

The Parish Church of St Andrew

**Sunday 3 February
Candlemas**

**8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant: The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh
Preacher: The Revd David Powell

Everyone is invited to the Holt Room for breakfast.

**10.00am
PARISH EUCHARIST AND PARADE SERVICE
WITH HOLY BAPTISM OF CILLIAN CONNELL**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd James Reveley

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes is at St Mary the Virgin Keysoe and the Revd David Powell is at All Saints Renhold this morning.

**6.00pm
CHORAL EVENSONG**

Officiant: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe
Preacher: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes
Readings: Malachi 3. 1-5 *read by Krystyna Oborn*
Hebrews 2. 14-end *read by Joanna Reveley*



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son
was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by 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 - Ezekiel 43. 27 – 44. 4

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The LORD said to Ezekiel:

²⁷ 'When these days are over, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord GOD.'¹ Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east: and it was shut. ²The LORD said to me: This gate shall remain shut: it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. ³ Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the LORD: he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate and shall go out by the same way. ⁴ Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the LORD filled the temple of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 13.1–13

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

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. ⁵ It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Luke 2. 22-40

We say or sing

Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

This week we pray in particular for

- Cillian Connell, who is being baptised this morning, and for his parents, Amy and Rian
- the family and friends of Richard Pleasants, who died on 22 January
(Funeral in church on Wednesday 20 February at 11.45am)

and with thanksgiving for

- Gareth Burrows on his 10th anniversary as our Verger

Prayers for our February Outreach Partner

AGAINST MALARIA FOUNDATION

The Against Malaria Foundation is a United Kingdom-based charity that provides long-lasting insecticidal nets to populations at high risk of malaria, primarily in Africa.

Eucharist Readings for 10 February

Fourth Sunday before Lent

Year C

Isaiah 6. 1-8

1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

Luke 5. 1-11

MONDAY	4	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Book Circle	Brickhill Drive
TUESDAY	5	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		2.30pm	Julian Group	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
WEDNESDAY	6	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	Holt Room
		3.00pm	Finance Committee	Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	7	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	House Group	Charlbury Court
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	8	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	9	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Vision Day - Diocese of St Albans	Luton
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
SUNDAY	10	Stewardship Sunday		
		8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		1.30pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Tea Dance Class	Main Hall
		2.00pm	Bedfordshire Young Bellringers	Church and Dent Room
		4.00pm	Newcomers Tea	Holt Room
		6.00pm	Evening Service	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

THANK YOU: The Vicar, Diana Whittemore and Susan Cardwell would like to thank all who sponsored them for the sleep-out last weekend in aid of SMART.

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.

CAKE SALE TODAY: The Guides are holding a cake sale after the 10.00am service this morning. They are raising money for cancer charities.

THE FISHERMAN: The February edition of our parish magazine, *The Fisherman*, is now available - please remember to pick up your named copy if you subscribed last year. Subscriptions for 2019 (£7 for 10 issues) are now due and you will find the form to complete and return inside the February issue. We will now also be publishing an edited version of *The Fisherman* on the church website.

STEWARDSHIP SCHEME: There are letters for members of the St Andrew's Church Stewardship Scheme to collect from the back of the church. Please remember to pick up yours if you have not already done so.

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.

ARE YOU NEW TO ST ANDREW'S?: If you are new (or newish) to St Andrew's and have not attended one of our Newcomers' Teas, we would like to invite you to the next one on Sunday 10 February at 4.00pm followed by a simple Evening Prayer. Please let the Church Centre Office know your details and we will happily count you in.

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*.

BELIEF: On Saturday 16 February the Very Reverend Dr Jeffrey John will be giving a talk about St Mark's Gospel, 10.00am - 1.00pm, in the Main Hall. £10 per person, payable on the day. www.beliefbeds.org

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.

MOTHERS' UNION: Our next group meeting is on Monday 18 February at 2.30pm in the Holt Room, when we will be welcoming Margaret Blake to speak about the World Day of Prayer. All are welcome to join us.

'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. For further information, please contact Ann Mason via the Church Office.

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.

VISIT TO ELY CATHEDRAL FOR A TOUR AND CHORAL EVENSONG: Wednesday 1 May. There is a sign-up list, together with further details, in church. Please note there is an option to have a cream tea at The Almonry for £6.95 - please indicate on the list if you would like us to book this for you.

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.

BEDFORD STREET ANGELS are celebrating 10 years of supporting the night time economy in Bedford on Saturday 23 February from 2.00pm - 5.00pm at the Salvation Army Church & Community Centre. If you would like to join us to meet the Angels please contact Anne Levene or see the leaflets at the back of the church.

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