



Palm Sunday

24 March 2024

Sunday 10.00 am Parish Communion

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Readings

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Passion Gospel: St. Mark

Zoom

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Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

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Burial of Ashes, Norman Gurney

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

Holy Week

Monday 25 March

10.10-10.50

Easter Assembly at St Andrew's West
MU Lady Day Service, St Mary's Pottton
Compline and Address

2.00pm

7.30pm

Tuesday 26 March

7.30pm

Compline and Address

Wednesday 27 March

9.45-11.00am

Edward Peake Easter Services in Church
Funeral in Church, Donald Pryor RIP
Compline and Address

2.00pm

7.30pm

Thursday 28 March

11.00 am

Chrism Eucharist at St Albans Cathedral
Warm Spaces, Chapter House
Sung Eucharist and foot washing
followed by The Watch until Midnight

10.30-12.30pm

7.30pm

Friday 29 March

10.30

Good Friday

Walk of Witness

11.00

Service, Market Square

1.30-3.00pm

The Liturgy of The Day

Saturday 30 March

10.00 -12.00pm

Easter Eve

Coffee shop and Warm Spaces

8.00pm

Paschal Ceremony

Sunday 31 March

8.00am

Easter Day

10.00am

Holy Communion

Festival Parish Communion

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Requesting our Prayers: King Charles, Bobbie Ball, Julia Pilgrim, Alan, Bishop of St Albans, Pam Huckle, Robert Butcher, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Philip Hickin, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Ian Cobban, Val Scott and Paul Bennett.

Continue to Pray for: Cory Sherry, Joan Betts.

Mafambisa. We pray for 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: Virginia, children: Maria, Enos, Life, Tomas, Sphesihle, Thabang, Thabo.
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We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; Scott Hamilton, Pauline Pryor, Donald Pryor 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: 25th Dave Fowler, 31st Ann Reeves.

MU Late notice I'm afraid of the **Lady Day Service Monday 25th March 2pm at St Mary's Potton**. This is very much a favourite MU service celebrating the Annunciation. All welcome. **Wednesday 3rd April** Meeting in the Ivel Room. I'm hoping we can have a speaker about local MU projects that we can support. **Thursday 18th April Soup and Roll lunch**. If the weather is warm this will be a ploughman's lunch. **Saturday 13th April Spring Sharing Day**. See poster In the Chapter House for details. *Maggie McLoughlin*.

Watch of the Night On Maundy Thursday (28th March) following a 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. 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*.

Churches Together in Biggleswade - Good Friday open air witness 29th March 2024. Every one is invited to come along. Walking route: Dan Albane Car Park/Trinity Methodist to Market Square to area adjacent to Surfin Café. Primarily on footpaths. **10.30** Gather in Dan Albane Car Park. **10.40** Leave Dan Albane carpark –Hill Lane, join Shortmead Street to High Street to Market Square for Service at 11.00am. N.B. Folks attending to endeavour to gather around in such a way as not to block out folks in the Market Square seeing what is going on! Many thanks, *John Ingrey, CTIB*

Easter Lilies. It is our custom at St Andrew's Church to remember loved ones with a donation towards the cost of the lilies in church on Easter Day, and the following weeks. If you should wish to donate, please put your offering in an envelope designated, "Easter Lilies", including those whose names you wish to be remembered, and place on one of the collection plates, or kindly post through my letterbox, 40 Ivel Gardens, SG18 0AN. At the time of writing the cost of each lily is £2.50. The names of those in whose loving memory the Easter Lilies are donated will be posted on the prayer board in the Memorial Chapel area for Easter; and, also dearly departed names included on the Easter Day 2024 pew sheet notices. Thank you. *Jan Gardner*.

Revision of the Electoral Roll In preparation for the APCM on Sunday 28th April, the annual revision of the Electoral Roll will take place between 30th March and 13th April. This means that new names can be added to/removed from the Electoral Roll up to and including 13th April. After that date no new names can be added until after the APCM. If you are new to St Andrew's and would like to be added to the Electoral Roll, please let me know and I will give you a form. You can also download the form from the Church website: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/whats-on/magazine/electoral-roll-application-form.php> The following are the conditions under which you can request inclusion in the Electoral Roll:

- *Those eligible must have been baptised and be over the age of 16 years
- *They must live in the parish of Biggleswade. Alternatively, if living outside the parish, should have worshipped at St Andrew's habitually during the past six months
- *They must be a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England or in good standing with the Church of England. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary*

Setting up Church for Easter Day As you know after the Maundy Thursday service, Church is cleared and laid bare ready for Good Friday. On Easter Eve (Saturday) we need to redress the church ready for the resurrection. If people are free on Saturday morning –a helping hand would be appreciated. Thank you. *Chris Parker.*

Spring Afternoon Tea Sunday 2 June 2024 Chapter House We will be raising funds for the Africa 2024 Youth Team. Pre-booking is required and there will be a choice of 1pm and 3pm sittings. Tickets are £10 per adult/£8 per child. Online booking will be available shortly. Any queries please ask Sally Wells sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk 07932 760864

Future Dates

Monday 1 April		Easter Monday Pilgrimage 2024
Wednesday 3 April	2.00pm	MU Meeting, The Ivel Room.
Thursday 4 April	9.30am	Thursday of Easter Week Holy Communion
Sunday 7 April	10.00am	The Second Sunday of Easter Parish Communion
	12.45pm	Sunday Lunch
Thursday 11 April	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 13 April	9.45am	Mafambisa Sponsored Cycle
Sunday 14 April	10.00am	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism
	6.00pm	Sunday @ 6: Easter Praise
Thursday 18 April	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12.00 –2.00pm	MU Soup and Roll Lunch
Saturday 20 April	10.00 - 11.00am	Confirmation Preparation
Sunday 21 April	10.00am	Parish Communion

Holy Week and Easter Parish News The 'Holy Week and Easter' Parish News will be available from church Sunday 17th March and a copy will also be available to view on the church website. Please not only take one for yourself, but anyone else that you feel would like to receive a copy. *Sue Oldroyd.*

Sponsored Cycle Ride for Team Africa - Saturday 13 April The Kitchen youth group are going to be holding a 24hr sponsored cycle ride to support our young people going out as a team to Mafambisa this year. The young people will ride on 2 static bikes from 9.30am on the Saturday until 9.30am Sunday 14 April. The young people have sponsor forms, but you can also support them by going to our "Go Fund Me" site and leaving a donation <https://gofundme/ac923097> Thank you –*The Kitchen.*

Pew News during Easter There will be a double edition of the Pew Sheet, which will be for Easter Day, Sunday 31 March and the Second Sunday of Easter, 7 April. Please could all entries be with me by 11am on Tuesday 26 March. Thank you. *Mandy Anning, Parish Administrator.*

MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We receive weekly updates from Hands at Work - from different communities via WhatsApp. If you would like to receive these I will add you to the WhatsApp group. Please text your mobile number to Chris on 07702 250776 or email on chris2parker@btinternet.com

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Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important especially at this time that we give them all the support possible.
Gill Hibbert

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 Mepham 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. *Thanks.*

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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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