



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BIGGLESWADE

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



Easter Day and The Second Sunday of Easter

31 March 2024

Easter Day 31 March
8 am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 25.6-9 God prepares a joyous banquet for all peoples
Acts 10.34-43 God shows no partiality, gentiles hear the Good News
Mark 16.1-8 The resurrection of Jesus

Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)
Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.
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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**, during the winter months.
Revd Liz and Churchwardens

This Week and W/C 8th April

Monday 1 April

9.00am Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans

Wednesday 3 April

2.00pm MU Meeting, The Ivel Room

Thursday 4 April

9.30am Holy Communion, followed by coffee, Chapter House

Readings:

Acts 3.11-end
Luke 24.35-48

Saturday 6 April

10.00-12.00 Coffee shop and Warm Spaces

Sunday 7 April

10.00am **The Second Sunday of Easter**
Parish Communion, followed by coffee, Chapter House
Sunday Lunch

12.45pm

Thursday 11 April

9.30 am Holy Communion, followed by Coffee, Chapter House

10.30-12.30pm Warm Spaces, Chapter House

Saturday 13 April

9.45 am 24hour Sponsored Bike Ride, Chapter House

10.00-12noon Coffee Shop/Warm Spaces

Sunday 14 April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion with Baptisms
6.00pm Sunday @ 6 Easter Praise

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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.
Notices for inclusion by Tuesday at 11.00 am.



Sunday 7 April, The Second Sunday of Easter, Parish Communion, 10 am

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of you Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

Acts 4.32-35

1 John 1.1-2.2

Thursday 11 April, Holy Communion, 9.30 am

Readings

Acts 5.27-33

John 3.31-end

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

Continue to Pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit.

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 Zodwa (Care Worker) and children: Hassan, Hussen, Junior and Johannes. Please visit our blog at www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed; Scott Hamilton, Pauline 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 falls this week and next: 1st Roland Newman, 4th Peter Garratt, 7th Michael Wilson, 9th Mary Bridges, 9th Alice Rutt, 12th Stanley Martin, 13th Ellen Ruth Hucklesby, Christine Macdonald, 14th Margaret Marshall-Jones, Shirley Whiteley.

A Prayer For HRH The Princess of Wales Gracious God, we pray for the continues recovery of the Princess of Wales, for her husband and their family. Grant to them, and to all who are affected by sickness, faith, hope, and the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage –Easter Monday 1 April There are still a few places left on the coach for the Easter Monday Pilgrimage. Breakfast will be from 9am and the coach will leave at 10am. Please sign the list if you would like to join us. The coach will first go to Harpenden, where you have the option of joining other pilgrims on a five mile walk into St Albans. Or the coach will then go forward to St Albans and drop off close to the entrance in Holywell Hill. Some of our young people will be walking all the way and will set off on Sunday after the service. We pray that they have an enjoyable and we look forward to catching up with them at Harpenden and then at St Alban's. Cost Adults £12 Child £6 (Pay on the bus).

MU Wednesday 3rd April 2pm, Ivel Room. Meeting on the theme of the Annunciation, led by Ros Jones. Always followed by cake and a chat. All welcome.

Saturday 13th April MU Spring Sharing Day. See poster in the Chapter House for details.

Thursday 18th April 12-2pm Soup and roll lunch. If the weather improves this will be a ploughman's. *Maggie McLoughlin.*

Sunday School Wishing all those involved in Sunday School a peaceful and happy Easter break. We will be back for more fun at Sunday School on Sunday 21st April. Best wishes from all the Sunday School team.

Notice of APCM: Appointment of Officers: This year's APCM will take place on Sunday 28th April in Church at 11:30am following the 10 o'clock Parish Communion. We will be electing **two** Churchwardens at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (which precedes the APCM) and there are the following vacancies on PCC:

- 4 people to stand for 3 years
- 1 person for 2 years
- 2 people for 1 year.

There is also a vacancy on the Deanery Synod for a period of 2 years.

As part of the PCC you can make a difference to St Andrew's, to its aims and direction, its finance, mission and vision. Please do prayerfully consider if you would like to take on one of the above roles and if you would like to find out more, then please feel free to speak to either our current Churchwardens, Rob Butcher and Chris Parker, or any member of the PCC/Deanery Synod. The current PCC members are Paul Daniels, Vivienne Gayfer, Rob Lackey, Ruth Marshall-Jones, David Pilgrim, Andrew Rutt, Mark Simmons, Nettie van de Weerd and Nicola Woodward. Our Deanery Synod reps are Rosemary Bentley and Hilary Johnson. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

Quiz Night Saturday 27 April 2024 Chapter House We will be raising funds for the Africa 2024 Youth Team. Entry is £12 per person with up to 8 people in a team. Entry includes a sausage and mash supper with dessert. Doors open at 6:30pm and the quiz starts at 7pm. Please enter your team online at <https://bit.ly/4a7g6jb> Any queries please ask Chris Wells chris@thewellsfamily.org.uk 07970 269896

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. Please book online at <https://bit.ly/49N4dOV>. Any queries please ask Sally Wells sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk 07932 760864.

The signed Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 30th January are available to read and are located on the noticeboard in the church foyer. They can also be found on the church website <https://standrewschurchbiggleswade.org.uk/who-are-we/pcc>. *Ruth Marshall-Jones, PCC Secretary.*

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*

Future Dates

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
	12noon	Baptisms
Thursday 25 April	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 27 April	10.00-11.00am	Confirmation Preparation
Sunday 28 April	10.00am	Parish Communion
Thursday 2 May	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 4 May	10.00-11.00am	Rehearsal for Confirmation and Admission to Holy Communion
Sunday 5 May	10.00am	Parish Communion with Confirmation & Admission to Holy Communion
Thursday 9 May	Ascension Day	
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Sung Holy Communion with Incense
Sunday 12 May	10.00am	Parish Communion

Holy Week and Easter Parish News The 'Holy Week and Easter' Parish News is now available 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://gofund.me/ac923097> Thank you –Ben, Pippa, Adam (The Kitchen).

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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