Thousand*

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

10am Parish Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 55.1-5 *An Invitation to Abundant Life*

Romans 9.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21—(as above)

(No Zoom this week -11:30am service from St Alban's available online -see next column)

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

12noon Baptisms—Esme, Hannah and Robin

Hear2 Listen Holiday Club 8:30am—1pm Mon-Fri

Thursday 6 August

9:30am Holy Communion—Transfiguration

Readings: II Peter 1.16-19

Luke 9.28-36

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Saturday 8 August

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

12 noon—2pm MU Ploughman's Lunch
(sign up in foyer)

Sunday 9 August

10am Parish Communion

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Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Services to watch online from St Albans

These can be viewed here:

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/live-streaming-at-st-albans-cathedral>

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuLP-WWPQ-dxOImR8WxHlg>

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Intercessions

Let us pray for: St Albans Cathedral Chapter

Requesting our Prayers: Pat Boulter, Joan Chelley, Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Margaret Hulley, Charles Rutt, 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.

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:

Lucy Andrews (3rd), Stanley Morley (4th)

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: Kethiwe and children: Josphina, Willson, Nancy, Thandolwethu, Metusi

Team Africa 2026

The Africa Blog for 2026 is now live and the team departed Saturday 1 August.

<http://standrewslink.blogspot.com/2026/07/team-2026.html> please continue to pray for the team in the weeks ahead — for safety, unity, and God's guidance in every step.

While we are in Africa, you can follow our journey through the blog. We would be grateful if you would keep praying for us throughout the trip as we serve, learn, and support the communities we visit. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and prayers.

Zoom

There will be no Zoom for the next two Sundays (2 and 9 August). 'Normal' service will be resumed on 16 August. Apologies -*Zoom Team*

MU Saturday 8 August

This year MU is celebrating its **150th anniversary** (as you're probably aware) and we are planning a **Ploughman's Lunch** for the 8 August, the day before Mary Sumner Day (our founder). This will be our usual lunch but includes a cold dessert. We will ask for a minimum donation of £5 with proceeds split between the MU appeal and St Andrew's. A list and details will be in the foyer.

Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes

Exploring Silence

The next session of **Exploring Silence** is again at **St Peter's, at 7:45pm on Thursday 20 August**, and we would be very pleased to see you.

These sessions aim to help people get into and explore a period of silence in their life. This started as a result of conversations in the "Churches Together in Biggleswade", and a number of occasional sessions have been held at St Peter's Church in Station Road.

There's more information about what we hope to do at the website exploring-silence.org.

'Phishing' Emails—Beware!

Please be aware that a number of parishioners have received 'phishing' emails on Gmail which appear to have been sent from Revd. Liz.

Peter Giles



Country Fayre Exhibition 'Calmness in Crisis'

This year our exhibition will focus on Calmness in Crisis - different ways we all cope when going through challenging times, linking in with our charities Cruse Bereavement and Homestart Bedfordshire. We would love to hear from the congregation as to what you do to keep calm and if able to represent this in our exhibition (e.g. art/painting, photography, other crafts, exercise, poetry etc.). Please do contact any of the Country Fayre Committee and we can discuss with you further. As usual, we will be asking for the help with running stalls and refreshments on the day as well as setting up and clearing up - please volunteer if you feel like you would be able to help (Saturday 19 September).

Oliver Dilley, Lucy Dilley, Noah Dilley, Jane Parker, Carolyn Marron, Sue Cleghorn, Nick Gurney

Children's Society Boxes

I am happy to receive your Children's Society boxes for opening and counting until 16 August. Please bring to church on Sunday or hand in to Parish Office.

Rob Butcher

Mission Partner Review

Many churches have Mission Partners, who are organisations with whom they share a long term, mutually accountable relationship to work together for God's mission. Our current mission partner is Hands at Work. The PCC is reviewing our mission partner position. To help the PCC make future decisions, we would like to hear from you. Peter will be carrying out discussions to gather your views on our Mission Partner. There are three key themes:

- 1) Should we have a Mission Partner?
- 2) Should that mission partner remain Hands at Work?
- 3) If not Hands at Work, what kind of organisation should it be?

Ideally, we would like to hear your views on all three questions, even if you have a definite view. The format would be a short discussion, face to face or over the phone with some key questions. If this is not convenient, email exchange is also possible. Please contact Peter Giles if you would like to share your views, peterdvgiles@gmail.com

Good News to Share

Over the past year or so, I have been pleased to be able to prayerfully support Peter Giles along the Diocese of St. Alban's Vocations discernment process. Peter has now attended a Stage 2 Panel (Selection Conference) and Bishop Richard has informed me of the Panel's advice. I am delighted to share the good news that Peter has been recommended to begin his training and formation for the Ordained Ministry. Peter plans to train part-time on the Eastern Region Ministry Course (ERMC) alongside his full-time work. This will begin in the Autumn. As his Vicar, I will take up the Training Minister's role with him. For now, Peter will remain here in his home Church (known as his *training* Church) as the local, contextual focus for his preparation for ordained ministry.

I am sure you will join with me in thankfulness for Peter's willingness to take the next steps involved in responding to his sense of vocation, and with me, you will remember Peter in your prayers.

Revd. Liz - Vicar

Quench—pop-up Christian Bookshop

Inspirational cards and gifts, books and Bibles for all occasions for one day only—8 August 10:30am—3:30pm at Café Mocha. See poster in foyer for details.

Future Dates

1-16 August	Mafambisa Team 2026 in South Africa
13 August 6pm	Holiday Club Marquees up— <i>any help gratefully received!</i>
16 August 5:30pm	Taize Service—Cockayne Hatley
6pm	Holiday Club Opening Service
18—21 August	Holiday Club
23 August 9:30am	Parish Communion
11am	Holiday Club Service followed by BBQ

Autumn Dates for your diary:

Next Standing Committee: Tuesday 8 September, 7:30pm Ivel Room

Country Fayre: Saturday 19 September

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday 22 September, 7:30pm Chapter House

Growth & Mission Working Group: Tuesday 29 September, 7:30pm Ivel Room

Annual Gathering for Pastoral Visitors: Saturday 3 October, 2026

9:30am St. Luke's Tide Holy Communion followed by refreshments and 'Time to Talk'



Lord God,
We put ourselves into Your hands, and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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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