



## II Sunday before Lent

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10am Parish Communion

**Readings:** Genesis 1.1-2.3 *The Creation*  
Romans 8.18-25 *Future Glory*  
Matthew 6.25-34 *Do not worry*

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

**Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616.

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

**N.B. Please MUTE when joining Zoom**

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome

*followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

**12:45pm** Sunday Lunch

**6pm** Sunday @6: *The Joy in Waiting*

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All copy for inclusion in Sunday Pew Sheets to be sent to:  
[office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk) by Tuesdays, 11am

### Wednesday 11 February

11am Funeral of Sylvia Lowther RIP,  
St Andrew's Church

7:45pm Exploring Silence, St Peter's Church

### Thursday 12 February

9:30am Holy Communion

**Readings:** I Kings 11.4-13  
Mark 7.24-30

*Followed by coffee, warm spaces, visit of Julie Balaam and fellowship, Chapter House*

11am Mantles Court Home Communion

7:15pm Youth Groups: Pancake Evening

### Saturday 14 February

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

*NB The Church is being used for a Scout and Guide event 9am-12noon*

### Sunday 15 February

10am Parish Communion  
Sunday School

*Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

### Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church

Our church is usually open for private prayer Monday to Saturday 9am-4pm.

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## Intercessions

Let us pray for: Racial Justice Sunday, 9-13 February - General Synod: The Lords Spiritual, local hospitals, residential homes, hospices and care providers who visit and support members of our parish family.

**Requesting our Prayers:** Joan Betts, Percy Doughty, John Gutteridge, Revd Liz Lavelle, Charles Rutt, Nick Smithers, Derek and Gill Whinnett.

We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Petit, Maureen Wade

## We pray for the souls of the recently departed:

Richard Cope, Anna Enongené, Sylvia Lowther, Chris Parker.

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: Christine Hullah (9<sup>th</sup>), Allan Bliss (12<sup>th</sup>)

**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: Khethiwe and children: Ayama, Lethokuhle, Asanda and Ayanda

## 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. Julie Balaam, the Community Agent, will visit the Church during warm spaces on Thursday 12 February.

*Nettie van de Weerd*

## ACTS OF HOPE: Lent Groups 2026

This Lent, journey together through the Book of Acts and reflect on the attitudes and acts of the disciples that can encourage us to be bringers of hope through Holy Spirit-led attitudes and actions in our own age. Lent Groups will be using a new resource from the 'Embrace the Middle East' Charity, drawing upon Bible readings and stories from Middle East partners, offering lively discussion, opportunity for prayer and action points. Come to one or two sessions, or come to all as we look forward to journeying together this Lent. Please sign up on the lists at Church.

Monday Evenings: starting at 7pm with a simple soup and bread supper, finishing by 8:30pm in Church.

Five evenings starting on Monday 23 February.

Thursday mornings: starting after the 9:30am Holy Communion and coffee, in St. John's Room. Five

mornings starting on Thursday 26 February.

*Growth & Mission Committee*

## Saints Alive!

If you would be interested in singing a solo part, narrating or playing as part of the band in our upcoming musical on 9 May, please contact Sue or Rob at church or email [suethorn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suethorn@hotmail.co.uk)

We will be starting to rehearse some of the drama, solo parts and band before Easter in preparation for the day itself.

*Sue Thorn and Rob Butcher*

## Risk Assessments

As part of ensuring those we welcome into our church are safe, we need to ensure activities are risk assessed. If you have risk assessments for any church activities, could you please send them to me at the email address below or hand them to me in church? I am trying to create a central resource for them both to ensure they are in place and to allow people to reuse them rather than starting from scratch.

[healthandsafety@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:healthandsafety@standrewschurchbw.org.uk)

*Peter Giles*



## MU

Wednesday 4 March 2-4pm, Speaker: Alan Doughtey. '40 years on probation'.

Tea and cake to follow. All welcome!

*Maggie McLoughlin and Rosamund Drakes*

## Exploring Silence

The next session of Exploring Silence is again at St Peter's, at 7:45pm on Wednesday 11 February, and all are welcome. These sessions aim to help people get into and explore a period of silence in their life. This started as a result of conversations in the "Churches Together in Biggleswade", and a number of occasional sessions have been held at St Peter's Church in Station Road.

There's more information about what the sessions hope to cover at the website [exploring-silence.org](http://exploring-silence.org).

*Revd Liz, Vicar*

## A Prayer for our world

Lord of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away. Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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. 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.

Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade

Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

## Future Dates

18 February	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, with imposition of ashes
19 February	9:30am	Holy Communion, with imposition of ashes
22 February	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Potton
1 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Andrew's, Biggleswade
8 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—All Saints, Great Barford
15 March	6pm	Deanery Evening Worship—St Mary's, Northill

**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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