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# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

**Sunday 10 March**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**8.00am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh

**10.00am**

**PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Celebrant:** The Revd James Reveley  
**Preacher:** The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh  
**Readings:** Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 *read by Alan Colley*  
Romans 10. 8b-13 *read by Barbara Woplin*  
**Gospel:** Luke 4. 1-13  
**Hymns:** NEH 67, NEH 385, SASP 166,  
NEH 414, SASP 39, NEH 383  
**Anthem:** Thou knowest, Lord - *Purcell*  
**Intercessions:** Angela Huddart  
**Organ Voluntary:** Sonata no1 Finale - *Guilmant*

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

This morning Dr Diana Stretton is at Christ Church and the Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes is at St Mary's Keysoe.

**6.00pm**

**SERVICE OF PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS**

**Officiant:** The Revd James Reveley

**8.00pm**

**COMPLINE**

**Officiant:** Dr Diana Stretton



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# Prayers and Readings

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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.**

## FIRST READING - Deuteronomy 26.1–11

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.*

Moses spoke to the people, saying: <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.'

<sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

<sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING - Romans 10.8b–13

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

<sup>8</sup>What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL - Luke 4.1–13

*We say or sing*

**Alleluia**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' "

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," <sup>11</sup>and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## POST-COMMUNION

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.     **Amen.**

### **This week we pray in particular for**

- those participating in this year's Lent course, which starts this week, and in the 40acts Lent challenge
- the family and friends of Marjorie Harrison-Heath, who died recently (funeral on Thursday 14 March, 12.15pm, at the Crematorium)

### **Prayers for our March Outreach Partner ELLIE'S HAVEN**

Ellie's Haven is a Cornwall-based charity providing holidays to families caring for children with long-term and life-limiting medical conditions and disabilities.  
(As voted for by the young people on their weekend at Chellington).

### **Eucharist Readings for 17 March**

Second Sunday of Lent  
**Year C**  
Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1  
Luke 13. 31-35

MONDAY	11	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room	
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall	
		12noon	<i>Deadline for items for "The Fisherman" April issue</i>		
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room	
		7.45pm	First Lent Course	Holt Room	
TUESDAY	12	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room	
		9.30am	School Trail	Church	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room	
WEDNESDAY	13	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room	
		9.30am	School Trail	Church	
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room	
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd David Powell</i>		
		1.10pm	Lent Lunchtime Service	Bunyan Meeting Church	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room		
THURSDAY	14	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room	
		9.30am	School Trail	Church	
		12noon	First Lent Lunch	Holt Room	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room	
		7.45pm	Mission Action Planning Group	Vicarage	
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church	
FRIDAY	15	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room	
		10.30am	Parish Nurse Drop-In session	Consulting Room	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room	
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church	
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church	
		7.30pm	A Seriously Funny Look at Invitation	Christ Church	
SATURDAY	16	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room	
		3.00pm	Messy Church	Starts in Main Hall	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room	
SUNDAY	17	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church	
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist with Bishop of Bedford	Church	
		2.00pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's Tea Dance</i>	Main Hall	
		6.00pm	Sacred Space - Café Style	Church	

### Notice Sheet Deadline

Please send all notices to Karen Parrott, Church Centre Office,  
email: [office@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:office@standrewsbedford.org) by **12noon on Wednesday**.

This notice sheet is usually printed on Wednesday afternoon.

## CHURCH

**LENT COURSE - "NOT A TAME LION":** This year's course will be based on the writings of C S Lewis. It starts here at St Andrew's on Monday evenings from tomorrow, 11 March (7.30pm-9.00pm); alternatively it is now running at St Peter's on Thursday afternoons (2.00pm-3.30pm), on Wednesday afternoons (2.30pm - 4.00pm) from 13 March at St Paul's and on Sunday evenings (6.30pm - 8.00pm) from 10 March at St John's Church Hall.

**LENT CHALLENGE - 40acts: Have you signed up yet?** Each Lent a community of people around the world come together to live and give generously through the 40acts initiative and this year we at St Andrew's invite you to join in too. Sign up at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) and each day in Lent you will receive an email with the daily challenge - or come into church for it. See Duncan's article in the *March Fisherman* for more details.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** If you would be willing to make soup for the Lent Lunches or to help out with serving, please sign up on the list at the back of church. For more information, please speak to Pat Rogers.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Saturday 16 March, starting at 3.00pm in the Main Hall. Registration will begin at 2.45pm. See page 8 for further information.

**DEDICATION OF NEW WINDOW:** Next Sunday, 17 March, the Bishop of Bedford will be with us at the 10.00am Parish Eucharist. At this service the new stained glass window given in memory of Bill Smyly will be dedicated.

**CAFÉ CHURCH:** Next Sunday, 17 March, at 6.00pm, the Sacred Space evening service will be in a new format for St Andrew's - Café style - involving the Coffee and Company team. A time of music, reflections and prayers with music from the Worship Band.

**MOTHERS' UNION:** Our next group meeting is on Monday 18 March at 2.30pm in the Holt Room. Please do join us for a sociable afternoon.

### A SERIOUSLY FUNNY LOOK AT INVITATION:

15 March, 7.30pm  
The Deaneries of Sharnbrook and Bedford have joined forces to host a really good, rather funny evening, looking at the topic of inviting people to church. It's a free evening with a retiring offertory. Tickets from Church Centre Office.

**Who? Me?**

**You must be joking!**

**A seriously funny look at why we don't invite - and how we might**

With **Saltmine Theatre Company** and **Michael Harvey** of **The National Weekend of Invitation**

**Friday 15 March 2019**  
**7.30pm at Christ Church, Bedford, Dudley Street, MK40 3SX**

Refreshments during the interval      Car Parking available at Castle Newnham South Site MK40 3EP

## ELECTORAL ROLL



Every six years the Diocese requires a New Electoral Roll. Everyone has to re-apply to be included. Letters to those who are on the current Electoral Roll are at the back of the church. If you are not on the current roll you will find additional envelopes containing the necessary documents.

Please complete and return all forms to the Church Office or leave at the back of church in the box provided by **today, Sunday 10 March**. If you have any queries, our Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Smith, will be happy to help. Sue has extra copies of the form if you have mislaid yours.

**CLOSING DATE FOR RETURN OF ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS IS TODAY (10 March)**

**GILLIAN MILLBERY**, our Centre Manager, has given notice to retire from that post at the end of September. Gillian has been our Centre Manager since April 2016 and previously Administrative Assistant from April 2007. We shall miss her friendly and helpful presence in the office and will make our farewells on Harvest Sunday. Please remember Gillian and her husband Alan in your prayers as she prepares to make the adjustment to retirement.

**THE VICAR'S FOOT OPERATION:** James is due to have a routine foot operation on Monday 11 March and will be out of action or recovering with limited mobility for the next few weeks. Some jobs may have to be postponed for a while, but he promises to hop to it as soon as soon as he is able.

**CHORAL EVENSONG SURVEY:** A new survey has been gaining widespread publicity in *Premier* and *Church Times*. Kathryn King is doing much-needed academic research on how to make evensong more accessible for newcomers, based at Oxford's Music Department. If you would like to take part, please go to <https://kathrynkingresearch.wordpress.com/take-the-choral-evensong-survey/>

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** A Confirmation Service will be held at St Andrew's on Sunday 2 June at 6.00pm. Adults or older children who would like to be confirmed (or formally received into the Anglican Church) can join the preparation classes beginning at the end of March. See *The Fisherman* for more details.

**BOOK CIRCLE:** The next meeting is on Thursday 21 March 7.45pm. (Please note the change this time from our normal Monday slot). We will be discussing "*The Librarian*" by Salley Vickers. Please join us for a lively evening. Brenda Mayoh.

**QUIET DAY AT CHELLINGTON** – Friday 5 July: Led by the Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes. Details and booking forms are available in church and in the Foyer. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Ann Mason via the Church Office.

## COMMUNITY

**BEDFORD CHORAL SOCIETY:** Stabat Mater - Antonin Dvorak. Saturday 30 March, 7.30pm at The Corn Exchange, Bedford. Conductor - Ian Smith with Bedford Sinfonia. Tickets £16 and £13 (Students £6) from the Box Office, Harpur Suite.

**ELSTOW ABBEY ABSEIL** for Christian Aid on 4 May. If you would like to sign up to "Go over the Edge to End Poverty", register now to secure your place. See poster in Church Centre corridor.



**MESSY CHURCH**

Come and join us on  
**Saturday 16 March 2019**  
**3.00 - 5.00pm**  
(registration from 2.45pm)  
**Starting in the Main Hall**  
**St Andrew's Church**  
Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF  
Enjoy a fun afternoon for all the family

**Meeting Together - Eating Together**



with messy crafts, wonderful worship,  
great games and a tasty meal  
**Free admission – register on the day**  
**£1 donation welcome**

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