



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



Advent Sunday St Andrew's Day Patronal Festival

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10am Parish Communion

Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10 *Let Zion rejoice*
Romans 10.12-18 *Salvation for all*
Matthew 4.18-22
Jesus calls his first disciples

Collect: Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him: call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell us the good news of your kingdom; 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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followed by coffee, wine, nibbles, cake and fellowship in the Chapter House

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome.

6pm Advent Service of Light

Monday 1 December

7pm Night Prayer

Wednesday 3 December

11am Penrose Court Home Communion

Thursday 4 December

9:30am Holy Communion *John of Damascus*
Readings: Isaiah 26.1-6
Matthew 7.21, 24-27

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

10:45am Funeral of Maurice John Law RIP,
Bedford Crematorium

Evening Youth Groups (see website for details)

Saturday 6 December

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

10am Wreath Making Workshop (*see poster*)
12 noon Soup and roll lunch

Sunday 7 December

8am Holy Communion: Order II Traditional

10am All Together Communion:
including gifts of toys
(*Please bring unwrapped, new toys*)

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Requesting our Prayers: Anita, Ruth Atkinson, Joan Betts, Peter Clapson, Clerestine and Percy Doughty, Rosamund Drakes, Shelagh Hizzey, Thelma Holden, David Johnson, Liz Lavelle, Angela Morris, Chris Parker, Ian Pearson, Tim Robb, Charles Rutt, Val Scott, Nick Smithers, John Spicer, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Sally Wells, Yvonne. We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: For families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life: Maurice Law.

We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time: Sheila Cressey (2nd), Rosie Whittaker (3rd), Betty Cox (6th).

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: Ntandokazi, Prince, Victoria and Amanda.

Church Grounds Clear Up

The next church grounds clear up session is Saturday 29 November. Thanks to all those who helped last week. We will be raking leaves, clearing gutters, trimming bushes even eating bacon rolls all ready for the winter. We start at 8.30 am but join when you can - jobs to suit all! *Buildings and Grounds Team*

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

George and Angela would like to invite you all to join them for wine and cake in the Chapter House after the service today, to help celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. *George and Angela Dilley*

Christmas Wreath-Making and Soup Lunch

We are pleased to offer a Christmas wreath-making workshop on Saturday 6 December from 10am-12 noon. This will conclude with a 'soup and roll lunch' for a minimum donation of £10 towards Church Funds. There is a sign up sheet on the noticeboard in the foyer.

If you have any appropriate small dried fruits or flowers, cones, range of greenery in your garden to extend the range of materials, course members would be very grateful. The Eco Group are keen that as much as possible is locally sourced, thank you. *Hilary Johnson and Revd Liz*

Sunday 7 December 10am All Together Communion, including gifts of toys

As has been our tradition for many years here at St Andrew's we are inviting people to bring a suitable gift and or toy to donate to the Need Project based in Stotfold. They are a local Christian charity which works with different organisations and authorities to assist people when in need of support in our local area. They ask that toys are **brand new** and NOT wrapped which enables them to ensure the most suitable recipient benefits from them. Gift Cards for appropriate companies are also welcome to enable the teenagers to choose something they would like in the January Sale; but please ANY age supported is much appreciated. (If you are unable or don't attend the 10am Sunday Service but would like to donate please contact me on 07800 577106 to facilitate this). *Lucy Dilley*

Christmas bookstall The Christmas bookstall is now open in the Chapter House with a selection of Christmas cards and Advent candles. *Chris Parker*

Christmas Home Communions

If you, or a relative, friend or neighbour, wishes to receive Communion at home during the Christmas season, please inform the Administration Assistant as soon as possible, providing your contact details to her. Thank you. secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk *Revd Liz*



Mafambisa 2026

We will be taking a team to Africa again next year and are keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the team. Please speak to Chris Parker or Oliver Dilley if you are interested. We expect the dates to be 1 - 14 August 2026.

Oliver Dilley and Chris Parker

Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces will be available in the Chapter House on Saturdays from 10am till 12noon and Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30am, finishing on 21 March. Warm Spaces will be closed on 25 and 27 December and on 1 and 3 January.

Nettie van de Weerd

Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar As usual we're working with Biggleswade Baptist Church to help with food parcels over the Christmas period. If you can help by putting together a box/bag of items (one for each day of Advent) there are notices and flyers with suggestions on the notice board and in the foyer. Donations for Christmas are needed by **Thursday 18 December**, but any further donations will be used in the New Year - still school holidays and difficult for many families.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

Weekly Prayer Lists

Praying for the sick is a very important and valued part of our ministry. In order to keep our prayers current, from 30 November, we will pray for those on the list for 4 weeks.

If you wish this period to be extended, please inform the Admin Assistant at the end of that time:

secretary@standrewschurchbw.org.uk

Revd. Liz

Stewardship Envelope Packs

New packs of addressed Stewardship Envelopes are ready for collecting from the back of the Church for users of the weekly envelope scheme. The Packs are on the table by the South Porch. The new Packs start in December so please collect them by the end of the month.

If you want more information about the ways you can make regular donations to the Church, then please have a word with me or telephone me on 01767 312347.

Adrian Maynard

Churchyard Flower beds

As you probably know Jan Gardner has now moved away and this leaves a big hole in our churchyard team. We are really grateful to Jan for all that she did in the church yard to keep it looking so good. We would now like to recruit people to take on the flower beds that Jan looked after. The good thing is that the flower beds are already in great condition. Please speak to Chris Parker, Vaughan Johnson, or John Dilley if you would like to care of a flower bed.

Advent Prayer

We look forward this year to a regular weekly Advent Night Prayer in Church on Mondays 1,8 and 15 December from 7pm-7:30pm.

Revd. Liz

Food Bank

Please consider adding an item to your shopping basket to help those in need in our area. Current needs are: tinned carrots, custard, rice pudding, tinned bolognese. You may wish to include a Christmas treat (in the next 2 weeks—to ensure Christmas distribution) Items can be put in the box in church or at the supermarket.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

Flowers/ Window Displays Request There are currently a small team of florists who kindly create amazing displays for certain windows for major festivals and who I hope will continue to do so, however I am looking for some additional support and help! I am looking for volunteers who are willing to arrange flowers in a vase. Or donate—perhaps on special occasions. There is a quieter time coming up as we do not have flowers in Advent but then the Christmas season will be here. I have engaged with some groups linked to the church who seem enthusiastic to offer their creative gifts for the window displays which I am delighted to have onboard. If you would like to support this in ANY way (financial, creativity or suggestions) please contact me on 07800577106. lucydilley18@gmail.com *Lucy Dilley*

MU Christmas Soup Lunch Thursday 18 December 12-2pm

Festive fayre and carols. All welcome. No set price, donate what you can.

Maggie McLoughlin

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to those who used easyfundraising when shopping online; we have received a payout of £22.82 this quarter. If you shop online why not sign up at easyfundraising.org.uk and select St Andrews Church Biggleswade as your cause to support? After registering with them just head to the website when shopping and see if the retailer you want to use is on the list, click the link and shop as usual. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask. The pennies raised on every transaction soon add up. *Anna Rutt*

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

8 & 15 December	7pm	Advent Night Prayer
17 December	6pm	Carols on the lawn
18 December	6pm	Carols—King's Reach and St Andrew's Park, <i>followed by drinks at King's Reach</i>
20 December	10:30am-12noon	Nativity Tableau (please sign up on sheet in foyer)

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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