



# Epiphany

16th January 2022

## Sunday 16th January 2022

### 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

#### 10.00am Holy Communion

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

#### Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

#### Readings for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany.

Isaiah 62.1-5 A song of praise relating to the change of status for Israel

John 2.1-11 Jesus' first sign at the wedding of Cana

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## This Week

### Monday 17th January

7.30 pm Safeguarding Team Meeting, by Zoom

### Tuesday 18th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

### Wednesday 19th January

09.00am - 12.00 noon, Church Open for Private Prayer

### Thursday 20th January

9.30am Holy Communion followed by Coffee & fellowship in Chapter House

#### Readings for 20th January

I Samuel 18.6-9, 19.1-7 Mark 3.7-12

### Friday 21st January

1.00pm Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Valerie Kifford RIP

### Saturday 22nd January 2022

09.00am - 12.00 noon, Church Open for Private Prayer

## Sunday 23rd January 2022

### 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

#### 10.00am Holy Communion and Sunday School

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#### 6.00pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at

Biggleswade Baptist Church, London Rd

Vicar: Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong (01767 312243 )

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## New Year's Prayers from The Vicar

Eternal Lord God,  
we give you thanks for bringing us through the changes of time  
to the beginning of another year.  
Forgive us the wrong we have done in the year that is past,  
and help us to spend the rest of our days  
to your honour and glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
whose years never fail  
and whose mercies are new each returning day:  
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,  
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;  
that we may pass the coming year  
in joyful obedience and firm faith;  
through him who is at the beginning and the end,  
your Son, Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you now and always,  
Amen.

We wish you a happy and healthy New Year,  
Revd. Liz & Sam, Oscar and David x





### [In our prayers this week:](#)

We pray for the people of **Mafambisa**, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the care givers and all who support them. [www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk)

This week is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (18th to 25th January). We pray for our united service on Sunday 23rd January. Go to: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](http://www.cte.org.uk)

**Needing our Prayers:** Dave Stapley, Peter Hill, James Etienne, Pauline Pryor, Susan Milln, William Jack, Norman Staples, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, Betty Magill, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura, Audrey, and baby Baltiska from Mozambique

**Continue to Pray for:** Jane Parker, Jo Chelley and Philip Pettit

**The Departed:** Valerie Kifford, Molly Whitelaw, Lisa Prowse

**Year's Mind:** 18th Kathleen Morley, 20th Robert Rogers

## COMING SOON

**18th to 25th January 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Sunday 23rd January, 6pm Service at Biggleswade Baptist Church for the week of Christian Unity**

**Saturday 29th January, 10.00 am. Preparation of Christingles in Chapter House**

**Sunday 30th January 2022 - The Feast of Candlemas**

10.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm - Christingle Service supporting the Children's Society

**Sunday 6th February 2022**

8am Holy Communion

10am Family Communion

12.45 Sunday Lunch

**Wednesday 2nd March 2022—Ash Wednesday**

**Sunday 17th April 2022 - Easter Day**

**Monday 18th April 2022—Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans**

Sunday 8th May 2022 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) -

Saturday 21st May 2022 PCC Away Day -

### **Meeting dates**

Next Standing Committee Meeting 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Next PCC Meeting 8th February 2022 at 7.30pm

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## **NOTICES AND NEWS**

A Happy New Year to you all.

### **PARISH OF ST. ANDREW BIGGLESWADE—GUIDANCE IN RELATION TO OUR CHURCH RISK ASSESSMENT**

**It is a legal requirement for worshippers to wear a face covering during public worship.**

Use of sanitiser, and 'track and trace' [either by use of QR code, or signing-in] is now required.

**Regular and consistent ventilation of Church and Chapter House remains imperative.**

For the foreseeable future, Communion will be administered in one kind to the congregation, and processions will not be part of worship. Major acts of worship will continue to be available via Zoom: access details via website and pew sheet. The possibility for social distancing remains, if required; requests should be addressed to Sidespeople or Churchwardens.

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH TO 25TH JANUARY 2022**

There will be a service to celebrate the week of prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 23rd January 6pm at Biggleswade Baptist Church. Topics for prayer can be sent through in advance and included in the service

### **WEEKLY NOTICES**

For an interim period, hopefully short-lived, until we are able to appoint a new Parish Secretary, we wish to outline the way forward for weekly updates. Notices for inclusion on the website, and a limited number of paper copies in church, should be emailed to [office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewschurchbw.org.uk), by Wednesday 10.00 am at the very latest for inclusion in the following Sunday's pew sheet. If absolutely necessary, hand written information may be posted through the Chapter House letter box by the same deadline. Details of future events most welcome. Please contact the churchwardens if further details required; and to keep us informed of those who should welcome our prayers.

### **GIVING GENEROUSLY TO GOD'S CHURCH IN BIGGLESWADE.**

A New Year is a good time to reflect and consider as followers of Christ how we, as individuals and families, are called afresh to give of our time, our talents and our treasure to God's church so we can build His kingdom together. Today and over the following two Sundays we will be reflecting, discerning and praying this through together. Today at Church please collect a letter or expect a letter through your door from me. Please contact Andrew Rutt, our PCC Treasurer should you not receive yours soon. Vicar - *Revd.Liz*

### **MOLLY WHITELAW RIP**

I would like to thank everyone for praying for my dear friend Molly. We had been friends for over 50 years having met at teacher training college (as it was then called.) It was through her friendship that I became a 'proper' Christian and she has always been a role model for me. In November 2020, we were horrified to hear that Molly had MND (Motor Neurone Disease) and was given 2 years to live. This was the devout Christian who had spent 10 years teaching missionaries' children in Malaysia and come home to marry later in life and then nurse her husband through cancer and both her parents. I heard today that she went to heaven peacefully yesterday, 14 months after her diagnosis, and I remembered what she had said back in November 2020. 'I have 2 years to live and then I will be with the Lord, and that will be wonderful'. Although we will miss her terribly, what a mercy that her last journey wasn't too long. *Rosemary Jopson*

### **SHORT TERM ADMIN SUPPORT AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH BIGGLESWADE - OFFERS OF HELP APPRECIATED**

- Baptism enquiries and form processing
- Point of contact for Weekly Notices?
- Drafting Weekly Notices, using Word, Publisher, and Excel
- Bible Reading sheets for weekly Services
- Office Telephone and emails, as a point of contact
- Noticeboard tidying/updating inside and in Church grounds
- Liaising with photocopying team

If you are able to assist with any of the above important duties, please speak to the Revd Liz or the churchwardens. Thank you.

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## New to St Andrew's?

St. Andrew's is an Anglican Church normally offering a variety of Services with and without communion. There are many ways to praise the true and living God and in addition to our Communion services there are usually contemporary services with modern music. During the current Covid

Pandemic we are offering services via Zoom (details on the front sheet) We hope that you will find these services bring you closer to God. We normally have lots going on at St. Andrew's for all ages; Sunday School, Youth Groups, Holiday Club and more. We have a Sunday Lunch every month, Food for Thought, Lent Lunches and Group study during Lent. We hope that we will be able to resume these events in the not too distant future.

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### MAFAMBISA PARTNERSHIP

We are now getting 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](mailto:chris2parker@btinternet.com)

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### Used Postage Stamps

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*

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## Social Media

Keeping in touch with family and friends has never been so crucial, and this 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 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. *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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