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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 27 January
Epiphany 4
Homelessness Sunday

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley
Preacher: Graham Penfold (Salvation Army)

*The Outreach Committee invite everyone to the Main Hall for breakfast.
(Bacon rolls or vegetarian alternative)*

10.00am

PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Revd David Powell
Preacher: Graham Penfold (Salvation Army)
Readings: Nehemiah 8. 1-3.5-6, 8-10 read by Wendy Carter
1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a read by Dave Francis
Gospel: John 4. 14-21
Intercessions: Fiona McLeod
Hymns: NEH 343, SASP 43, SASP 199,
NEH 234, SASP 76, NEH 438
Anthem: With a voice of singing - Shaw
Organ Voluntary: Sonata No7 in F minor, 1st movt. - Rheinberger

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.
The Revd James Reveley is at St Leonard's Church.

6.00pm

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Led by: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 - Nehemiah 8.1–3, 5–6, 8–10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 12.12–31a

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

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'

²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Luke 4.14–21

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet

Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

This week we pray in particular for

- all those currently experiencing homelessness and those who work to support them
- Cillian Connell, who will be baptised next Sunday
- the family and friends of Richard Pleasants, who died on 22 January

and with thanksgiving for

- our new Telephone Link Carers and other expressions of TLC

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 3 February

Candlemas

Year C

Ezekiel 43. 27-44.4

1 Corinthians 13. 1-13

Luke 2. 22-40

MONDAY	28	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
TUESDAY	29	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
WEDNESDAY	30	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd David Powell</i>	
		11.00am	<i>Church closed for recording (until 3.00pm)</i>	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	31	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	1	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.00am	Coffee and Company	Foyer
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	2	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		6.30pm	Quaver Reception	Holt Room
		7.30pm	Concerts at St Andrew's: Piano Trio	Church
SUNDAY	3		Candlemas	
		8.00am	Holy Communion followed by breakfast	Church Holt Room
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist and Parade Service with Holy Baptism of Cillian Connell	Church
		6.00pm	Sung Evensong	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

TODAY IS HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY AT ST ANDREW'S: We welcome Graham Penfold from the Salvation Army at our 8.00am and 10.00am services. He will be speaking 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.

Some members of the congregation, including the Vicar, completed a Sleep Out/Over for SMART last night. It's not too late to sponsor them if you would like to do so.

(Online via <https://smartcjs.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/James-Reveley> or via their sponsor forms at the back of 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. A photograph of the design is also on the board at the back of the church. 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.

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. Brenda Mayoh.

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, 07884 736546. Vocations Team, Diocese of St Albans.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: To assist with the Taizé Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 17 February, please contact the Vicar if you are willing to read a short Bible passage in a non-English language or play a musical instrument at the service (deadline 10 February). Merci.

'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 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.

JIGSAW: Are you interested in helping with our children's work? Please speak to Vicki Edwards to find out how you might be able to assist.

TLC SERVICE: 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

TALK ABOUT CAMPAIGN FOR PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND: Thursday 14 February, 2.30pm, in the Holt Room. Join us for an interesting talk with refreshments.

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

A CELEBRATION OF DANCE, MUSIC AND POETRY presented by Tibbs Dementia Foundation and Bedford Modern School. Tuesday 5 February, 4.30 - 6.30pm, Howard Hall, Bedford Modern School. Tickets £4, to include refreshments. All proceeds to Tibbs Dementia Foundation.

Piano Trio

Fenella Humphreys (violin), Robert Thompson (piano) and Christian Elliott ('cello)



Saturday 2 February 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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