



# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BIGGLESWADE

Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith, serving with love, and welcoming all



## Christ the King

26 November 2023

### Sunday 10.00 am Parish Communion

#### Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16 God, the true Shepherd  
20-24

Ephesians 1.15-end Paul's Prayer

Matthew 25.31-end We show our love for Jesus by loving and serving others.

#### Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.  
Passcode: 599753  
Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

11.30 am Coffee with Country Fayre Charities  
Presentation, Chapter House.

**Church will be closed each week from Monday to Friday to allow for Heating Replacement Work. Thursday Morning Services will be held in the Chapter House, Sunday Morning Services will be held in Church.**

*Revd Liz and Churchwardens*

### This Week

#### Thursday 30 November St Andrew's Day

9.30 am Holy Communion,  
followed by coffee, Chapter House

#### Readings:

Isaiah 52.7-10  
Matthew 4.18-22

10.30-12.30pm Warm Spaces, Chapter House  
7.00-8.30pm 10plus Youth Group, Chapter House  
7.30-9.00pm 12plus Youth Group, Chapter House

#### Saturday 2 December

8.00am Autumn Churchyard Clean up  
10.00-12noon Coffee Shop/Warm Spaces, Chapter House  
4.00pm Servers St. Andrew's Celebration.

#### Sunday 2 December Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion followed by coffee,  
Chapter House  
12.45 Sunday Lunch  
6.00pm Advent Service of Light  
7.30-9.00pm 16plus Youth Group, Chapter House

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**Requesting our Prayers:** Sylvia Rutt, Jackie Coyles, Ian Pearson, Woody Sim, Philip Hickin, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Ian Cobban, Val Scott and Paul Bennett.

**Continue to Pray for:** Joy Botterell, Maurice Darnell, Jo Chelley.

**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 children: Princy, Sinethemba, June, Excellent, Jones. [www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk)

**We pray for the souls of** all the recently departed; George Green 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: 27th Reg Gould, 29th Erik Whiteley.

**Coffee Shop and Warm Spaces -Urgent** We are in need of a team for coffee shop on the 2nd December – please sign the list if you can help. The list also has space for you to volunteer through to Easter –please add your names to the list. Thank you. *Chris Parker.*

**St Andrew's Lower School East Christmas Fair** Will be held on Saturday 2nd December at Bantock Way, SG18 8UQ from 11am-3pm.

**Toy/Gift Service Sunday 3rd December** We will be having our annual toy and gift service. This service is when we ask people to bring toys and gifts (new please), which are then taken to a local charity to distribute to those less fortunate than ourselves and who may not receive any gifts this Christmas. All gifts are very much appreciated; whether it's a matchbox car or big Lego set, whether they're for a very young child, right through the ages to those in their late teenage years. The Need Project, who will be our recipients again this year is a Christian charity based in Stotfold, and works through a number of churches in Central Bedfordshire. They are dedicated to relieving people in central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship. The charity request that we do not wrap the gifts as they need to see the items before to ensure suitability before distributing them. I do hope you feel this is a worthwhile activity, which clearly is an active way of us putting into practise what Jesus's teaching was about poverty and injustice. If you are not able to be at the service and would like to donate a toy/gift I would be only too happy to receive your donations prior to the 3rd December and I shall ensure they are added to those taken to the service. *Lucy Dilley 01767 318030*

**Advent Course** Advent begins at the beginning of December. We will be running Advent Groups on Thursdays after the service and also on Monday evenings as a house group. We will be using a book called "The Advent Manifesto: Daily Readings and Reflections from Isaiah and Luke" by Martyn Percy this costs £9.00. Please sign the list in the foyer and indicate if you would like to purchase a book! *Growth and Mission Group.*

**Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar** Again this year we'd like to invite you to put aside one item per day for the food bank Christmas packs. Tins and packets of food items, toiletries (possibly cleaning items) not necessarily with a Christmas flavour, but something to make someone's Christmas a bit brighter. Your donations need to be brought to church or delivered to Preen by **Friday 15th December** so the staff can sort and distribute them up to Friday 22nd. We can still take items after this date, but they won't go out until after the Christmas break. Alternatively, you could consider a 12 Days of Christmas donation in January, adding items until 12th Night. Just a thought.... *Maggie McLoughlin.*

**MU Christmas Soup Lunch Thursday 21st December 12-2pm.** Seasonal additions, including mulled wine. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

**Advent and Christmas 2023 Parish News** Is now available to view on the Church website or available in print from Sunday 26th November. If you know someone who would appreciate a copy delivered please see me or phone 01767 310394, leaving a message if I'm not at home. *Sue Oldroyd.*

**Shoebox Appeal** Last Tuesday morning our shoeboxes were collected and taken on the first part of their journey to the Rotary warehouse in Rochdale. We sent 70 individual boxes and 210 communal boxes. I will let you know their final destination in due course. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing project. *Mary Dominey.*

**Year's Mind 2024.** I am in the process of completing the Year's Mind list for 2024. If you would like to have a loved one remembered in our weekly notices, please complete the Remembrance of the Departed –Year's Mind Form and post in the box provided at the back on Church or directly to me by **30th November**, Thank you. *Mandy Anning, Parish Administrator.*

**Update on Heating Project.** As most of you will have noticed, our new boilers are now working and thus signals that we are now approaching the end of the heating installation. Work continues on the control system and there is still some setting up work to be completed on the fan convectors. There are a few items of building work to complete, but these should be completed in the next few weeks. We are very grateful for the workmanship of the team who have worked on the installation and grateful for their week by week clear ups that have allowed us to continue with services on Sundays throughout. *The Vicar and Churchwardens.*

**Church Cleaning** Each Saturday morning we need a group of people, who will be willing to come along and clean - between 10am and 12noon. Please choose which Saturdays you are able to help and sign the list on the notice board.

### Future Dates

Monday 4 December		Advent House Group
Thursday 7 December	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45-12noon	Advent Reading Group
Saturday 9 December		Wreath Making Fundraiser
Sunday 10 December	10.00	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Sunday @ 6
Tuesday 12 December		Carols, Remembering our Dearly Departed
Thursday 14 December	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45—12noon	Advent Reading Group
	7.00pm	Youth Group End of Term Christmas Party, Chapter House
Wednesday 20 December	6.00pm	Carols in the Churchyard
Thursday 21 December	12.00-2.00pm	MU Christmas Soup Lunch
	5.30 –6.30pm	Carol Singing, Sullivan Court, Kings Reach
Sunday 3rd February	3.00pm	Christingle Service.

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**Warm Spaces** From Thursday 2nd November "Warm Spaces" will be open on Thursdays from 10.30 – 12.30 and Saturdays from 10.00am until 12noon and ending Saturday 23rd March 2024. Please sign up on the rota sheet in the foyer if you are able to help. Thank you. *Revd Liz and Churchwardens.*

**Parking** Can we please request that church users of the car park do not "double park" especially at service times, thus blocking other users from exiting in a timely fashion. There have been a couple of instances brought to our attention which have caused a problem recently. *Rob Butcher, Chris Parker, Churchwardens*

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### 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](mailto:chris2parker@btinternet.com)

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### Used Postage Stamps

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*

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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 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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