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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 26 May
Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

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

10.00am

PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd James Reveley
Readings: Acts 16. 9-15 *read by Pam Gorringe*
Revelation 21. 10, 22 - 22.5 *read by Jim Gorringe*
Gospel: John 14. 23-29
Hymns: NEH 401, NEH 366, NEH 346,
SASP 175, SASP 135, NEH 364
Anthem: Lead me, Lord - Wesley
Intercessions: Jenny Tomlinson

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

6.00pm

SAID EVENING PRAYER (BCP)

Officiant: Dr Diana Stretton



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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 - Acts 16.9–15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'
¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Revelation 21.10, 22 – 22.5

A reading from the book of Revelation.

¹⁰In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from

God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - John 14. 23-29

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ²³Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

This week we pray in particular for

- the family and friends of those who have died recently:
 - † Brenda Wells (*funeral in Church on Thursday 30 May, 1.00pm*)
 - † Gladys Fyers (*funeral on Friday 31 May, 12.15pm, at Crematorium*)
 - † George Kermez

and give thanks for

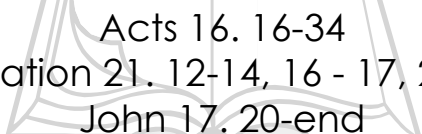
- Our Confirmation candidates Felicity Gibson and Hannah Reveley as they are confirmed on 2 June. We also pray for the candidates from five other parishes.

Prayers for our May Outreach Partner CHRISTIAN AID

We are a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide. Christian Aid Week is the UK's longest-running fundraising week.

Eucharist Readings for 2 June

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Acts 16. 16-34
Revelation 21. 12-14, 16 - 17, 20-end
John 17. 20-end

MONDAY	27		Spring Bank Holiday	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
			<i>No Evening Prayer</i>	
TUESDAY	28	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
WEDNESDAY	29	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd David Powell</i>	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
THURSDAY	30		Ascension Day	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		1.00pm	Funeral of Brenda Wells	Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.45pm	Sung Eucharist with incense	Church
FRIDAY	31	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	1	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		4.00pm	Rehearsal for the Confirmation Service	Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
SUNDAY	2	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		11.00am	Non-Eucharist Parish Service	Church
		6.00pm	Confirmation Service with Eucharist	Church
			<i>- The Bishop of Bedford</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

NEXT SUNDAY 2 JUNE: As in previous years, the Bedford 10k Run will be passing St Andrew's on the morning of 2 June. Consequently our morning services will be at 8.00am and **11.00am**. There will not be a "first Sunday" breakfast after the 8.00am service. The 11.00am service will be non-Eucharistic because later that day at 6.00pm the Bishop of Bedford will preside at the Confirmation Service which will include a Eucharist. Please come along and support the candidates.

BOOK CIRCLE: The next meeting is on Monday 3 June, 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).

GUIDES CAKE STALL: Thank you for supporting this on Sunday 19 May, cakes plus few runner bean plants raised £62 for Christian Aid (ingredients paid for from Guide funds).

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.



ASCENSION-PENTECOST - THY KINGDOM COME

The ten days from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday will mark a season of focussed prayer for the life and mission of the church following the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative "Thy Kingdom Come". Following our celebration of Ascension - a Sung Eucharist with incense at 7.45pm on Thursday 30 May - you are invited to join us for special services and events to keep the eleven days.

30 May	Ascension Day	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St Peter's
31 May	Friday	12noon	Prayer Hour at St Martin's
1 June	Saturday	9.30am	Eucharist at St Paul's
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 will be available in audio and printable form on the church website.

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 welcome them to our team! Kate Retout. <https://my.rationchallenge.org.uk/t/bedfordrationchallengers2019>

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).

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

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

VACANCY: Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Bedford. 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. Interviews: Thursday 20 June. Further details may be found on: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/1084/personal-assistant-to-the-bishop-of-bedford>

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



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

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