



## Easter Day *Alleluia*

20 April 2025

### Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion—*Order II Traditional*

10.00 am Festival Communion

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25 *Rejoice Jerusalem*  
Acts 10:34-43 [not 8.00 am]  
*Peter proclaims Jesus Lord of all*  
Luke 24:1-12  
*The women discover a empty tomb*

### Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you an the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. 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

**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 21 April

10.00 am Coach departs for St Albans Pilgrimage

3.00 pm St Albans Cathedral Pilgrimage

### Thursday 24 April

10.00 am Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 3.11-26 Luke 24.35-48  
followed by coffee in Chapter House

11.00 am Willow Branch Day Centre Easter Talk

11.00 am Mantles Court Home Communion

1.00 pm Funeral—Wendy Walters RIP  
followed by cremation at Bedford, Norse Road

### Friday 25 April

1.45 pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

### Saturday 26 April

10.00 – 12.00noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House

### The Second Sunday of Easter 27 April

10.00 am Parish Communion,  
Sunday School re-commences

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All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets to be sent to [romyben-ley@aol.com](mailto:romyben-ley@aol.com) by Tuesdays 11.00 am

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**Requesting our Prayers:** Ruby Estrada, Nick Smithers, Lisa Ling, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Tim Robb. We continue to pray for: Joy Bottrell, Jo Chelley

**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: Maria. children: Lucas, Sethu, Mbowane Prince. Please visit our blog at [www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk).

**We pray for the souls of all the recently departed:** Wendy Walters, and 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: 17 Graham Bett, 20 Phyllis Dominey, 22 Jean Bliss, 22 Matthew Hardy

**Easter Home Communions.** If you, or a relative / friend / neighbour, wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion at home this Eastertide please inform the Vicar or a churchwarden.

**Easter Lilies in Memoriam.** Thank you for your generous contributions towards the cost of Easter Lilies. The names of those in whose loving memory donations have been made will be posted on the prayer board in the Memorial Chapel area for Easter; and, also dearly departed names will be included on a separate sheet in the Easter Day pew notices.

**Gift of Easter Eggs, GH Seamers Funeral Directors.** For Easter congregations and Youth Groups, we are most grateful to GH Seamers for the most generous gift of chocolate eggs to be distributed during the festive celebrations. Our Thanks to Mr Tom Spavins, and his staff. *The Vicar.*

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage 21 April.** The theme this year is 'Joy'. The day starts with breakfast in the Chapter House (for a donation): 10.00 am board the coach to Harpenden. At Harpenden people will disembark and walk the last 5 miles into St Albans, others will remain on the coach and travel all the way to St Albans Cathedral. The walk is fairly easy going, mainly on paths and road; you can take buggies. Once at St Albans we gather outside in 'The Orchard' for our picnic lunch. At 2.30 pm we process into church for the Easter Monday Pilgrimage Service. At the end of the day the coach will pick us up and bring us back to Biggleswade! Please sign the bus list as soon as possible. *Chris Parker and John Dilley*

**Bishop of St Albans Retirement.** Bishop Alan has announced his retirement, 31 May 2025, year after sixteen years as our Diocesan Bishop. To celebrate his commitment and to say thank you, there is to be a Farewell Service at St Albans Cathedral on Sunday 18 May, 3.00pm, which is open to all, when it is intended to give Bishop Alan a gift from the Diocese to thank him and wish him well in his retirement. At St Andrew's there will be a retiring collection on **Sunday 4 May** for individual donations, should you wish to make a gift; nearer the time, BACS details will be provided should anyone wish to donate in that way. Thank you. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

**MU Change of Lunch Date.** Due to Wendy Walters' funeral being 24 April, we are moving the next lunch to **Thursday 1 May 12 noon -2.00 pm** Soup and roll lunch [might be ploughman's if the weather is warmer.] *Maggie McLoughlin*

**Coffee Shop Rota.** A few more people required to commit to regular offers of help for Saturday morning coffee shops. If you feel you are able to help - once a month on a Saturday morning - please speak with one of us so we can add you to the rota. Your help will be very much appreciated. *The Churchwardens.*



**APCM 2025. Sunday 11 May, 11:45 am** in church; it will also be facilitated by Zoom. This year we require nominations for: \* Two churchwardens, and several to serve 2-3 years on PCC. \* One person to serve 1 year on Deanery Synod. All paperwork will be disseminated via email, although there will be a small number of paper copies available at the back of the church from Sunday 27 April together with copies of the Parish Annual Reports booklet. All documentation also available on the church website. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

**Preparation of New Electoral Roll: All forms must be received no later than Sunday 20 April.** Many thanks. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, Electoral Roll Officer.*

**PCC Secretary Vacancy:** I shall be standing down as PCC Secretary at this year's APCM on 11 May after 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). Please note that you do not have to be a member of the PCC to undertake this role. Many thanks. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

**PCC Emergency Mission Fund Donation.** The Disasters Emergency Committee has launched a Myanmar Earthquake Disaster Appeal: the PCC has now donated £750 to the Appeal. We continue to hold the people of Myanmar in our prayers. *Andrew Rutt, PCC Treasurer*

**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. <https://standrewsbiggleswade.myiknowchurch.co.uk/form/load/bHRCQ3ZQVVNuVFR0Yy9wVDNtZmtRT3hJa0pYcGhobWs0VU9TdKd5MkVFb29iZ1ozYUg3bHdpMG1Sdk5r>

**The signed minutes of the PCC meeting** held on 28 January are available to read and are located on the noticeboard in the church foyer or on-line on the church website <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/pcc/>. Many thanks. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

#### Future Dates

Thursday 1 May	12.00 noon– 2.00 pm	MU Lunch, Chapter House
Sunday 4 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion—Order II Traditional
	10.00 am	All Together Holy Communion
	Retiring collections for Alan, Bishop of St Albans	
Sunday 11 May	11.45 am	APCM in Church
	<i>Christian Aid Week begins</i>	
Sunday 18 May	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12.00 noon	Holy Baptism—Margot
	3.00 pm	Bishop Alan's Farewell service—St Albans Cathedral
	5.30 pm	Taizé Worship—St John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley
Pentecost 8 June	8.00 am	Holy Communion—Order II Traditional
	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



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**Food Bank** For updates on supply needs use the app BanktheFood. Details on the website [bbcchurch.org.uk](http://bbcchurch.org.uk) *Maggie McLoughlin.*

**Spoofing.** Please be aware that members of the congregation are receiving fake emails pretending to be from the vicar. These emails are part of a phishing scam. Please be careful to check that emails are from the Vicar and are genuine. The vicar's email address is [vicar@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:vicar@standrewschurchbw.org.uk), phishing emails will appear to have either a name or "vicar" but the email address will be wrong. If you receive a suspicious email from someone else in church about an unexpected topic, please check with them by another method before doing anything. Phishing emails tend to be urgent in nature, stressing that they are in a hurry but often not saying why. If you receive a suspicious email, please let us know at [websiteadmin@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:websiteadmin@standrewschurchbw.org.uk)

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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 Mephram 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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