



## First Sunday of Lent

22 February 2026

### First Sunday of Lent, 22 February, 2026

**10am Parish Communion**

**Readings:** Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 *The first sin*  
Romans 5.12-19 *Adam and Christ*  
Matthew 4.1-11  
*The temptation of Jesus*

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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** Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.  
Passcode: 599753  
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830  
**N.B. Please MUTE when joining Zoom**

Sunday School: All school age children welcome.  
*followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

**6pm** Deanery Evening Worship  
St Mary's, Potton

### Monday 23 February

*Please note the church will be locked from 3:30pm today until 10am on Tuesday 24 February.*

7pm Lent Group 1 with soup and roll supper  
Ivel Room

### Thursday 26 February

9:30am Holy Communion  
Readings: Isaiah 55.6-9  
Matthew 7.7-12

*Followed by coffee, warm spaces and fellowship, Chapter House*

10:45am Lent Group 1, St John's Room

### Friday 27 February

1:45pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

### Saturday 28 February

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces  
*Chapter House*

### Sunday 1 March

8am Holy Communion Order II (traditional)

10am All Together Communion  
*Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

12:45pm Sunday Lunch, Chapter House

6pm Deanery Evening Worship II,  
St Andrew's, Biggleswade

**Vicar:** Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong (01767 312243)

**Churchwarden:** Nettie van de Weerd (07767 711353)

**Administration Assistant:** Susan Thorn (01767 317207)  
[secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk)

**Licensed Lay Minister:** Rosemary Bentley (07885 431928)  
[romybentley@aol.com](mailto:romybentley@aol.com)

All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets to be sent to:  
[office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk) by **Tuesdays, 11am**

[www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk](http://www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk)

[office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk)



Facebook: @StAndrewsBiggleswade



Instagram: @StAndrewsBiggleswade

[bookings@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:bookings@standrewschurchbw.org.uk)

### Intercessions

Let us pray for: Edward Peake School– pupils, staff, governors, parents and carers,  
Bishops Richard and Jane, World Girl Guide Thinking Day (22<sup>nd</sup>)

**Requesting our Prayers:** Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, John Gutteridge, Revd Liz Lavelle, Charles Rutt,  
Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jo Chelley, Maurice Darnell, Joanna Friend

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed:** Pat Edmonds, Gillian McSweeney, Chris Parker.

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:  
James (22<sup>nd</sup>) Tufts, Thomas Morris Snr. (25<sup>th</sup>), Ann Phillips (27<sup>th</sup>).

**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: Dudu and children: Prince, Nkazimulo, Owethu, Anisa, Safina, Neila.

### Chris Parker, Rest in Peace

Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, visits, prayers and thoughts. It has been lovely to hear lots of different anecdotes and stories about Chris.

As per Chris's wishes there will be a private family funeral followed by a celebration of his life/memorial service at St Andrew's. A service of Celebration for the Life of Chris will be taking place on Saturday 7

March at 3pm at St. Andrews Church Biggleswade. All welcome. *the Parker family*

### World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March, 7:30 pm Biggleswade Pentecostal Church, Crab Lane - all welcome. *Rosemary Bentley*

### ACTS OF HOPE: Lent Groups 2026

This Lent, journey together through the Book of Acts and reflect on the attitudes and acts of the disciples that can encourage us to be bringers of hope through Holy Spirit-led attitudes and actions in our own age. Lent Groups will be using a new resource from the 'Embrace the Middle East' Charity, drawing upon Bible readings and stories from Middle East partners, offering lively discussion, opportunity for prayer and action points. Come to one or two sessions, or come to all as we look forward to journeying together this Lent. Please sign up on the lists at Church. The cost of a booklet is £6.99.

Monday Evenings: starting at 7pm with a simple soup and bread supper, finishing by 8:30pm in Church.

Five evenings starting on Monday 23 February.

Thursday mornings: starting after the 9:30am Holy Communion and coffee, in St. John's Room. Five mornings starting on Thursday 26 February.

*Growth & Mission Committee*

### Snowdrop Garden Open Days

The Bishop of St Albans' Garden will open to visitors on: Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February, from 2pm – 4pm, offering a much-loved chance to enjoy God's creation in its early spring beauty.

Entry is £5 per adult and all proceeds will go directly to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

For more information, please contact: [janesmith@stalbandiocese.org](mailto:janesmith@stalbandiocese.org)



### **The Big Blunham Book Sale**

Will be held on Saturday 28 February 2026 10am to 3pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ  
See poster in foyer for more details.

### **Craft and Chat**

The next Craft and Chat is on Saturday 21 February 10am-12noon, alongside the Coffee Shop. Bring your own crafts or take part in some daffodil pipe cleaner crafting with Helene (materials provided). All welcome.

*Anna Rutt*

### **Church cleaning rota**

A big thank to everyone who helps to keep the Church so well cared for! However, our regular cleaners need some help as several have either moved away or decided to resign from the job for personal reasons. It would be brilliant if we could get some more volunteers to help with this important four weekly job. If you are interested and could help at all please have a word with me. Many thanks. *Nettie van der Weerd*

**Open the Book** Do you like a good story? Have you got an hour free on a Wednesday morning? Then come and join the Open the Book team. We tell and act out stories from the Bible at Caldecote Academy once a week during term time as part of the children's collective worship. Scripts are provided, so no learning and no wondering what to say! No worries if you can't make every week—or if you want to come along and see what we do. Speak to Rosemary Jopson or Sue Thorn if you could give the odd hour.

[suethorn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suethorn@hotmail.co.uk)

*Rosemary Jopson and Sue Thorn*

### **MU**

Wednesday 4 March 2-4pm, Speaker: Alan Doughtey. '40 years on probation'.

Tea and cake to follow. All welcome!

*Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes*

### **Choir**

The choir would like to welcome any new members to join them on a Friday evening between 7:30pm and 8:30pm in church—and of course at any services you are able to attend. Sopranos and Tenors are especially needed at present. There is no requirement to read music or to attend every service, but a joy in singing and being part of our music-making team. Speak to Rob or Sue if you are interested or have any questions.

*Rob Butcher and Sue Thorn*

### **North Roof Works**

The scaffolding on the outside of the Church building went up on Monday, so please ensure care is taken and observe all safety notices. For further information please contact Churchwarden Nettie van de Weerd on: 07767 711353

*Building and Grounds Sub-Committee*

### **Craft Flowers**

Required for an Easter window display. If you can knit, crochet, sew or craft me a flower (or more), max 3" width it would be much appreciated. Please can you hand them to me by 29 March so that I can put the display together.

*Anna Rutt*

### **MUmalade**

Please could you limit jars returned to 1lb JAM jars, not pickles and not odd shapes. We do appreciate your returning jars and donating them (recycling), but we no longer use the smaller ones.

*Angela Sharp*



Loving God, thank you for comforting us. Help us to comfort someone today and give us the right words to lift their hearts. Amen

God of mercy, swift to help us, as our lips pour forth your praise, fill our hearts with the peace you give to those who wait for your salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Prayers taken from 'Draw Near' family and adult booklets*

---

### A Prayer for our World

Creator God, Thank you for the waters of the earth, for the life-sustaining rains, lakes, and deep oceans. Keep us mindful of how precious these are, and how vulnerable they are. Help us to work together for clean water, and for the sharing of it with those who have need of it today. Amen.

**Rt Revd Christine Hardman,  
Former Bishop of Newcastle**

**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. 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.

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade

Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

---

### Future Dates

23 February	7pm	Monday Lent Group, Ivel Room
26 February	10:45am	Thursday Lent Group, St John's Room
1 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Andrew's, Biggleswade
8 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—All Saints, Great Barford
15 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Northill

**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**

---

Vicar:  
Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong (01767 312243 )  
Churchwarden:  
Nettie van de Weerd (07767 711353)

[www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk](http://www.standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk)  
[office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk)  
Facebook: @StAndrewsBiggleswade  
Instagram: @StAndrewsBiggleswade

---