



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



Passion Sunday

22 March 2026

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 *The Valley of Dry Bones*
Romans 8.6-11 *Life in the Spirit*
John 11.1-45 *The Death of Lazarus*

Collect: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

3pm Civic Service, St Andrew's

6pm Deanery Evening Worship
All Saints' Cople

Monday 23 March

7pm Lent Group 5 with soup and roll supper
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Tuesday 24 March

9:45am Edward Peake School
and 11am Easter Service

Thursday 26 March

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: Genesis 17.3-9
John 8.51-59

Followed by coffee and fellowship and a visit from Community Agent, Julie Balaam, Chapter House

10:45am Lent Group 5, St John's Room

1pm Funeral of Joan Walker RIP,
St Andrew's

Friday 27 March

1:45pm Beaumont Park Home Communion

Saturday 28 March

10am - 12pm Coffee Shop - Chapter House

Sunday 29 March

9:45am Palm Sunday Procession starting in the
Market Square

10am Parish Communion

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Intercessions Let us pray for: The mayor, town councillors and staff, our Civic Service, installation of Sarah Mullaly, Archbishop of Canterbury (25th)

Requesting our Prayers: Percy Doughty, Revd Liz Lavelle, Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Hilary Lawrence-Tinsley, Joan Walker.

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: Dave Fowler (25th)

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: Virginia and children: Christina, Thando, Blessing, Snesipho, Jasper

Pew News

Advance notice that the Easter Pew News will be a two-week issue, covering 5 April to 18 April. Please contact the Parish Office by 31 March for any notices you wish to include. *Sue Thorn*

Easter Flowers and Lilies

A final reminder for anyone who can knit, crochet, sew or craft 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.

Many thanks.

Anna Rutt

If you would like to order lilies to remember a loved one (£2.50—£3 per lily) or contribute to the cost of Easter flowers which will be displayed in church, please contact Lucy Dilley 07800 577106 by 29 March.

You can bring your own flowers to decorate the Easter Gardens and outdoor cross on Easter Sunday.

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

This is a day of prayer and contemplation. Time to sit or walk in the grounds, read or do crafts; relax and refresh. More details in the foyer. *Maggie McLoughlin Rosamund Drakes*

Watch of the Night

On Maundy Thursday (2 April) following the service at 7:30pm, when we remember Jesus washing his disciples' feet and sharing the Last Supper with them, there will be a "Watch of the Night" in church until midnight. Recalling how Jesus asked Peter, in the garden that night, "could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray" (Matthew 26:40-41); this is an opportunity for us to 'watch and pray' as we quietly reflect on this Holy night; either by simply sitting in silence or reading from the bibles or other material which will be available.

Please sign the list at the back of church so that we can ensure each half hour is covered by at least two or three people - but there is no maximum number. *John Dilley*

Good Friday Walk of Witness

This year's Walk of Witness, following the cross with our brothers and sisters from Biggleswade's other churches, will begin at Central Square (Millers Coffee Shop) Kings Reach at 10.00am. The route will continue to Stratton School main gates (Eagle Farm Road) for 10.25 and on to Biggleswade Baptist Church (London Road) for 10.40; arriving in the Market Square by 11.00am for a joint Good Friday service.

People are welcome to join at any point along the route, but it would be great if there were a good number of folks from the start. *John Dilley*

Not my will

by Dave Kitchen

Not what I want, Father, but what you want.

So that's no to easy solutions,

No to just commenting and not doing,

No to all the things that I really want!

Not quite, my child.

Sometimes you want the right things,

you make good calls and you can go ahead

with my blessing and my love.

But not often!

Ah, that depends on how much you've been tuned in. But prayer is always less painful than not listening to my quiet voice.

Quiet?

Most of the time.

There's no point in shouting if you don't have to.

But I'm not sure I want to do what you want me to do. I'm not even sure if I can.

You can.

I'll make it possible.

*The real question is whether **you** will.*

Downing Street Announcement

The Rt Revd Dr Andrew Rumsey, currently Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury, is to be the next Bishop of St Albans. Bishop Andrew returns to the Diocese in which he was born and baptised, describing the appointment as "a homecoming" and saying he is thrilled to be joining a "fine team".

A Lenten Prayer

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Future Dates

30, 31 March 7pm Night Prayer, St Andrew's Church
and 1 April

2 April 7:30pm Holy Communion, Foot Washing and Watch of the Night

3 April 10:30am Churches Together Walk of Witness followed by Service in Market Square
1:30pm Good Friday Liturgy Dramatised Reading, St Andrew's Church
Easter Garden and activities for children in Chapter House

4 April 8pm Paschal Ceremony

5 April 10am Festival Parish Communion

6 April 10:15am Coach from St Andrew's for Easter Pilgrimage to St Alban's Cathedral,
Sign the notice in the foyer if you need transport (£10 children, £15 adult)

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