



III Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

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9:30am Parish Communion

Readings: Job 19.23-27a
I know that my Redeemer lives
II Thessalonians 2.1-5
The Man of Lawlessness
Luke 20.27-38
The Resurrection and Marriage

Collect: Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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, fellowship in the Chapter House

Sunday School: All school-age children welcome.

10:45am Remembrance Day Service,

Tuesday 11 November

10:45am Armistice Day Service, Market Square
7pm Growth and Mission Meeting
7:30pm Standing Committee

Thursday 13 November

9:30am Holy Communion
Readings: Philemon 7-20
Luke 17. 2-25

Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

Evening Youth Groups (see website for details)

Saturday 15 November

8:30am Church grounds clear up
10am - 12pm Coffee Shop, Craft and Chat
and Warm Spaces, Chapter House

Sunday 16 November

10am Parish Communion
Sunday School
12 noon Baptisms of Elias and Alexander

6pm Sunday@6: Care in Our Community
Followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House

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Requesting our Prayers: Anita, Ruth Atkinson, Peter Clapson, Maurice Darnell, 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.

We continue to pray for: Bobbie Ball, Fran Sharp, James Etienne.

We pray for the souls of the recently departed: Maureen Sibley, Iris Nicholls. 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: Lucy Wheelhouse (11th), June Donovan (12th), Charles Clark (15th), Graham Snell (15th).

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: Makabongwe, Themba, Sipho, Ayama, Lethokuhle, Asanda and Ayanda.

MU Quiet Day Saturday 8 November

10:30am – 3:00pm Revd Barbara Ebeling will lead sessions on the theme of The Prodigal Son.

More details of the day and a list to sign up are in the foyer. Numbers are limited to 20. There is no charge, but donations towards the heating cost would be appreciated.

12.00 noon Holy Communion: Celebrant, the Vicar Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong. All are invited to join us for the Sacrament in Church.

Revd Barbara Ebeling and Maggie McLoughlin (MU)

Church Grounds Clear Up

The next church grounds clear up sessions are Saturday 15 November and Saturday 29 November. 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 - there will be jobs to suit all! *Buildings and Grounds Team*

Year's Mind 2026

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in prayers during the coming year, please fill in a purple form and post it in the box provided. (Forms and box at the back of the church.)

Sue Thorn

Christmas Wreath-Making and Soup Lunch

We are pleased to be offering a Christmas wreath making workshop again on Saturday 6 December from 10am-12 noon. This will conclude with a 'soup and roll lunch'.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £10 towards Church Funds. There is a sign up sheet on the noticeboard in the foyer.

A request: 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

Nativity

Our Crib Service will be held on 24 December at 6pm. If any school-age children would like to participate, we will be rehearsing in Sunday School over the next few weeks.

Emma Pallett

Christmas bookstall

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

Chris Parker



Christmas charities and 2026 Mission Payments

Each year we select several charities that we will support over the Christmas period. We would welcome suggestions for this period. Each year we give 10% of collections to mission known as our annual mission payments. For the last few years we have supported Hands at Work for our partner community of Mafambisa. We also retain a small percentage for emergencies. This still leaves an amount to disperse and we will be considering suggestions for this as well.

Please write your suggestions on a piece of paper and post under the Ivel Room door. *Chris Parker*

Cut Your Carbon Month

This November, as part of a move to encourage young people to tackle carbon emissions, local schools are asking pupils and families to complete 6 challenges:

Veggie Vibes—*Make 3 plant-based meals*; Ditch the Drive—*walk, cycle or scoot instead of driving*; Meal Plan-et—*plan to reduce food waste*; Device free—*have a device-free day*; Cool it—*lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C*; Drop it like it's Hot—*drop your heating by 1°C for a week*.

See the poster in the foyer for more information.

Revd. Liz

The Leprosy Mission Great Britain

Following the opening of 3 collection boxes, £45 was raised for the charity. Details have been sent to the charity listing those who kindly responded. The Leprosy Mission have sent a poster expressing thanks for the gift and showing how it will help those suffering from Leprosy (see notice board in foyer).

Should anyone wish to learn more about The Leprosy Mission Great Britain please don't hesitate to speak to me. Thank you to those who responded or donated online.

Sue Oldroyd

Craft and Chat

The next Craft and Chat session will be on 15 November between 10am and 12 noon alongside coffee shop. Coffee shop is open to all so why not pop into the chapter house for a chat and cuppa even if you are not a crafter. It would be good to see you.

Anna & Janet

MU

Thursday 20 November 12-2 pm Soup and roll lunch. No set price. Donate what you can. All welcome!

Maggie McLoughlin

Advent Prayer

We look forward this year to offering a regular weekly Advent Night Prayer in Church on Mondays at 7pm.

Revd. Liz

Food Bank

Please consider adding an item to your shopping basket to help those in need in our area. Current needs are: small jar coffee; tinned curry, chilli, ravioli, stew, minced beef, sweetcorn, beans and sausage; deodorant. Items can be put in the box in church or at the supermarket.

Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt

Coffee shop rota

The new coffee shop rota is now available and can be viewed on the notice board in the Foyer. If you're unable to do the allocated Saturday please swap with someone and make a note on the rota.

Many thanks.

The Churchwardens

Churches Together

Help needed to join our churches together stall at the Christmas lights switch on event, Friday 28 November 12noon-8pm. If anyone can spare just an hour or so to join the stall, help would be much appreciated. No skills needed, just a friendly face to represent St Andrew's, interact with people from the other churches and the general public. If you are interested, please speak to Harriet or Vaughan.

Harriet Shannon and Vaughan Johnson

Eco Survey Reminder

If you have not done so already, could you please complete the Eco Survey. We want to hear from you, particularly if you disagree or have a different view to us. Available on the website, paper copy in church or on this link:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7xADg_1D-bso9o257Hs2AwOOFsfDZttquAhExoOjtL9tslg/viewform

Peter Giles

Fire Evacuation Training

At 11:30am on Sunday 22 November we will be carrying out fire evacuation training for all welcomers and sides people. This is to ensure people can be directed to safely evacuate the building when the church is busy. Further training will be planned if you cannot make this. Additionally, we will be looking for volunteer fire marshals, these are the people who check the building is empty in case of a fire.

Peter Giles

Future Dates

23 November	11:30am	Sidesperson, Fire Marshall and Fire Warden Training
25 November	7:30pm	PCC Meeting, Chapter House
26 November	10am and 2pm	St Andrew's School St Andrew's Day Services in church
28 November	12 noon-9:30pm	Biggleswade Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Fair

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 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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