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The Parish Church of St Andrew

**Sunday 17 March
Second Sunday of Lent**

**8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh

**10.00am
PARISH EUCHARIST
WITH DEDICATION OF NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW
IN MEMORY OF BILL SMYLY**

Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Richard

Readings: Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18 *read by Huynh Hsueh Ling*
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 *read by Suzanne Clackson*

Gospel: Luke 13. 31-35

Hymns: NEH 401, NEH 381, SASP 125,
NEH 343, NEH 178, SASP 131

Anthem: O how amiable - *Vaughan Williams*

Intercessions: Angela Huddart

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in E flat (St Anne) - *J S Bach*

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

**6.00pm
SACRED SPACE CAFÉ STYLE**

Led by: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe
Dr Diana Stretton



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING - Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'

⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'

¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch

passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Luke 13.31–35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³²He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This week we pray in particular for

- James - for full recovery from his surgery and the opportunity for a well-deserved rest

and with thanksgiving for

- the new stained glass window and the life of Bill Smyly and his faithful service to God

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 24 March

Third Sunday of Lent

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Isaiah 55. 1-9

1 Corinthians 10. 1-13

Luke 13. 1-9

MONDAY	18	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Vicarage
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		11.30am	Relaxation Session	Quiet Room
		2.30pm	Mothers' Union	Holt Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Vicarage
		7.15pm	Second Lent Course (<i>for 7.30pm start</i>)	Holt Room
TUESDAY	19	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		2.30pm	Julian Group	Quiet Room
		3.00pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Committee meeting	Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Parochial Church Council	Church
WEDNESDAY	20	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes</i>	Holt Room
		1.10pm	Lent Lunchtime Service	Bunyan Meeting Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	21	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	House Group	Charlbury Court
		12noon	Second Lent Lunch	Holt Room
		2.00pm	Money Advice Team Meeting	Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Book Circle	Brickhill Drive
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	22	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
			Men's Weekend Away (until Sunday 24 March)	Horstead, Norfolk
SATURDAY	23	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
SUNDAY	24	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		6.00pm	Evening Service (Book of Common Prayer)	Church

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

DEDICATION OF NEW WINDOW: We welcome the Bishop of Bedford to our 10.00am Parish Eucharist this morning. At this service the new stained glass window given in memory of Bill Smyly will be dedicated.

CAFÉ CHURCH: This evening at 6.00pm the Sacred Space 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.

THE VICAR'S FOOT OPERATION: James had a routine foot operation last Monday, which went well, 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.

LENT COURSE - "NOT A TAME LION": This year's course is based on the writings of C S Lewis. It is now underway here at St Andrew's on Monday evenings (Refreshments at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start - 9.00pm); alternatively it is also running at St Peter's on Thursday afternoons (2.00pm-3.30pm), on Wednesday afternoons (2.30pm - 4.00pm) at St Paul's and on Sunday evenings (6.30pm - 8.00pm) at St John's Church Hall.

LENT CHALLENGE AND ACTS OF GENEROSITY: How are you getting on? The daily challenges are displayed in the Church and Church Centre Foyer and corridor, if you have not signed up to receive them by email. We would like to hear about your experience of taking part in the 40acts Lent generosity challenge, either to form part of the display in church or to include in a future feature in *The Fisherman*. You are also welcome to bring donations for the Bedford Foodbank to church on Easter Sunday if you so wish - see their website for current requirements.

LENT LUNCHEs: Thursdays 21 and 28 March, 4 and 11 April, 12noon - 1.30pm. Do come along for a simple lunch of soup, cheese and bread in the Holt Room. A minimum donation of £3.00 is requested. Profits from the lunches will be given to this year's chosen charity, East Anglian Air Ambulance. This is a good chance to meet and chat with other members of the congregation and community.

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

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.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Sunday 7 April 2019 following the 10.00am service

May I encourage your attendance at the above meeting on Sunday 7 April – it is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look with vision to the future of our Church and its Mission Action Plan.

The Holt Room will be set up as a Children's Activity room to assist families with younger children to attend.

At the meeting we will be appointing our two Churchwardens for the year ahead and also electing members for the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are five vacancies each of a three-year term for PCC. If you are interested in standing for PCC please speak to me and I will ensure you have the appropriate form and information.

Looking forward to a good attendance.

Christine Garrett, PCC Honorary Secretary,

MAUNDY THURSDAY CHRISM SERVICE: This annual service takes place at St Albans Cathedral at 11.00am on Thursday 18 April and you are welcome to attend if you would like to.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY

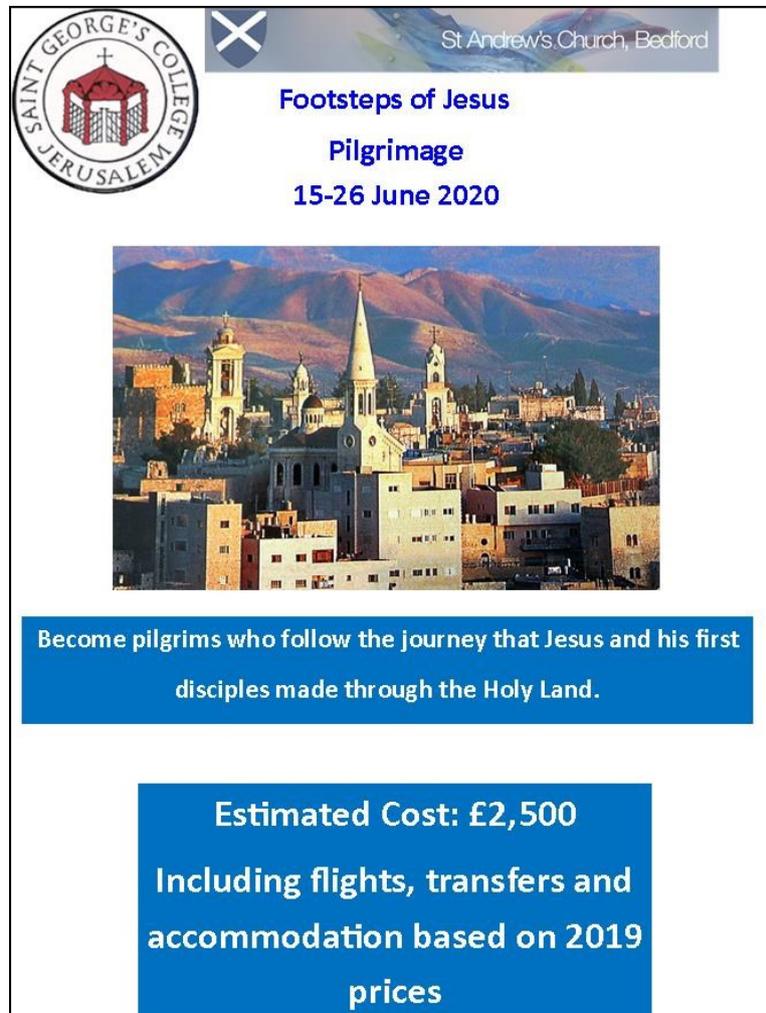
BEDFORD CHORAL SOCIETY: Stabat Mater - Antonin Dvorak. Saturday 30 March, 7.30pm at The Corn Exchange, Bedford. Conductor - Ian Smith with Bedford Sinfonia. Tickets £16 and £13 (Students £6) from the Box Office, Harpur Suite.

SWAZILAND SCHOOLS PROJECTS - AUCTION OF GOODS AND PROMISES: Friday 5 April, here at St Andrew's. Bar open from 7.00pm. Auction starts at 7.30pm. Fish and chip supper. Admission by programme (£10 per person). We have a few programmes available to buy from the Church Centre Office.

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.

<https://christianaidelstowabbeyabseil2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

Planning ahead for 2020?



The poster features the logo of Saint George's College Jerusalem in the top left corner, which includes a red cross and a building. To the right of the logo is a small map of the Holy Land with a white cross. The text "St Andrew's Church, Bedford" is in the top right. The main title "Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage" is in blue, with the dates "15-26 June 2020" below it. A central photograph shows a cityscape with a prominent church spire and mountains in the background. Below the photo is a blue box with white text: "Become pilgrims who follow the journey that Jesus and his first disciples made through the Holy Land." At the bottom is another blue box with white text: "Estimated Cost: £2,500 Including flights, transfers and accommodation based on 2019 prices".

Full details are available on the Church website or speak to Duncan if you would like to know more.

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