



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward-Looking



The Fifth Sunday of Trinity

20 July 2025

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10.00 am Parish Communion
Final Sunday School before Summer Break
Followed by Coffee in Chapter House

Readings: Genesis 18.1-10a *Abraham offers hospitality*
Colossians 1.15-28 *The sovereignty of Christ* Luke 10.38-42
Contrasts in the ways Mary and Martha greet Jesus

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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5.30 pm Taizé Worship, Cockayne Hatley

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*

Tuesday 22 July

School Academic Year ends

Thursday 24 July

09.30 am Holy Communion.
Readings: Exodus 19.1-2, 9-11, 16-20
Matthew 13.10-17
followed by coffee in Chapter House

6.00 pm onwards. Summer Social Event -
Kings Reach Inn, Potton Road
All welcome for fellowship and refreshment .

Saturday 26 July

10.00 am – 12.00 Coffee Shop, Chapter House

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 27 July

09.15 am Choir Practice
10.00 am Parish Communion
Followed by Coffee in Chapter House

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Requesting our Prayers: Peter Clapson, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Nick Smithers, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine & Percy Doughty, Tim Robb. We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed. John Newlin: 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: 21 Audrey Bett.

Worship Interim Help and Support. It is most appreciated by the Vicar and PCC, given current health circumstances following further surgery for churchwarden Chris Parker, and our LLM, Rosemary Bentley's recent successful hip replacement surgery and time now needed for careful and good recovery, that a number of our Church members, all experienced former churchwardens, have been asked to lend a hand. Thank you to Peter Giles, Richard Blackford, John Dilley, David Pilgrim and Rob Butcher for your supportive and positive responses in the current circumstances. Our continuing prayers are assured for Chris, Rosemary, and for all who have asked or need our prayers at this time. *Revd. Liz, Vicar.*

Loft Storage Space, Action Needed

For those who use the loft storage area above the Chapter House and St John's Room. Recent assessment of the space has identified potential safety risks in how some items are stored. This includes blocking access routes, items stored so that they could easily get in the way while people are carrying heavy equipment and items stored insecurely at height.

Please could you visit your storage area and ensure that:

- *Access routes to and through the storage area are clear.

- *Items are stored securely and tidily so they cannot easily fall or be knocked into the access routes.

- *Free standing items are stored on a flat surface and are stable. *Heavy items secure in their positions

- *We cannot guarantee other users have not moved items to get to their storage, so please check your area even if you have previously left it secure.

- *While our aim is for this to be a useful storage space, we must ensure all users of the space are safe (which includes younger members of the community). If this issue is not addressed, the church may need to take action on your behalf which could include relocating or disposing of items stored unsafely.

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Thank you. *The Vicar and PCC.*

Team Mafambisa 2025. The team set out yesterday for South Africa to visit our partner community of Mafambisa. It is 10 years since 'The Room' embarked on the same mission trip and started our partnership with Hands at Work and particular Mafambisaly. Please pray for the team: Alice, Oliver, Adam, Pippa, Noah, Nick and Rachel. You can follow along with what they have been up to each day by reading their blog and looking on the Instagram page. www.standrewslink.blogspot.com.

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 careworker: Dudu, children: Prudence, Mxolisi, Trevor, Sethu, Sharlin, Celimpilo.



Safeguarding Starts with Culture. Safeguarding in church isn't just about policies and checks—it's about the kind of culture we create together. When a church is open, welcoming, and honest, it becomes a safer place for everyone. People feel able to speak up, ask questions, and raise concerns if something doesn't feel right.

Here are some simple ways our church culture helps **prevent** safeguarding issues:

- **Listening well** – When people feel heard and believed, they're more likely to share concerns early.
- **Clear boundaries** – Leaders and volunteers model respectful, healthy relationships.
- **Shared responsibility** – Safeguarding is something we all play a part in, not just the job of one or two people.
- **Being open about safeguarding** – We talk about it, include it in our prayers, and make sure information is easy to find.
- **Putting people first** – We take care, especially with children, vulnerable adults, and those who've had painful experiences in the past.

Let's keep building a culture where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported. If you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to speak to me. *Helen Tranter. Parish Safeguarding Officer*

Administration Assistant. Part time, 9 hours per week, 3 hours Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Remuneration: starting at £16.00 per hour.

St Andrew's Church Biggleswade is looking to appoint an Administration Assistant to support our busy and progressive parish. The successful candidate will work from the Parish Office during an induction period of six months; there may be some flexibility thereafter. The post holder will provide excellent administration assistance (including good secretarial skills, experience in use of Microsoft Word, Publisher, and Excel), manage the Parish Diary, liaise with volunteers and have some reception duties. The post-holder will work with the Vicar and key Church Officers, volunteers, and liaise with the Diocese to support the life, ministry, mission, and outreach of this parish. To apply: Please download the Role Description, available at: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/administrativeassistant/> and apply with full C.V., a supporting statement and two referees (N.B. References will only be taken up if invited to interview) to: applications@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 28 July 2025. Interview date to be advised.

Holiday Club 2025 - Jungle Adventure. Holiday Club registration has now opened. If you would like to register your child/children, please go to the church website St Andrew's Biggleswade and follow the registration link. This year's event is proving extremely popular, and we have already sold over 75% of our allocated spaces so don't delay, get them registered today! *The Holiday Club Team 2025*

Future Dates

Thursday 24 July, 6.00 pm onwards Summer Social Event – Kings Reach Inn, Potton Road.

Monday 28 July, 1.30 pm Funeral in Church, John Newin RIP

Thursday 7 August, 12. noon – 2.00 pm Summer Picnic, Games and Fellowship: recreational area adjacent to St Andrew's Primary School East and Orchard Community Centre

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Friday 15 August, 10.45 am VJ Day Service, the Market Square

1 September [to 4 October] Season of Creation theme for 2025: Peace with Creation.

Sunday 7 September, 8.00 am Holy Communion: *Order Two traditional*

10.00 am All Together Communion—Education Sunday

12.45 pm Sunday Lunch, Chapter House



Tinned Vegetables Needed. If you use the Bank the Food app you may have noticed that **they are always short of tinned vegetables - peas and carrots** but also **potatoes and sweetcorn**, plus any other vegetables. So, whether you use it or not, please consider putting tinned veg in the food bank collection box. It may not look like much, but it's what they need. *Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt*

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*

**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.

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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