



The Seventh Sunday of Trinity

3 August 2025

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8.00 am **Holy Communion:** Order Two, *traditional*

10.00 am **Parish Communion**
Followed by Coffee in Chapter House

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23 [not 8.00 am].
Wisdom is meaningless. Colossians 3.1-11. *Think beyond
earthly things.* Luke 12. 13-21. *The parable of the rich man.*

Collect. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver
and all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your
name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all
goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

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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*

Monday 4 August

9.00 am—1.00pm 'Hear 2 Listen' Holiday Club
Chapter House and Church Grounds

Tuesday 5 August

9.00 am—1.00pm 'Hear 2 Listen' Holiday Club

Wednesday 6 August

9.00 am—1.00pm 'Hear 2 Listen' Holiday Club

11.00 am Penrose Court Home Communion

2.00 pm MU Meeting. Ivel Room

Thursday 7 August

9.00 am—1.00pm 'Hear 2 Listen' Holiday Club

09.30 am Holy Communion.
Readings: Numbers 20.1-13 Matthew 16.13-23
followed by coffee in Chapter House

**12.00—2.00 pm Summer Picnic. Kings Reach near Orchard
Community Centre.**

From 6.00 pm assistance with preparations for Holiday Club—
marquees and fencing appreciated

Saturday 9 August

10.00 am—12.00. Coffee Shop, Chapter House

4.00 pm - please join Holiday Club work party preparations if possible

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity, 10 August

10.00 am Parish Communion
Followed by Coffee in Chapter House

12.00 noon Burial of Ashes. Bernard Gurney RIP

6.00 pm Holiday Club Preparation Service

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Requesting our Prayers: **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, Bobbie Ball. We continue to pray for: Joy Botterell, Jo Chelley.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed. Peter Doggett: 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: 3 Lucy Andrews, 4 Stanley Morley.

MU Next Meetings: **Wednesday 6 August 2.00 pm** Ivel Room. Barbara Ebeling: "Japan, August 1945." All welcome. Coffee/tea and cake to follow. No ploughman's lunch in August. **Tuesday 12 August 2.00pm** Mary Sumner Day. We join the service at All Saints Church, Cople, for this celebration of the founder of MU; particularly significant this year with several new members being welcomed. If you would like to join us, please ask me or Ros Drakes - transport should be possible. All welcome. *Maggie McLoughlin*

St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2025 – Holiday Club Preparation Service. Please join the Holiday Club team for our preparation service on Sunday 10 August at 6pm. Come along to support the team as they prepare for an exciting week in the church calendar. Many thanks. *Holiday Club Team*

St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2025 – Plea for help! Thank you to everyone who has already got in touch to volunteer to help at Holiday Club this summer. As a reminder - Holiday Club this year will be Monday 11 until Thursday 14 August plus the Service and Barbecue on Sunday 17 August. We have had a wonderful response from the families of Biggleswade and will be welcoming over 170 children to our church for the 4 days. **We are asking for your help to set up the marquees and fencing on Thursday 7 August from 6pm and Saturday 9 August from 4pm. There are lots of jobs to complete before we can welcome the children so there will be jobs for all. We would appreciate any help you can give with these important jobs.**

Please contact Emma Pallett, or Sally Wells whose details are below as soon as possible to let us know if you are available to help and on which days. Emma Pallett, Holiday Club Leader, emmapallett@hotmail.com, 07900 697945. Sally Wells, Registration Co-ordinator, sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk, 07932 760864 Many thanks. *Holiday Club Team.*

VJ Day Service, Market Square. 10.45am Friday 15 August 2025. What will be done to commemorate VJ Day 2025? Cathedrals, churches, and community groups will hold services to honour the sacrifice of those who fought in the Far East Events on the 80th anniversary. The Royal British Legion (RBL) will plan events to remember the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation.

The Very Revd Jo Kelly-Moore, chair of the Association of English Cathedrals and the Dean of St Albans has said: *As we gather in prayer in our Cathedrals and places of worship on that special anniversary, the bells that ring out are also a call to us to renew our commitment, people of all faiths and none, to work for peace in our communities and in God's world.'*

At 6.30pm Bells will ring on 15 August, commemorating the end of World War II in 1945. As part of the nationwide remembrance, bellringers are encouraged to ring at their local tower, beginning at 6:30pm, to honour those who served and sacrificed in the Far East. This symbolic act of bell ringing echoes the celebrations that swept the nation 80 years ago and offers a moment of reflection and gratitude for peace restored. Further information on VJ day and other celebrations planned can be found on the website <https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk>. Recognition and thanks and being united in our commitment to this area of mission, growth and ministry

Choice of Hymns. I have been choosing the hymns for our 10.00 am Parish Communion for several years. I use a resource "Sunday by Sunday" published by the Royal School of Church Music which reflects the readings for each Sunday. There are times during the church year: Christmas, Easter, Whitsun etc when there are obvious choices. I do welcome suggestions from preachers but also you, the choir and congregation who sing them! If you have any favourites we haven't used recently or indeed quite a few new ones from either our "red hymn books" or "Songs of Fellowship hymn books" which may be unfamiliar, please let me know and I'll be happy to include them where appropriate.

Rob Butcher, organist and director of music,

Communion Hymns. Sometimes when we have a large congregation there is time for an additional communion hymn. There is only space on the hymn boards for two. It has been suggested that we have a small list of hymns and choruses that we can choose when required. There are several simple ones whose words are probably known by heart by many people. However, a printed list of their numbers could be added to each hymn book so all people will know where to look to get the number. Please help me create a list of quiet worshipful hymns and songs that we can use. Your ideas to me please.

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Leprosy Mission. I will be collecting any money that has been saved in Leprosy Mission boxes on Thursday 7th, Sunday 10th, Thursday 14th and Sunday 17th of August. Unfortunately, there are no further boxes to give out for collecting small change, as the Society have found, that the cost of providing boxes means there is little profit to be given to the Mission. However, they have sent their 'Gift Envelopes' which can be used for your personal collection. I can only suggest that money is saved and kept in a receptacle at home. Next year I will again collect savings and send to the Mission, unless people have decided to donate online or through sending a cheque using the Gift Envelope provided.

I am sorry that this is now the way that the Leprosy Mission is working. I suspect that they are doing what many more charities have had to do, following rising costs for producing materials which encourage saving. Thank you for your dedicated help with the collection for the Leprosy Mission.

Sue Oldroyd.

Garden of Remembrance. When I was churchwarden, I took over responsibility for mowing the lawn and keeping an eye on general tidiness. It has recently become apparent that the boxwood hedge round the rear has been fatally affected by a predatory moth. After discussions it has been agreed to remove the dead bushes this year and replant this autumn with a disease resistant substitute. So please be aware of work in progress. We will need 40 plants, roughly £3.00 each. If you would like to contribute towards these, I will be happy to collect any donations. *Rob Butcher*

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 children: Nkaimulo, Owethu, Ansia, Isabel, Safinah, Neila.

Minutes of PCC Meeting 25 March 2025. The minutes are now available on the parish website: <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/pcc/>

End of Academic Year: Duncan Gauld, Diocesan Director of Education's Message. My sincere gratitude to all those who contribute so generously to the life and mission of our church schools across the Diocese. Thank you to all staff for your tireless commitment to the education and flourishing of children in your care. Your resilience, creativity, and compassion continue to shape lives in profound and lasting ways. To all in governance and volunteering—your dedication behind the scenes makes an immeasurable difference. Your wisdom, stewardship, and prayerful support ensure that our schools remain places of hope and excellence. For your faithful partnership in our churches.

The national education landscape continues to present challenges—rising needs, limited resources, and the pressures of accountability. Yet through it all, your dedication to nurturing the minds, hearts, and spirits of our children has remained strong. As we pause for rest and reflection over the summer, may you all find time to rest, to be refreshed, and to rejoice in all that has been accomplished. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30)

Prayers of Love and Faith. The Prayers of Love and Faith are a series of Church of England resources for same-sex couples who wish to give thanks for their relationship and seek God's blessing. These prayers are not a marriage service but are intended to be used in private prayer or as part of a regular worship service. They offer a way for couples to express their commitment and love before God, with prayers for guidance, companionship, and God's blessing.

At the last PCC meeting on July 15th, 2025, this proposal was adopted: " Same-sex couples already in civil partnerships or civil marriages, or who have sealed a covenanted friendship, can now be offered Prayers of Love and Faith in the Church of England following the guidance commended by the Bishops of the Church of England in December 2023. This step has already been taken by many churches and cathedrals. If adopted, these prayers will be offered within regular services of public worship for same-sex couples who love one another and who wish to give thanks for and mark that love in faith before God, and who are part of the Church community. Those eligible to ask for these prayers will include our regular congregation members, those living within the Parish and those with a strong pastoral connection to St. Andrew's Church, Biggleswade. It is not currently possible to hold stand-alone services of blessing, same-sex weddings or civil partnerships". *Rev'd Liz.*

Future Dates

M 11— Th 14 August	Holiday Club
Friday 15 August, 10.45 am	VJ Day Service, the Market Square
Sunday 17 August	09.30 am Parish Communion 11.00 am Holiday Club Service and Barbecue
1 September [to 4 October]	Season of Creation theme for 2025: 'Peace with Creation'
Sunday 7 September, 8.00 am	Holy Communion: <i>Order Two traditional</i>
10.00 am	All Together Communion—Education Sunday
Sunday 14 September 12.45 pm	Sunday Lunch, Chapter House
Sunday 5 October	Harvest Thanksgiving



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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