

# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

**Sunday 3 March**  
**Sunday Next before Lent**

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

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

Everyone is invited to breakfast in the Holt Room.

**10.00am**  
**PARISH EUCHARIST AND FAIRTRADE SERVICE**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes  
**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15 read by Brenda Mayoh  
**Gospel:** Matthew 5. 1-14 read by Diane Barlow  
**Hymns:** SASP 166, Big Family of God (see page 8),  
SASP 199, SASP 125, SASP 23, SASP 184, SASP 194  
**Intercessions:** Fiona McLeod

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

This morning the Revd James Reveley is at St Mary's Keysoe, the Revd Duncan Goldthorpe is leading the service at Bedford Hospital and the Revd David Powell is at All Saints' Renhold.

**6.00pm**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG**  
**WITH THE FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S**

**Officiant:** The Revd James Reveley  
**Preacher:** The Revd Atalie Gaines  
**Readings:** Exodus 3. 1-6 read by Robin Farman  
John 2. 1-2, 12-17 read by Paul Edwards



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## **Prayers and Readings**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.                   **Amen.**

### **READING - 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15**

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness\* endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.\*

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*This is the word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL - Matthew 5.1-14**

*We say or sing*

**Alleluia**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **POST-COMMUNION**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know  
his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

- all those involved in the Fairtrade movement
- the family and friends of Marjorie Harrison-Heath, who died recently (funeral on Thursday 14 March, 12.15pm, at the Crematorium)

### **and with thanksgiving for**

- all who contributed to the Organ project in any way

### **Prayers for our March Outreach Partner ELLIE'S HAVEN**

Ellie's Haven is a Cornwall-based charity providing holidays to families caring for children with long-term and life-limiting medical conditions and disabilities.  
(As voted for by the young people on their weekend at Chellington).

### **Eucharist Readings for 10 March**



Lent 1  
**Year C**  
Deuteronomy 26. 1-11  
Romans 10. 8b-13  
Luke 4. 1-13

MONDAY	4	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
TUESDAY	5		<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		2.30pm	Julian Group	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.15pm	Pancake Supper and Beetle Drive	Holt Room
WEDNESDAY	6		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	
			<i>Preacher: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe</i>	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Church
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	Church
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	9	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Concerts at St Andrews: St Albans Cathedral Choir	Church
SUNDAY	10	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		1.30pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Tea Dance Class	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Tower Bells - Quarter Peal	
		6.00pm	Service of Prayers for Healing and Wholeness	Church
		8.00pm	Candlelit Compline	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



**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2019 - 25 February to 10 March** is here and this year it will appeal to everyone as the focus is on **Chocolate!**

Specifically it will be highlighting the impact that Fairtrade can make on the lives of cocoa farmers in West Africa (and other small and independent farmers) by allowing them achieve a living wage and by supporting their communities. Please come to the Fairtrade shop and see the variety of chocolate goodies we have in stock. The 10.00am service today will focus on Fairtrade Fortnight and this year's chocolate theme.

**THE FISHERMAN:** Subscribers are reminded to collect their March issue from the back of the church, if you have not yet done so. If you do not subscribe, individual copies are available to buy at 80p each. An edited version of this publication also now appears on the church website.

**PANCAKE SUPPER AND BEETLE DRIVE:** Tuesday 5 March, 7.15pm for 7.30pm. If you have not yet bought your tickets for this sociable (and competitive!) event, please do so today so that we can finalise the numbers for catering. £3.00 per person.

**CONCERTS AT ST ANDREW'S - ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL CHOIR:** 7.00pm on Saturday 9 March, in support of the Organ Fund. Tickets are available now from the Church Centre Office or online via Eventbrite (see church website).

**LENT COURSE - "NOT A TAME LION":** This year's course will be based on the writings of C S Lewis. It will be held here at St Andrew's on Monday evenings from 11 March (7.30pm-9.00pm); alternatively it will run at St Peter's on Thursday afternoons (2.00pm-3.30pm) from 7 March, on Wednesday afternoons (2.30pm - 4.00pm) from 13 March at St Paul's and on Sunday evenings (6.30pm - 8.00pm) from 10 March at St John's Church Hall.

### A SERIOUSLY FUNNY LOOK AT INVITATION:

15 March, 7.30pm  
The Deaneries of Sharnbrook and Bedford have joined forces to host a really good, rather funny evening, looking at the topic of inviting people to church. It's a free evening with a retiring offertory. Tickets from Church Centre Office.

**Who? Me?**  
**You must be joking!**

*A seriously funny look at why we don't invite – and how we might*

With **Saltmine Theatre Company** and **Michael Harvey** of *The National Weekend of Invitation*

**Friday 15 March 2019**  
**7.30pm at Christ Church, Bedford, Dudley Street, MK40 3SX**

Refreshments during the interval      Car Parking available at Castle Newnham South Site MK40 3EP

The National Weekend of Invitation 2019 logo, CV logo, and Saltmine Theatre Company logo are also visible.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years the Diocese requires a New Electoral Roll. Everyone has to re-apply to be included. Letters to those who are on the current Electoral Roll are at the back of the church. If you are not on the current roll you will find additional envelopes containing the necessary documents.

Please complete and return all forms to the Church Office or leave at the back of church in the box provided by **next Sunday 10 March**. If you have any queries, our Electoral Roll Officer, Sue Smith, will be happy to help.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** If you would be willing to make soup for the Lent Lunches or to help out with serving, please sign up on the list at the back of church. For more information, please speak to Pat Rogers.

**LENT CHALLENGE - 40acts: Launches on 6 March.** Each Lent a community of people around the world come together to live and give generously through the 40acts initiative and this year we at St Andrew's invite you to join in too. Sign up at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk) and each day in Lent you will receive an email with the daily challenge - or come into church for it. See Duncan's article in the March *Fisherman* for more details.

**CHORAL EVENSONG SURVEY:** A new survey has been gaining widespread publicity in *Premier* and *Church Times*. Kathryn King is doing much-needed academic research on how to make evensong more accessible for newcomers, based at Oxford's Music Department. If you would like to take part, please go to <https://kathrynkingresearch.wordpress.com/take-the-choral-evensong-survey/>

**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 or speak to Duncan to find out more.

**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*.

## FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

**FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S AGM:** This afternoon at 4.30pm, followed by tea, and with Choral Evensong at 6.00pm, when we will be welcoming back the Revd Atalie Gaines as our guest preacher.

## COMMUNITY

**BELIEF/ST ALBANS COURSE:** The Introduction to Philosophy course, which was due to start this week, has been cancelled as not enough people have signed up to make it viable.

**PILGRIMS' FRIEND SOCIETY QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 9 March, 7.00pm, at Christ Church. Book your team now - £5.00 per person (suggested donation). We do have some tickets available from Church Centre Office.

## Big Family of God

Some of us are big and tall  
Some of us are very small  
Some of us like pink and some like blue  
Some of us like reading books  
Some of us like feeding ducks  
That's because we're different, me and you

But God loves everyone he's made  
God loves each of us, in a special way...

That's you and you and you and you  
And you and you and you and you  
God loves you! God loves you!  
That's you and you and you and you  
And you and you and you and you  
We're part of the big family of God!

Some of us have curly hair  
Some of us have specs to wear  
All of us have different families  
Some of us are very loud  
Some of us don't make a sound  
That's because we're different you and me

But God loves everyone he's made  
God loves each of us, in a special way...

Becky Drake

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In support of the St Andrews Church Organ Fund:

# St Albans Cathedral Choir

Performance made possible by the Cathedral Music Trust



Saturday 9 March 7.00pm

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](mailto:concerts@standrewsbedford.org)

[www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts](http://www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts)

Concerts at St Andrew's Patron - Carolyn Sampson



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