

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



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



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.**

FIRST READING - Exodus 34.29 - 35

A reading from the book of Exodus.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2

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

¹²Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Luke 9.28 - 36

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with

him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

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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		Shrove Tuesday	
		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		Ash Wednesday	
		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 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*

When churches say "be our guest!"

The National Weekend of Invitation 2019

CV SALTMINES

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 poster features two cartoon characters: one with a shocked expression and the other with a smug expression. The background shows a church spire. Logos for 'The National Weekend of Invitation 2019', 'CV', and 'SALTMINES' are 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 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

www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts

Concerts at St Andrew's Patron - Carolyn Sampson



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