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# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

**Sunday 28 April**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**8.00am**  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh  
**Preacher:** The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes

**10.00am**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST**

**Celebrant:** The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh  
**Preacher:** The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes  
**Readings:** Acts 5. 27-32 *read by Bob Main*  
Revelation 1. 4-8 *read by Fiona McLeod*  
**Gospel:** John 20. 19-31  
**Hymns:** NEH 103, NEH 114, NEH 468,  
NEH 113, SASP 41, SASP 185  
**Intercessions:** The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes  
**Voluntary:** Toccata from Suite Gothique - *Boelmann*

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

Dr Diana Stretton is providing cover at St Mary's Keysoe this morning.

**6.00pm**  
**EVENING SERVICE - BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

**Officiant:** Dr Diana Stretton



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## Prayers and Readings

### COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you  
in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 5.27–32

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

<sup>27</sup>When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying,  
<sup>28</sup>'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.'  
<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.  
<sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.  
<sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.  
<sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING - Revelation 1.4–8

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,  
<sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,  
<sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.  
<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the

clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL - John 20.19-31**

*We say or sing*

**Alleluia**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## POST-COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### This week we pray in particular for

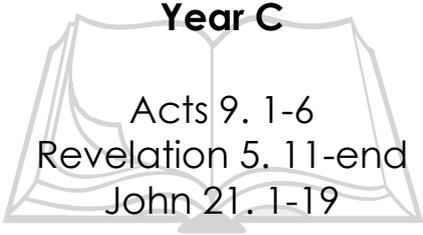
- the family and friends of those who have died recently:
  - † Lesley Ann Ruscoe (*funeral in Church on Tuesday 7 May, 11.30am*)
  - † Gladys Fyers
  - † Bishop Richard Inwood
  - † Lyra McKee, the journalist killed in Northern Ireland
- the Christian community in Sri Lanka and all those affected by the bombings on Easter Day

### Prayers for our April Outreach Partner IONA COMMUNITY CAPITAL APPEAL

A project seeking to improve the residential facilities at Iona Abbey on the Isle of Iona, off the west coast of Mull.

### Eucharist Readings for 28 April

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Acts 9. 1-6  
Revelation 5. 11-end  
John 21. 1-19

MONDAY	29	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		12noon	Pilgrim House Group - Bring and Share Lunch	Devon Road
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
TUESDAY	30	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.45pm	Meeting for new PCC members	Consulting Room
WEDNESDAY	1	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	Holt Room
		1.00pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's - Coach departs for Ely Cathedral</i>	Outside Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
THURSDAY	2	7.00am	Bedford Borough Council Elections	Holt Room
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	House Group	Charlbury Court
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.30pm	MAP Group	Dent Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	3	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		9.30am	Burial of Ashes	Garden of Rest
		10.00am	Coffee and Company	Foyer
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	4	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
SUNDAY	5	8.00am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Church Holt Room
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		11.15am	Concerts at St Andrew's meeting	Holt Room
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong	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

**MESSY CHURCH:** There is a planning meeting at 11.15am this morning in the Hulbert Room for all those who will be helping with the next Messy Church. This takes place on Saturday 18 May, 3.00pm - 5.00pm, when the theme will be "Helping Others".

**BISHOP RICHARD INWOOD RIP:** A Service of Thanksgiving for Bishop Richard's life will take place on Thursday 9 May at 2.30pm at Christ Church, Bedford.

**ANNUAL KEY AUDIT AND CODE CHANGE:** It is time for the annual key audit. Please would all those with keys to the church and/or centre see me or call in at the office before 1 May so that keys can be checked. The alarm code will change on 1 May 2019. Those who need to know it will be told the new code when keys are checked. Thank you.  
Ian Smith, Churchwarden.

**THE FISHERMAN MAGAZINE:** The May issue of *The Fisherman* is now available - please remember to collect your copy of from the back of church, if you are a subscriber. Individual copies are available to purchase at 80p - please put the money in the wall safe at the back of the church. You can also read *The Fisherman* via the church website, although the print copy does have some exclusive content.

**4OACTS LENT CHALLENGE:** If you participated in this, we would like to hear about your experiences. Why not write a short piece for the next issue of *The Fisherman*? Deadline for contributions for the June issue is Monday 13 May.

**COFFEE AND COMPANY:** Join us for conversation and friendship over real coffee and delicious cake this Friday 3 May from 10.00am - 12noon in the Church Centre Foyer.

**BELIEF SPRING COURSE:** "Other Faiths...Through Christian Eyes" continues on Wednesday 8 May, 7.30pm, with Rob Thompson speaking on Judaism. £5 per person payable on the day.

**WORLD FAIRTRADE DAY** is Saturday 11 May. Come along to the Church Centre Foyer between 10.00am and 5.00pm for beautiful crafts and cards, delicious food products and food samples to taste. You can also find out about the 90kg challenge and how this can help create a better future for a Malawian child.



**CHRISTIAN AID:** Christian Aid week is 12 - 18 May. The sign-up sheets will be available next Sunday. Could you possibly do a road this year? Perhaps with a friend? Please give it your consideration. You can choose a "patch" next Sunday.

## FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

**VISIT TO ELY CATHEDRAL - 1 MAY:** If you are booked on this visit, please note that the coach will leave from the church at 1.00pm prompt.

**VISIT TO TOLETHORPE OPEN AIR THEATRE:** There are 4 seats left to see Twelfth Night on 19 July. If interested please contact the Church Centre Office. The cost for members is £35 and £38 for non members.

## COMMUNITY

**SERVICE OF NONES:** You are invited to "Something Beautiful for Bedford" at St Peter de Merton Church on Sunday 28 April at 3.00pm, where an authentic Augustinian service of None(s) will be held to remember the work of the canons of Merton Augustinian Priory. Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

**"ALL INCLUSIVE?"** is an essential seminar for all parents, teachers, church leaders, youth and children's leaders, and anyone who cares for children and young people with special/additional needs or disabilities.

Wednesday 1 May, 7.30pm to 9.45pm (refreshments provided), at Christ Church, Bedford. This is a free event but you must pre-book your place via Eventbrite. Run by Mark Arnold from Urban Saints in conjunction with St Albans Diocese and the Additional Needs Alliance.

**CHRISTIAN AID ELSTOW ABBEY ABSEIL:** Pauline Crane and myself are "going over the top" by taking part in the Elstow Abbey abseil on 4 May. If you feel you would like to sponsor either of us please get in touch. Thank you. Liz Lacey

If you too 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>

**CANTAMUS CHAMBER CHOIR:** "*My Spirit sang all day*" - Madrigals and part-songs through the ages at Moot Hall, Elstow on Saturday 4 May at 8.00pm. Tickets on door: £10.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:** On Saturday 18 May St Martin's Church will be going on pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you would like to join them, you will be most welcome. The travel cost will be around £20 (subject to the coach being full) and a meal at the Shrine (optional) costs £11.65. The coach will depart from St Martin's at 8.00am and will be back in Bedford around 8.00pm. Please speak to Gillian or Karen in the Church Office for details of how to book a place.

**CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ:** A fun general knowledge quiz at St Peter's Chapter House on Saturday 25 May at 7.00pm. Fish and chip supper (Chicken or vegetarian options available). Teams of 6. £10 per person. To reserve places and specify menu choice, please ring Bedford 360301 or email [stpetersbedford@googlemail.com](mailto:stpetersbedford@googlemail.com)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT ST ANDREW'S



**Youth and Children's Worker**  
**St Andrew's, Kimbolton Road, Bedford**  
**Full time salary £20,400 per annum**  
**A job share would be considered**



St Andrew's wishes to appoint a Youth and Children's Worker to oversee and develop the teaching and inspiration of the younger members of our congregation.

The successful applicant(s) will build on the existing children's work and develop our ministry to young families and local schools.

A job description, person specification and application form is available on the Church website [www.standrewsbedford.org](http://www.standrewsbedford.org) or from the Church Centre Office [centremanager@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:centremanager@standrewsbedford.org)

An enhanced DBS disclosure will be required.

Closing date: Monday 13 May.

Interview date: Tuesday 21 May.



**Church Centre Manager**  
**St Andrew's, Kimbolton, Road, Bedford.**  
**37.5 hours per week - £25,500 per annum.**



The successful applicant will be the first point of contact at the Church, the lead administrator for the Centre and the supervisor for three other staff members, working closely alongside the Ministers and Churchwardens.

A job description, person specification and application form is available from St Andrew's Bedford Church website or the Church Centre Office.

Closing date: Sunday 19 May

Interview date: Monday 3 June

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**CHURCH CENTRE OFFICE:** 01234 216881

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

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