



Christ-Centred – Welcoming – Inclusive – Outward - Looking



Trinity Sunday

31 May 2026

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10am Parish Communion

Readings:

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 *God's people are comforted*
II Corinthians 13.11-13 *Greetings and Benediction*
Matthew 28.16-20 *Commissioning of the disciples*

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Zoom To join [Click here](#)
Meeting ID: 931 2877 4094
Passcode: 263739

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

Sunday School—all school-age children welcome

Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

6pm School Assembly Songs
(See notice in foyer for details)

Wednesday 3 June

11am Penrose Court Home Communion
2pm MU trip to RSPB Sandy

Thursday 4 June

9:30am Holy Communion— Corpus Christi
Readings: *1 Corinthians 11.23-26*
John 6.51-58
followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House

Saturday 6 June

10am-12noon Coffee Shop, Chapter House
Car wash in aid of Mafambisa 2026

10am PCC Eucharist—all welcome

Sunday 7 June

8am Holy Communion
10am All Together Communion
Coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House
12:45pm Sunday Lunch (*please order in advance*)
6pm Deanery Evening Worship
St Mary's, Potton

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Intercessions Let us pray for: World Environment Day (5th), Conservationists and those addressing Global Warming, The Friends of St. Andrew's

Requesting our Prayers: Percy Doughty, Thelma Holden, Revd Liz Lavelle, Ann Pridmore, Charles Rutt, Philip Rutt, Steve Waldron, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Ricardo Landsman, Julia Pilgrim

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Richard Albone, Hebbe Blackburn-Stout, Jacqueline Pearce. 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: Maurice Bentley (1st), Gerald Drakes (2nd)

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, Amanda

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people, and kindle in us the fire of your love

The next few months will continue to be a time of transition and, I pray, renewal at Church. The Leadership and Ministry Team will be working alongside the whole Church as we journey forward together, relying on your continued support in the day-to-day worship and mission, as well as seeking help with specific tasks and roles at Church.

Since the APCM, we are aware that we have a PCC Treasurer vacancy to fill. Whilst the PCC seek to recruit a new PCC Treasurer, Andrew Rutt has generously offered to continue to support the PCC as 'bookkeeper'. In the next few weeks I would encourage anyone who may be interested in taking up this role to speak with myself, a Churchwarden or Andrew Rutt directly to find out more.

Some of the other changes ahead include warmly welcoming and working alongside our two new Churchwardens, Rosemary Bentley and Rob Butcher. With continuing thanks to Churchwarden Nettie van de Weerd, whose final 'on duty' Sunday as Churchwarden will be Sunday 14 June. Rosemary will officially take up office from June 4, 2026, and Rob from July 4, 2026. Please pray for the work of the PCC, and our outgoing, and incoming, Churchwardens, in your prayers, thank you.

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Revd. Liz - Vicar

Mafambisa Fundraising Events – Supporting Freya and Jack

Freya and Jack are heading out to Mafambisa this year as part of the mission team. To help them fundraise, a number of events are taking place over the coming weeks. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and support them.

- **Saturday 6 June: Car Wash – 10am–12pm** Bring your car for a shine. Minimum donation £5.
- **Saturday 20th June: Quiz Night with Bangers & Mash – 7pm** A fun evening with a hot meal and dessert included. £12 per person. Teams of up to 8. *Mafambisa 2026 Team*

You can also donate via our Go Fund Page <https://gofund.me/5f6329fea>

Mafambisa 2026 Team

Lost Property

There are a number of items at the back of church that have not been collected (buggy cover, hats and gloves, a jumper, a jacket, sunglasses and a shirt) Please have a look and reclaim anything that is yours. Any items left by June 14 will be given to charity.

Sue Thorn, Admin. Assistant



St Andrew's Church Summer Holiday Club 2026

Just a reminder - Holiday Club this year Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 August plus the Service and BBQ on Sunday 23 August. If you are able to help in any way, even for an hour or two, please contact:

Emma Pallett, Holiday Club Leader, emmapallett@hotmail.com, 07900 697945

Sally Wells, Registration Co-ordinator, sally@thewellsfamily.org.uk, 07932 760864

Further information will be out shortly if you wish to enrol children for Holiday Club. *Holiday Club Team*

MU Wednesday 3 June

We will be at the Sandy RSPB Lodge for a wander and a cuppa at the cafe. Do join us, we may be able to offer a lift if you need one, so please ask. **We leave the church car park at 2pm.** *Maggie McLoughlin*

Biggleswade in Bloom 2026 - St Andrew's Church has entered this inaugural event with judging expected the week of 6 July. Eco Group is aware that several are involved in tending the flower beds and borders and keeping the church grounds looking so beautiful. Volunteers are invited to help with a wider Community Planting Day in early June when seasonal bedding plants arrive, with the exact date still to be confirmed. Financial donations towards purchasing plants for display in the churchyard will also be warmly received. Please see Mark Simmons. *Eco Group*

Cafe Mocha is a small but very friendly - not for profit - cafe in town opposite the White Hart Pub. They are now looking for volunteers for all aspects of running the cafe. For more information about the Cafe and its vision, or about what help is needed please contact Helen on Helen.horner@outlook.com

New Water Butt – Given in memory of my late father Norman Gurney who was a keen participant of the Buildings and Grounds Team, this donation is now installed and harvesting rainwater on the south side of the church. Not only will this have a practical use, but it will also make a valuable contribution towards St Andrews' credentials as an Eco Church. *Nick Gurney*



Churches Count on Nature

Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. It is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK.

How many plants, birds, animals and insects can you spot in the church grounds between 6-14 June? Our next All Together Communion will start to get you thinking and we will then hold an Eco-themed Sunday School on 28 June.

If you would like to find out more, please visit:

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/about-love-your-burial-ground-week-with-churches-count-on-nature/>

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Design a logo for history in the making!

2027 marks 150 years of St Albans Cathedral, The Diocese of St Albans and St Albans city status. At the Cathedral, we're looking for a standout logo to bring our Alban150 campaign to life.

Whether you're a designer, artist, student, or simply full of ideas, this is your chance to create something seen across a landmark year - from events and exhibitions to digital and merchandise.

Win prizes including:

- £100 St Albans Gift Card courtesy of St Albans City Centre BID
- A bundle of Cathedral event tickets and gifts
- Your design used across the entire anniversary year

Deadline: Friday 17 July 2026

See full details here: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/alban150-competition>

A Prayer for Trinity Sunday

Creator, we come to you in awe, marvelling at the mysteries of the universe, and delighting in the world you have made. Christ, we come to you in gratitude, wondering at God's love revealed in your face, and in your arms stretched wide on the cross.

Holy Spirit, we come to you in expectation, opening our lives, hearts and minds to your wind of change.

God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, make us holy, make us strong, draw us into the unity of your love, creating, redeeming and sustaining us, now and for ever. Amen.



Future Dates

14 June	10am	Confirmation Service
20 June	7pm	Quiz Night with bangers and mash—fundraiser for Mafambisa Team 2026
21 June		Generous Giving Sunday
21 June	5:30pm	Taize Evening Service, Cockayne Hatley
27 June	7:30pm	East Beds Chamber Concert
30 June	7:30pm	Standing Committee

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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