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## What's on This Week

### Sunday 21st November

#### Christ the King

10.00am Holy Communion

Join Zoom Meeting: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 861 3500 8616

Passcode: 599753

Landline dial in contact: 0330 088 5830

#### Readings

Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14

At the end of the liturgical year, the book of Daniel offers a vision of heaven, picturing

God upon a throne

John 18.33-37

The Jews take Jesus for trial by Pilate

**12.00 Noon Baptism:** Sophia Campbell and Eleanor Beattie

### Monday 22nd November

### Tuesday 23rd November

### Wednesday 24th November

### Thursday 25th November

9.30am Holy Communion in Church

#### Readings

Daniel 6:12-28

Luke 21.20-28

3pm-4pm Mothers Union/MU Afternoon Tea in the Chapter House

### Friday 26th November

### Saturday 27th November

8.30am Autumn clean up and leaf clearing around the Church

### Sunday 28th November

#### Advent Sunday/Patrolal Festival

10.00am Holy Communion

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6.00pm Advent Service of Light



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH  
BIGGLESWADE

Priest in Charge: Revd. Liz Oglesby-Elong

Vicar's Day Off: Friday

Churchwardens:

Rosemary Bentley (01767 313517)

Dr. Robert Butcher (01767 313789)



## Kingdom Season



NEWS

November 2021



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## Prayer Diary

### In our prayers this week

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Bangladesh. We pray 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)

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

**Continue to Pray for:** Bobbie Ball, Fran Sharp and Joanna Friend

**The Recently Departed:** Pat Cummings

**Year's Mind:** 21st Arthur Dilley, 25th David Smith, 27th Reg Gould



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## Notices and News

**OPEN CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER** St. Andrew's Church will normally be open for private prayer on **Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9.00am - 12.00 noon.** *The Churchwardens.*

**SAVE THE DATE - COLLATION SERVICE** Richard, Bishop of Bedford will preside (Alan, Bishop of St. Albans is unavailable) on Saturday 4th December, 2021 at 11.30am. The Service will be in-person and live-zoom. If you would like to attend, please sign the list which can be found at the back of Church. This will also give us an idea of numbers as we are serving a hot buffet in the Chapter House afterwards. Revd. Liz

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**COLLATION SERVICE REFRESHMENTS – CAN YOU HELP?** For the Collation service on 4th December we are doing a hot buffet to follow the service, and it would be great if people were able to get involved by either helping on the day, or by providing a pudding for the occasion that would be great! Please add your name to the list in the foyer! Thank you.

**BIGGLESWADE CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND LIGHTS SWITCH OF FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** The Vicar is hoping to give a Christmas Message around 6.30pm before the Christmas Lights Switch on at 7pm. Events will be going on all afternoon. Hope to see you there!

**HOME COMMUNION** The last 18 months of pandemic have been a challenge to our Church. Meeting on ZOOM has meant that we can keep in touch with those who are clinically vulnerable, and to those housebound by their general circumstances. However, the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, even if only as the bread due to current regulations, is lacking in ZOOM encounters.

We are fortunate as a Church to have some people with the experience and authority to bring the Blessed Sacrament to people's homes. We have the facilities and an established short act of worship to support this administration by lay people. As Christmas approaches and with the heating in Church an issue, we thought it would be a good time to encourage people to consider asking for this. If you would like to discuss this further, please ask one of us. *Revd. Liz, Rosemary & Rob, Churchwardens*

**DECEMBER FAMILY SERVICE – TOY SERVICE 5TH DECEMBER AT 10.00AM** Our Family Service in December will focus on Advent and our preparation for Christmas. One way we can prepare is through giving, and we would like to invite everyone to bring along a new or good condition second-hand toy, book or game to the service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. These will then be used as a Christmas present for those less fortunate! Please do not wrap the presents as they will match the right gift for each child. Thank you.

## New to St Andrews?

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.

## 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 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.*  
Facebook: @standrewsbiggleswade  
Instagram: @standrewsbiggleswade

### AN UPDATE RE PUBLIC WORSHIP

As from Palm Sunday, 28th March we are delighted that our PCC have approved the rescinding of the resolution to suspend public worship: Zoom services and live streaming will also continue for the foreseeable future.

The usual pattern of public worship will be Holy Communion [Said] Sundays at 10.00am, and Thursdays 9.30am.

### WORSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

We have a Service without communion on a Sunday. This service was previously held in St. Andrew's School in Kings Reach, however since the onset of the Covid Pandemic the service has moved on-line all are very welcome to join us. For the time being Worship in the Community will now be our Sunday mornings 10.00am service via zoom.

## Notices and News

### COMING SOON

Thursday 25th November 3.00pm-4.00pm Mothers Union/MU Afternoon Tea

### **Sunday 28th November—Advent Sunday/Patronal Festival**

10.00am Holy Communion  
6pm Advent Service of Light

**Saturday 4th December 11.30am**—Collation of Reverend Liz Oglesby-Elong as Vicar of Biggleswade followed by a hot buffet reception

### **Sunday 5th December - Second Sunday of Advent**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Advent Family Holy Communion and Toy Service

Saturday 11th December 10.00am-11.30am Mothers Union/MU Coffee Morning

Sunday 12th December – Sunday Lunch

Saturday 18th December Market Square Tableau

### **Sunday 19th December – Nine Lessons and Carols**

### **Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Crib Service including Sunday School Nativity  
11.30am Midnight Mass

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

10.00am Festival Holy Communion

## 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)

## 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*

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR MAFAMBISA** Hands at Work would like to give a Christmas present to each of the care workers in their care points and have asked each partnership if they could donate £138 towards these gifts. This would mean that each care worker at Mafambisa would receive a Christmas parcel consisting of shoes, chitenge (African wrap), plates, umbrella, bag. If you would like to donate to this gesture, please let Chris Parker or Lucy Dilley have your donation! Thank you.

**TEA AND COFFEE** People have been asking how to donate towards the tea and coffee after church. Well now you can do this "on-line", if you go to the church website you will find a "GIVE" button at the top right of the home page. When you press this you will be able to make your donation and you can even gift aid it.

**PEW SHEET** Could all notices for inclusion in the weekly Pew Sheet be with me by 10am on the previous Wednesday please? This is so that I can print a few off and leave in Church before the weekend. There will only be a very few printed copies available. Thank you. *Jackie*

**AUTUMN CLEAN UP** We will continue with our annual leaf clearing and autumn clean up around the Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 8.30am. There are many jobs that need to be done, suitable for everybody. Many thanks. *Chris Parker*

**ST. ANDREW'S LOWER SCHOOL** I am pleased to report that St. Andrew's has made its annual gift of a small book 'The Lost Sheep' to all the Year 1 pupils at our Church Lower School. This is a significant donation by our Church and the school is always very grateful for this way of enhancing the link between us. Rob Butcher, Foundation Governor

**MOTHERS UNION/MU AFTERNOON TEA** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm – 4pm we will be serving tea/coffee and cake/savouries in the Chapter House, £2 per person. Please sign up on the list in the foyer. *Maggie*

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** First of all, a big thank you to everyone who brought their shoeboxes to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November's service. With about 150 communal shoeboxes already made, I estimate that we will be sending off over 220 boxes on 26<sup>th</sup> November. This means that all the boxes need to be brought down from the loft in readiness. So, if anyone can help with this task at 6.00pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November, could you please give me a ring on 312939. Also, if anyone still has a box outstanding could you please give it to me by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November? As we still need to generate funds, we will be holding our usual Christmas Stall in the Chapter House during the Coffee Shop on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, and again on Sunday morning, 12<sup>th</sup> December, after the 10.00am service. *Mary Dominey*

**CHURCH HEATING** After many years of service our church boiler has come to the end of its usable life and we are unable to fire up the boiler this winter! This means that the church will not be as warm as in previous winters! Please always wrap up warm when coming to church. We have ordered some temporary electric heaters but have yet to see how effective these will be as we go forward! We will do all we can to try to maintain some warmth in church for services but please be prepared for it to be cool in church this winter!

**MARKET SQUARE TABLEAU** We are again going to be holding our Market Square tableau on 18<sup>th</sup> December and we need to recruit and adult cast for the tableau! See list on the notice board and sign up for a part you would like! *Chris Parker*

**COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY AT 10.00AM** It is time to restart our Sunday morning coffee rota and I am pleased to say that Lucy has volunteered to organize this. Please can you speak to Lucy if you are happy to help on one of the teams! We are probably looking to create 5 teams - so that these can take care of the same Sunday each month! All the supplies are provided except for the milk which each team will be responsible for bringing along. Thank you. *Chris Parker*