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# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

**Sunday 20 January**  
**Epiphany 3**

**8.00am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** The Revd James Reveley  
**Preacher:** Ruth Gray (Visiting Reader in training)

**10.00am**

**PARISH EUCHARIST**

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**Preacher:** Ruth Gray (Visiting Reader in training)  
**Readings:** Isaiah 62. 1-5 read by Alun Jones  
1 Corinthians 12. 1-11 read by Jo Newton  
**Gospel:** John 2. 1-11  
**Intercessions:** Suzanne Clackson  
**Hymns:** NEH 148, SASP 56, SASP 105,  
NEH 467, NEH 367, NEH 394  
**Anthem:** Christ is our cornerstone - *Thorne*  
**Organ Voluntary:** Toccata and Fugue in D minor - *J S Bach*

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

**No Evening Service here today - you may wish to attend the  
CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE AT ELSTOW ABBEY  
6.30pm**

**Preacher:** The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh



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# **Prayers and Readings**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 62.1–5**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

The LORD says this: <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12.1–11**

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

<sup>1</sup>Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL - John 2.1–11**

We say or sing

**Alleluia**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, <sup>10</sup>'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## POST COMMUNION

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

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

### **and with thanksgiving for**

- those participating in the Sleep Out/Over in aid of SMART next weekend

### **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 27 January**

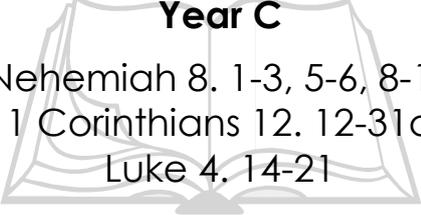
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Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a

Luke 4. 14-21



MONDAY	21	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		11.30am	Relaxation Session	Quiet Room
		2.30pm	Mothers' Union	Holt Room
		2.30pm	Pilgrim House Group	Devon Road
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
TUESDAY	22	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
WEDNESDAY	23	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes</i>	Holt Room
		2.30pm	Events Committee	Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	24	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	25	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	26	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Film Night	Main Hall
		7.00pm	Sleep Out/Over in aid of SMART	
SUNDAY	27		<b>Homelessness Sunday</b>	
		8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		8.45am	Breakfast	Main Hall
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
	6.00pm	Holocaust Memorial Day Service	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

**A 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 15 February 2019.

Ian Smith and Diana Whittemore - Churchwardens.

**PARISH SHARE 2018:** The Parish Share is what each church is asked to pay to the Diocese each year. It is based on the number on the Electoral Roll. In 2018 we paid our Parish Share in full, for which we have been thanked by the Rural Dean. Overall the Parish Share collection reduced by 0.5% in the Diocese but in the Deanery we increased our Parish Share by nearly 5%. This helps support the parts of the diocese that struggle to pay their Parish Share and we are thanked for our part in that support.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:** The final total for the 2018 Christmas collections was £3,260, which will be shared equally between St John's Hospice Moggerhanger and Swaziland Schools Projects.

**RELAXATION SESSION:** Tomorrow, 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** will be meeting 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.

**FILM NIGHT:** The next film night is on Saturday 26 January at 7.00pm when the film to be shown will be *Untouchable*. Orders for food by this Wednesday please.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS 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 (either online via <https://smartcjs.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/James-Reveley> or via his sponsor form at the back of church) or others who are participating.

**BOOK CIRCLE:** The next meeting is on Monday 4 February, 7.45pm, when we will be discussing "After The Fire" by Alan Everett. Please join us for a lively discussion.

**COMMUNION BEFORE CONFIRMATION:** The Bishop of St Albans allows baptised children who are seven or more years old to receive Communion if they wish to, if their parents agree, and if they have attended a suitable course of preparation. We are planning a series of preparation sessions on Sunday mornings at 11.15am-12noon beginning on 10 February with a view to children being admitted to communion on 17 March. If you would like your child to take part, please contact the Clergy.

**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. More details will follow in *The Fisherman*.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?** Are you wondering about a call to some kind of ministry in God's church? Come and join us on Saturday 16 February, 9.30am - 1.30pm at Christ Church, Dudley Street, Bedford, or on Saturday 16 March, 9.30am - 1.30pm at St Peter's, London Colney. For more information or to book your place, contact Barbara Young, [byoung@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:byoung@stalbans.anglican.org), 07884 736546. Vocations Team, Diocese of St Albans.

**'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.

**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.

**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.

### **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.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Date & Time	Venue	Notes
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 <a href="mailto:curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk">curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk</a> 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.



### 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 Fenella Humphreys performs as a soloist and chamber musician across the UK and internationally.

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.

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(Open Monday - Friday 9.00am-1.00pm & 2.00-4.00pm)

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