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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 13 January
Baptism of Christ

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Revd David Powell
Preacher: The Revd James Reveley

10.00am

PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes
Deacon: Ruth Gray (Reader in training)
Preacher: The Revd James Reveley
Readings: Isaiah 43. 1-7 *read by Krystyna Oborn*
Acts 8. 14-17 *read by Ann Mason*
Gospel: Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22
Intercessions: Carol Wood
Hymns: NEH 495, NEH 12, SASP 125,
NEH 57, SASP 135, NEH 486
Anthem: Come down O love divine - *Harris*
Organ Voluntary: Offertoire in B minor - *E Batiste*

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

6.00pm

SACRED SPACE

Led by: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe



Please ask a sidesperson if you would like a large print version



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
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 - Isaiah 43.1 - 7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Acts 8.14–17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁴When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus).

¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Luke 3.15–17, 21–22

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ²¹Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This week we pray in particular for:

- the family and friends of those who have died recently:-
 - ✠ Barbara Elsie Ramsay (funeral at Crematorium 12.15pm on 18 January)
 - ✠ Leslie John Pritchard (funeral at Crematorium 2.30pm on 21 January)
- the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity beginning on Friday 18 January

and with thanksgiving for

- the safe arrival of baby Dominic Andrew Sutcliffe on 1 January

Prayers for our January Outreach Partner SWAZILAND SCHOOLS PROJECTS

This charity supports the education of children and adults in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) by paying bursaries, providing buildings and providing food, resources and equipment.

Eucharist Readings for 20 January

Epiphany 3

Year C

Isaiah 62. 1-5

1 Corinthians 12. 1-11

John 2. 1-11

MONDAY	14	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		12noon	<i>Deadline for items for February "Fisherman"</i>	
		2.00pm	House Group	Kimbolton Road
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.30pm	Outreach Committee	Consulting Room
TUESDAY	15	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		2.30pm	Julian Group	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Holt Room
WEDNESDAY	16	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room	
THURSDAY	17	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	House Group	Charlbury Court
		7.30pm	Mission Action	
			Planning Group	Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
	7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church	
FRIDAY	18		Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
		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	Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	19	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		3.00pm	Messy Church	Starts in Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.30pm	Cantamus Epiphany Concert	Church
SUNDAY	20	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		2.00pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i>	
			Tea Dance	Main Hall
		6.30pm	United Service for	Elstow Abbey
	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity			
	<i>No Evening Service at St Andrew's</i>			

Notice Sheet Deadline

Please send all notices to Karen Parrott, Church Centre Office,
email: office@standrewsbedford.org by **12noon on Wednesday**.
This notice sheet is usually printed on Wednesday afternoon.

CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS to Elisabeth and Alistair Sutcliffe on the safe arrival of their son, Dominic Andrew, who was born on New Year's Day, at 10am exactly, weighing 7lb 5oz.

FAIRTRADE AT ST ANDREW'S LAST CHANCE SALE: Today is the second and last day of our SALE, 11.15am-12.15pm in the Main Hall. Check out our SALE tables for some bargains.

A NEW PUBLIC NOTICE for a Faculty seeking permission to install a new Stained Glass Window in memory of the late Bill Smyly is now on display both on the notice board at the back of church and in the Centre Foyer on the main door. Formal responses need to be filed by 10 February 2019.

Ian Smith and Diana Whittemore - Churchwardens.

THE FISHERMAN: The deadline for items for the February edition of *The Fisherman* is tomorrow at 12noon. Any articles received after this deadline may not be considered for inclusion.

MARY POPPINS SING-ALONG: This raised £55 for St John's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

PARISH NURSE DROP-IN SESSION: Sandy's next drop-in session is on Friday 18 January between 10.30am and 12noon.

MESSY CHURCH: Join us on Saturday 19 January from 3.00pm (registration 2.45pm) until 5.00pm when our theme will be "New Beginnings" - an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food for the whole family.

RELAXATION SESSION: Monday 21 January at 11.30am in the Quiet Room. It lasts about 1 hour and all are welcome. No need to book, just come along.

MOTHERS' UNION: Our first St Andrew's group meeting of 2019 will be on Monday 21 January at 2.30pm in the Holt Room. We will be watching the film about Bedford Physical Training College during World Wars One and Two, which was previously shown as part of our Remembrance Sunday exhibition. All are welcome to join us for an interesting afternoon.

TLC SERVICE STARTING SOON! Our Telephone Link Carers (TLC) are ready to start their service to call anyone who is lonely and would welcome a fairly regular telephone call. If you know someone who you think would be happy to have one of us call them...or you yourself would like a call...please complete one of the application forms at the back of church, in the Foyer or from the Office. People do not need to be Church members, but could be a neighbour or a relative living in Bedford. For more information contact Fiona McLeod (01234 350030 or fionamcleod31@gmail.com).

'LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH': Are you under 30? We would like to send you for a few days to a conference in Derbyshire in March 2019. Contact James or Ian Smith if you would like to express an interest in attending.

CHRISTIAN AID has an opportunity to collect outside both Tesco stores (Goldington Road/Cardington Road) on Saturday 19 January. Peter Littleford is looking for volunteers from all local churches to do a "shift" during the day. If you feel you could offer an hour (or more?) on that day, please let me know and I

will pass your name on. You may wish to say what time/which store would be most convenient for you. Thank you in advance.

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY AT ST ANDREW'S - 27 January: Graham Penfold will be speaking at the 8.00am and 10.00am services about the work carried out by the Salvation Army for the homeless. The Outreach Committee invite you to a breakfast of bacon rolls (meat free option available) between the two services. Donations will be presented to the Salvation Army.

SPONSORED SLEEP OUT/OVER FOR HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY - in aid of SMART (formerly Prebend Day Centre). On the night of Saturday 26 January into Sunday 27 January join us for a sponsored sleep out/over. Please email the Church Office to register your interest. Sponsor forms at the back of church - please sponsor the Vicar or others.

ST ANDREW'S MEN'S WEEKEND AWAY - 22 - 24 March 2019 at the Horstead Centre in Norfolk. There are still some places available if you would like to take part in this weekend. The theme is "*Making a difference where we are*". Leaflets are available at the back of the church with further details or speak to Duncan if you would like to know more.

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.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

TRIP TO TOLETHORPE: Tickets have been booked for Friday 19 July to see *Twelfth Night*. Details and signing up form are at the back of church.

COMMUNITY

CANTAMUS AT EPIPHANY: Saturday 19 January, 7.30pm, here at St Andrew's. Conductor: Gary Mudd. Organ: Paul Edwards. Tickets £10 (£6 concessions) on the door.



PIANO TRIO - Saturday 2 February, 7.30pm

Fenella Humphreys (violin), Robert Thompson (piano) and Christian Elliott (cello) join forces as a trio. Robert Thompson is Head of Piano at Bedford School and performs as a soloist locally and across the UK; Christian Elliott was appointed in 2017 as the Principal Cellist of the Irish Chamber Orchestra and is highly sought after as a chamber musician and soloist and Fenella Humphreys performs as a soloist and chamber musician across the UK and internationally (recently having won the BBC Music Magazine 2018 Instrumental Award for her latest recording).

Tickets: Adults £12; Concessions £10; Students (16-21) £5; Under 16s free with a paying adult. Available from the Church Office or via the church website.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Date & Time	Venue	Notes
Fri 18 Jan 4.30pm – 6.00pm	Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship High Street Elstow MK42 9XP	Prayer Stations, based on John Bunyan & WPCU, will be available to access anytime between these times. Hot drinks available.
Sat 19 Jan 9.30am	Elstow Abbey Church End Elstow MK42 9XT	Followed by tea/coffee & biscuits
Sun 20 Jan 6.30pm	Elstow Abbey Church End Elstow MK42 9XT	Choral Evensong with the Elstow Abbey Singers, Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Ian McIntosh. Followed by light refreshments.
Mon 21 Jan 12.30pm	Shalom Wesleyan Holiness Church, Offa Road Bedford MK42 9HZ	Please bring your lunch and share fellowship.
Tues 22 Jan 7.00pm	London Road Methodist Church, London Road Bedford MK42 0NT	Followed by Fish & Chips! Please pre-order Fish & Chips via curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk or 07922 487705
Wed 23 Jan 12noon	St John's Church, St John's Street Bedford MK42 0DL	Prayer Stations available from 11.15, service at 12 noon, followed by soup & bread lunch.
Thurs 24 Jan 7.30pm	St Michael & All Angels Barford Ave Bedford MK42 0DT	Compline, followed by tea/coffee.
Fri 25 Jan 12.30pm	Christ the King Harrowden Rd, Bedford MK42 0SP	Drinks provided. Please bring your own lunch.

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