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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 2 June
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd David Powell

*Please note that because of the Bedford 10K run this morning
there will be no breakfast after this service*

11.00am
MORNING PRAYER FOR SUNDAY (ALL AGE SERVICE)

Celebrant: Dr Diana Stretton

Preacher: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe

Readings: Acts 16. 16-34 read by Mavis Wiltshire
Revelation 22. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end read by
Andrew Francis

Hymns: NEH 25, Big Family of God (see page 8), SASP 19,
SASP 5, SASP 140, SASP 93

Intercessions: Leah, Sophie and Suzanne

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments

The Revd David Powell is at Keysoe today

The Revd James Reveley is presiding at Bedford Prison

6.00pm
CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher

The Bishop of Bedford, The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson

***Please come and join in with this special celebration and support all
those who are being confirmed this evening***



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING - Acts 16. 16 – 34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs ²¹that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside

and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Revelation 22. 12–14, 16–17, 20–21

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ¹²'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - John 17. 20 – 26

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, ²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I

desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This week we pray in particular for

- the family and friends of those who have died recently:
✠ George Kermez (*funeral at the Crematorium on 10 June at 11.30am*)

and give thanks for

- Our Confirmation candidates Felicity Gibson and Hannah Reveley as they are confirmed today. We also pray for the candidates from the other parishes.

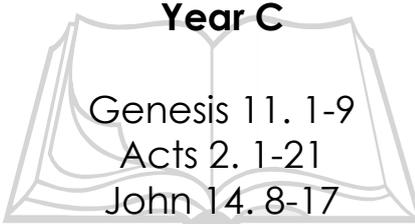
Prayers for our June Outreach Partner IMPACT

(Bedford Area Schools Christian
Support Trust)

The charity specifically focuses on supporting schools, teachers and children, in learning and experiencing more about the Christian faith.

Eucharist Readings for 9 June

Pentecost
Year C



Genesis 11. 1-9
Acts 2. 1-21
John 14. 8-17

MONDAY	3	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall & Kitchen
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.45pm	Book Circle	Brickhill Drive
TUESDAY	4	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		2.30pm	Julian Group	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
WEDNESDAY	5	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	Holt Room
		2.30pm	Bedford Deanery Standing Committee	Hulbert Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
THURSDAY	6	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	House Group	Charlbury Court
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Church
FRIDAY	7	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.00am-12noon	Coffee and Co	Foyer & Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	8	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.30pm	Concerts at St Andrew's - Paul Searle-Barnes	Church
SUNDAY	9		Pentecost	
		8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		1.30pm	Friends of St Andrew's Tea Dance Class	Main Hall
		6.00pm	Service with Prayers for Healing	Chapel

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

BOOK CIRCLE: The next meeting is tomorrow, 7.45pm, when we will be discussing "Home Fire" by Kamila Shamsie. This will surely provoke an interesting discussion, so please join us.

DUNCAN'S ORDINATION: Duncan is to be ordained Priest at St Albans Abbey at 4.00pm on Saturday 29 June. If you would like a place on the coach please sign the sheet at the back of the Church. The cost will be £15 per person, the coach will leave St Andrew's at 2.00pm and return at about 7.00pm.

PARISH LUNCH 30 JUNE: After Duncan's first Eucharist, drinks will be served in the Main Hall followed by a Parish Lunch. Most of the food will be provided but could you help by preparing a salad for 8 to 10 people? There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. Please bring your salad to the kitchen before the 10.00am service on 30 June. Thank you. We hope most of the congregation will be able to stay to celebrate with Duncan and his family.

QUIET DAY AT THE CHELLINGTON CENTRE: Friday 5 July, 10.00am - 3.30pm, led by the Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes. An opportunity to spend time reading, walking and relaxing in beautiful tranquil surroundings. Cost for the day is £24, including lunch. Booking forms available in church or for further information, please contact Ann Mason via the Church Centre Office.

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE - 15-26 June 2020: Would you like to join with others from St Andrew's on pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year? It may seem a long way ahead, but places are filling up, so if you are interested, now is the time to act! Please speak to Duncan if you would like to know more.

NOTICE SHEET ELECTRONICALLY: If you would like to receive the Notice Sheet as a PDF attachment by email each week, please email your request to Karen at office@standrewsbedford.org. (Just a reminder that the Notice Sheet is also posted on the Church website each week).

TLC: Our TLC (Telephone Link Carers) team is now up and running. Do YOU know of any elderly, lonely or housebound person who would welcome a regular telephone call from one of our friendly volunteers. Please complete one of the slips at the back of Church or in the Foyer and leave in the office. More information from Fiona McLeod.

RATION CHALLENGE WEEK: Tim Retout and I are undertaking Ration Challenge Week. Beginning on 16 June, for one week, we will each eat only the food provided to a Syrian refugee in a camp in Jordan. (The ration pack comprises rice, lentils, chickpeas, a tin of sardines, and a small quantity of oil, and we can add 400g of flour.) We are asking people to sponsor our challenge. All funds raised go to Concern Worldwide, who provide food, medicine and education to refugees living in camps. Should anyone wish to join the challenge, we would be happy to add them to our team! Kate Retout. <https://my.rationchallenge.org.uk/t/bedfordrationchallengers2019>



ASCENSION-PENTECOST - THY KINGDOM COME

The ten days from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday mark a season of focussed prayer for the life and mission of the church following the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative "Thy Kingdom Come". You are invited to join us for special services and events to keep the eleven days. The remaining ones are:

2 June	Sunday	6.00pm	Confirmation at St Andrew's
3 June	Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St John's
4 June	Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
5 June	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's and 12noon at St Paul's
6 June	Thursday	7.30pm	Mass at St Martin's
7 June	Friday	9.00am	Prayer Walk starting at St John's
8 June	Saturday	9.30am	Eucharist at St Paul's
9 June	Pentecost Sunday	6.30pm	Celebration at St Albans Abbey

Also, a daily short service suitable for private or corporate use is available in audio and printable form on the church website.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH FÊTE - Supporting

Tibbs Dementia Foundation: Saturday 6 July 10.00am - 12.30pm. Please respond to requests for contributions to cake, bottle and other stalls and bring your donations to the Church Office in the week beginning 1 July (not before please because we don't have the space to store items - thank you).

FAIRTRADE AT ST ANDREW'S Annual

Meeting is on Sunday 23 June at 3.30pm in the Holt Room - all are welcome. The meeting will focus on Fairtrade in Palestine and how it helps local people, with a talk and an opportunity to sample and buy foods and gifts from Palestine - and join us afterwards for Palestinian-inspired refreshments. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come.

DEANERY OF BEDFORD EVENSONG with

Holywell School Choir: On Sunday 16 June, 6.00pm at Cranfield St Peter and St Paul. SatNav: MK43 0DR. Followed by refreshments, all are welcome.

St Andrew's Church Director of Music & Fellow of the Royal College of Organists

Paul Searle-Barnes

Piano & Organ - Programme to include Reubke's *Sonata on 94th Psalm*, Ravel *Sonatine*, works by JS Bach, Howells & Dohnanyi



Saturday 8 June 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF

Adults £12, Concessions £10, Students (16-21) £5, Children (under 16) accompanied by a paying adult FREE

Tickets via Eventbrite - see website for details or:
tel: 01234 216881 e: concerts@standrewsbedford.org

www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts

Concerts at St Andrew's Patron - Carolyn Sampson



FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

Following the responses from our AGM, there are now two lists at the back of church for possible trips. Please sign up to indicate if you are interested in going to either Lichfield/National Memorial Arboretum or the Tram Museum at Crich, Derbyshire, in August.

COMMUNITY

FREE FILM SCREENING: *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind* at St John's Church, Bedford, 7.00pm on Friday 7 June. All donations to the Home of Hope Orphanage, Malawi.

VACANCY: The Bishop of Bedford is seeking an experienced PA, with excellent interpersonal skills and proven administrative competence. Based at Bishop's Lodge, Cardington, Bedford MK44 3SS. Part time (32 hours per week). Closing date for applications: Monday 10 June, 12noon. Further details at <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/1084/personal-assistant-to-the-bishop-of-bedford>

BEDFORD CHORAL SOCIETY: Saturday 15 June at 7.30pm in the Corn Exchange. Conductor Ian Smith with Bedford Sinfonia, Elizabeth Bottone (Soprano), Ben Thapa (Tenor) and Andrew Slater (Bass). Puccini, *Messa Di Gloria*; Bizet, *Te Deum* and *Symphony in C*. Tickets £16 and £13 (Students £6) concessions available from the Box Office, tel 718044.

Big Family of God

Some of us are big and tall
Some of us are very small
Some of us like pink and some like blue
Some of us like reading books
Some of us like feeding ducks
That's because we're different,
me and you.

*But God loves everyone he's made
God loves each of us, in a special
way...*

*That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
God loves you! God loves you!
That's you and you and you and you
And you and you and you and you
We're part of the big family of God!*

Some of us have curly hair
Some of us have specs to wear
All of us have different families
Some of us are very loud
Some of us don't make a sound
That's because we're different
you and me.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KIMBOLTON ROAD, BEDFORD MK40 2PF

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CHURCH CENTRE OFFICE: 01234 216881

(Open Monday - Friday 9.00am-1.00pm & 2.00-5.00pm)

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WEBSITE: www.standrewsbedford.org

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