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PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

- Sunday School:** Groups meet during the 10.00 am service on Sundays.
Contact: Emma Pallett 319146 emmapallett@hotmail.com
- Rainbow Guides:** **Register first via: girlguiding.org.uk**
'1st Biggleswade'. Meet on Wednesdays from 5.30 pm to 6.40 pm during term time.
Contact: firstbiggleswaderainbows@hotmail.com.
'2nd Biggleswade' Meet on Mondays from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm during term time. Contact: Joanna McMurray, jlmcmurray@hotmail.co.uk.
- Brownies:** **Register first via: girlguiding.org.uk**
Meet on Mondays from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm during term time.
Contact: Babs Gurney, Leader for waiting list:
- Guides:** Meet on Wednesdays from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm during term time. Contact: Rachel Calver.
- Youth Organisations** 'Chatroom' meets Sunday 7.30 pm.
Contact: Chris Parker 07702 250776
chris2parker@btinternet.com.
Other groups due to commence again in September.
- Holiday Club:** Runs for four days during the Summer Holidays and usually a one-day event at Easter.
Contact: Emma Pallett 319146 emmapallett@hotmail.com.
- The Friends:** Contact: Philip Rutt 601833.
- Bell ringers:** Contact Charlotte Smith 01462 00676.
charlotte.m.smith@pobroadband.co.uk.
- Brass Cleaning Rota:** Contact: Rosemary Jopson 313503.
- Church Flowers Rota:** Contact: Jan Gardner 313124.
- Bible Reading:** Booklets offering daily Bible readings and reflection.
Contact: Rosemary Bentley 313517
- Chapter House:** Contact: Chris Parker 07702 250776 or email
Bookings: bookings@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk.

Due to restrictions during the current Covid-19 lockdown, there have unfortunately been curtailment of various groups. Hopefully, as the country recovers and we learn to live with the virus, we will be able to reinstate our diary fully.

COUNTRY FAYRE

Saturday 18th September
10am-3.30pm, stalls,
games, food outlets. Fun
for the family and proceeds
to charity.

COLLATION OF

REVD LIZ

Sat 25th September at 3.00
pm in St Andrew's Church.

Please book a seat.....

SHOEBOXES – We will continue to serve under-privileged children in Eastern Europe, and this year we are going to donate our boxes to the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. a box can be bought from Mary Dominey for £2.00 and then filled as usual in time for the first Sunday in November – which this year is the 7th.

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

10.00 am Parish Communion (Order One)

Sunday School during this service

THURSDAYS

9.30 am Holy Communion

HOLY BAPTISM, WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS

Please contact Rosemary Bentley – 313517

TRAIDCRAFT

Products from Third World

Countries are available

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW VICAR

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Liz Oglesby-Elong is to be the new vicar of the Parish of St Andrew's Biggleswade. The Collation, Installation and Induction is on the 25th of September. The full text of the announcement from the Bishop of Bedford is below.

Liz has nearly 18 years' experience as an ordained priest and has previously been incumbent of two parishes. Liz will be moving to the Parish with her husband Samuel and children Oscar and David. We look forward to welcoming her and her family into the Parish.

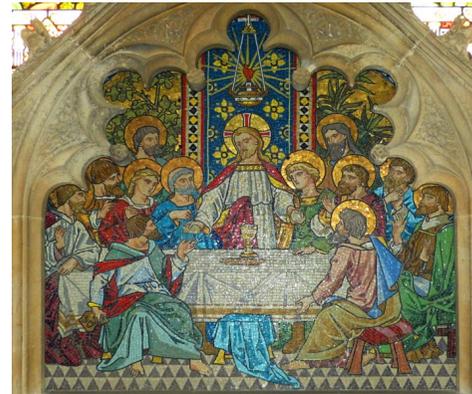
Full text of the announcement from

Rt Reverend Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford:

I am delighted that we are now in a position to confirm that the Reverend Liz Oglesby-Elong is to be your new Vicar. Please could you announce this to the congregation at your church this Sunday, 13th June.

Liz is currently serving her second Incumbency as Vicar of St Luke, Eltham Park, a church in the modern catholic tradition, in the Diocese of Southwark. She was ordained almost 18 years ago in Southwark Diocese, and served her curacy at St. Stephen's, South Dulwich and her first incumbency at St. Michael and All Angels, Camberwell. Liz had previously been a Licenced Lay Worker for Children and Young People in the East End of London, and studied Theology at Roehampton Institute London and the

only glass factory remaining in Venice itself, because of the fire risk, and also the Salviati factory on the island of Murano.



It was during this visit that I learned about Salviati's link to St Andrew's. The stone reredos behind the High Altar was designed in 1877 by the architect, R.J. Withers and decorated with mosaic images created by Salviati in 1881. It is designed as a triptych. The centre panel is a depiction of The Last Supper and there are images of four saints in each of the outer two panels.

Mary Dominey



Biggleswade and Salviati

You will, no doubt, have seen the large mosaic murals in Biggleswade, placed on the railway bridge, in the passageway from the Market square towards Aldi, on the wall of Wetherspoon's outside dining space and on the front wall of the Swimming Pool. Each has an explanatory panel beside it. The mosaics were completed in February 2018 and unveiled in mid-March. Carolyn Blake, a then local artist started mosaic making in 2013 and subsequently studied Byzantine techniques in Ravenna. She was then commissioned to make a mosaic for St Peter's Church, Biggleswade.

'Story in Stone' was the result of a partnership between Carolyn and internationally renowned mosaic artist Oliver Budd and in 2015 she devised a 'Story in Stone' for the three towns of Biggleswade, Potton and Sandy as part of a £4 million project funded by the Market Town Regeneration Scheme. This was to be a community project involving local schools and interested volunteers from the community. The mosaics were intended to be a Heritage Trail depicting significant moments in the history of the three towns. Biggleswade's mosaics commemorate such happenings as the Great Fire of Biggleswade, the Dan Albone tractor, Thunderbird's Fab 1, made by Toby Baxter Contracts and the 1,200 year old Mancus coin found in 2006 by the River Ivel.

When the mosaics were complete, a number of the people who had worked on the project went to Venice to visit the factory where the glass for the mosaics was produced. The group stayed on the island of Murano and visited the Orsoni Glass factory, the

University of Manchester. She trained for ministry at Westcott House Theological College, Cambridge and did pastoral placements in South Africa and Fulbourn Psychiatric Hospital. During her mainly urban and suburban ministry Liz has also served as an Area Dean, a School Chaplain and as a School Governor. Liz grew up in the Diocese of St. Albans and was confirmed in St. Albans Abbey in 1985. She walked the Easter Monday Pilgrimage many times in her tween-age years. Pilgrimages in subsequent years have led Liz to Iona, Taize and Walsingham. Liz describes herself theologically as 'being Christ-Centred, with outward-focus'. She enjoys creative spirituality, retreats and quiet days, singing and music, prayer-walking and journaling.

In her spare time she relaxes by going swimming, vegetarian cooking, arts and crafts, watching films, walking and being outdoors, music and time with family and friends.

Liz is married to Samuel, who is from Cameroon, West Africa and they have two children Oscar, aged 9 and David, aged 4.

They are all delighted to be moving and Liz is both honoured and very excited to become the new Vicar of Biggleswade St Andrew. She is looking forward to getting to know you all, and discovering what God has in store ahead.

Liz will be Collated as your new Vicar at St Andrew's by Bishop Alan on Saturday, 25th September at 3.00pm. In the meantime, you will remain very much in my prayers. Please do pray also for Liz and her family at this time of change and transition towards new beginnings with you in Biggleswade, in due course.

Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford.

DIARY: August – November 2021

Usual weekly Communion until end of September at least:

Sundays 10.00 am

Thursdays 09.30 am

August:

- Sat 7th 2.00 pm Wedding
Sun 8th 10.00 pm Holy Communion. The Bishop of Bedford
Mon 9th –Thur 12th Holiday Club
Sun 15th 9.30 am Holy Communion [Said]
Sun 15th 11.00 am Holiday Club Worship followed by BBQ
Sat 28th 3.00 pm Wedding

September:

- Mon 2nd 12.30 pm Wedding
Sun 5th 10.00 am Family Holy Communion and
Wedding Blessing
Sat 11th 1.00 pm Wedding
Sat 18th 10.00 am Country Fayre
Sun 19th 12.noon Holy Baptism
Sun 19th 6.00 pm Biggleswade Deanery Summer
Evensong, at Blunham

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- Sat 25th 3.00 pm Collation of Revd Liz Oglesby-Elong
please book a seat

October:

- Sun 3rd 10.00 am Harvest Festival Holy Communion
Sun 17th 12 noon Holy Baptism
Sat 23rd 3.30 pm Wedding
Sun 24th 11.30 am Holy Baptism

November:

- Sun 14th 9.30 am Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion
Sun 14th 10.45 am Remembrance Sunday on the
Market Square
Sun 28th 10.00 am Holy Communion Patronal Festival
Mon 29th 7.30 pm Deanery Confirmation at St Andrew's
Church. The Bishop of St Albans

