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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 6 January
The Epiphany

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd James Reveley

Everyone is invited for breakfast in the Holt Room

10.00am

ALL AGE PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley

Preacher: Dr Diana Stretton

Readings: Isaiah 60. 1-6 *read by Kate Retout*

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12 *read by Vicki Edwards*

Hymns: SASP 122, Our God is a great big God (see sheet),
SASP 164, SASP 64, NEH 47, SASP 12, SASP 131

Intercessions: Mary Redmond

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

6.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Officiant: Dr Diana Stretton

Preacher: The Revd David Powell

Readings: Baruch 4.35-end of 5 *read by Bob Main*
John 2. 1-11 *read by Fiona McLeod*



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Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

O God,
who by leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 - Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Ephesians 3.1-12

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

¹I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Matthew 2.1-12

We say or sing

Alleluia

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ²'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

This week we pray in particular for:

- wise decisions to be made, as Parliament reconvenes after the recess
- for James and the ministry team at the start of a new year

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 13 January

Baptism of Christ

Year C

Isaiah 43. 1-7

Acts 8. 14-17

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

MONDAY	7	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark - Spring term starts	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
TUESDAY	8	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Church Centre Management Committee	Dent Room
		2.30pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Talk	Holt Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
WEDNESDAY	9	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	Holt Room
		2.15pm	Mothers' Union Church of the Transfiguration, Commissioning Service	Kempston
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	10	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
FRIDAY	11	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	12	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
SUNDAY	13	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		11.15am	Jigsaw Planning Meeting	Holt Room
		11.15am	CASA Meeting	Hulbert Room
		1.30pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Tea Dance Class	Main Hall
		6.00pm	Sacred Space	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

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019: Copies are available at the back of the church if you do not yet have one of these useful publications. It lists events happening at St Andrew's throughout the coming year.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: The total so far raised from our Christmas collections is over £3,000, which will be shared between St John's Moggerhanger and Swaziland Schools Projects.

FAIRTRADE HALF-PRICE SALE: Today from 11.15am - 12.15pm in the Main Hall. Sale of selected Fairtrade products from the shop. All items in the sale are marked at half the original price.

NOAH'S ARK: The Spring Term starts tomorrow, Monday 7 January, at 9.30am.

MOTHERS' UNION: On Wednesday 9 January at 2.15pm James will be commissioned as the Mothers' Union Deanery Chaplain at the Parish Church of the Transfiguration by The Bishop of Bedford, the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson. All are welcome to attend.

THE FISHERMAN: The deadline for items for the February edition of *The Fisherman* is 12noon on Monday 14 January. Any articles received after this deadline may not be considered for inclusion.

PARISH NURSE DROP-IN SESSION: Sandy's next drop-in session is on Friday 18 January between 10.30am and 12noon.

RELAXATION SESSION: The next session is on Monday 21 January at 11.30am in the Quiet Room.

MOTHERS' UNION: Our first St Andrew's group meeting of 2019 will be on Monday 21 January at 2.30pm in the Holt Room. We will be watching the film about Bedford Physical Training College during World Wars One and Two, which was previously shown as part of our Remembrance Sunday exhibition. Why not come along and join us for the afternoon if you missed it on 11 November?

TLC SERVICE STARTING SOON! 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.

'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.

CHRISTIAN AID has been offered a day to collect outside both Tesco stores (Goldington Road and Cardington Road) on Saturday 19 January and Peter Littleford is looking for volunteers from all local churches to do a "shift" during the day. There was a similar event a few years ago which proved very lucrative. If you feel you could offer an hour (or more?) on that day, please let me know and I will pass your name on. You may wish to say what time/ which store would be most convenient for you. Thank you in advance.
Angela Huddart.

HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY AT ST ANDREW'S - 27 January: Graham Penfold will be speaking at the 8.00am and 10.30am services 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.

SPONSORED SLEEP OUT/OVER FOR HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY: On the night of Saturday 26 January into Sunday 27 January join us for a sponsored sleep out/over in aid of charities for the homeless. Please email the Church Office to register your interest.

ST ANDREW'S MEN'S WEEKEND AWAY– 22 - 24 March 2019 at the Horstead Centre in Norfolk. There are still some 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: Details and booking forms are available in church and in the Foyer.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS: Please remember to save your used postage stamps to support charity. There is a basket at the back of the church where you can leave your stamps (trimmed with approx. 1cm border around each stamp if possible please). Thank you.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

TALK ABOUT LIFE ON A PACIFIC ISLAND by Mark Adkin - Join us for an interesting afternoon on Tuesday 8 January at 2.30pm in the Holt Room. Admission £5 (£4 for members of The Friends) includes 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

CANTAMUS AT EPIPHANY: Saturday 20 January, 7.30pm, here at St Andrew's. Conductor: Gary Mudd. Organ: Paul Edwards. Tickets £10 (£6 concessions) on the door.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019

Date & Time	Venue	Notes
Fri 18 Jan 4.30pm – 6.00pm	Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship High Street Elstow MK42 9XP	Prayer Stations, based on John Bunyan & WPCU, will be available to access anytime between these times. Hot drinks available.
Sat 19 Jan 9.30am	Elstow Abbey Church End Elstow MK42 9XT	Followed by tea/coffee & biscuits
Sun 20 Jan 6.30pm	Elstow Abbey Church End Elstow MK42 9XT	Choral Evensong with the Elstow Abbey Singers, Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Ian McIntosh. Followed by light refreshments.
Mon 21 Jan 12.30pm	Shalom Wesleyan Holiness Church, Offa Road Bedford MK42 9HZ	Please bring your lunch and share fellowship.
Tues 22 Jan 7.00pm	London Road Methodist Church, London Road Bedford MK42 0NT	Followed by Fish & Chips! Please pre-order Fish & Chips via curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk or 07922 487705
Wed 23 Jan 12noon	St John's Church, St John's Street Bedford MK42 0DL	Prayer Stations available from 11.15, service at 12 noon, followed by soup & bread lunch.
Thurs 24 Jan 7.30pm	St Michael & All Angels Barford Ave Bedford MK42 0DT	Compline, followed by tea/coffee.
Fri 25 Jan 12.30pm	Christ the King Harrowden Rd, Bedford MK42 0SP	Drinks provided. Please bring your own lunch.

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