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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 7 April
Fifth Sunday of Lent

No 8.00am service

10.00am

PARISH EUCHARIST

- Celebrant:** The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes
Preacher: Dr Diana Stretton
Reading: Isaiah 43. 16-21 *read by Vicki Edwards*
Gospel: John 12. 1-8 *read by Kate Retout*
Hymns: SASP 185, Big family of God (see page 8), SASP 9,
6, 81, 51, 33
Intercessions: Dr Diana Stretton

followed by

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

to which everyone is invited

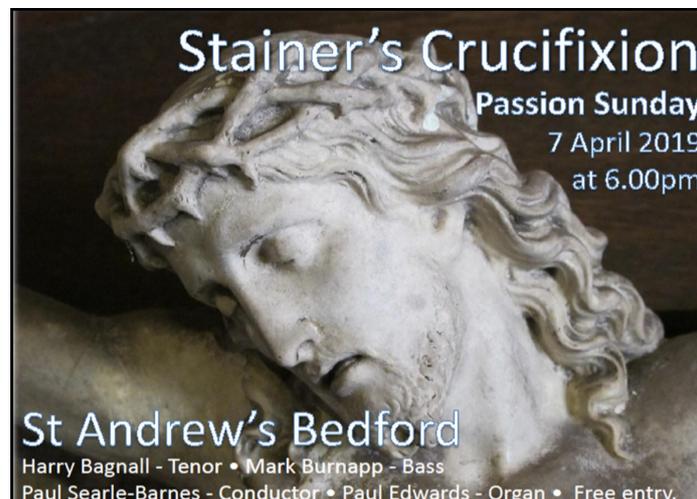
Refreshments will be served in the Main Hall

The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe is at Christ Church this morning

6.00pm

STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

Introductory Meditation: The Revd James Reveley



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 43.16–21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - John 12.1–8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

POST-COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

TODAY: ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
following the 10.00am service

May I encourage your attendance at this meeting this morning – it is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look with vision to the future of our Church and its Mission Action Plan.

The Holt Room will be set up as a Children's Activity room to assist families with younger children to attend.

At the meeting we will be appointing our two Churchwardens for the year ahead and also electing members for the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are five vacancies each of a three-year term for PCC. If you are interested in standing for PCC please speak to me and I will ensure you have the appropriate form and information. Looking forward to a good attendance.

Christine Garrett, PCC Honorary Secretary

This week we pray in particular for

- The friends and relatives of Elizabeth Appleby who died recently (*funeral in church on Tuesday 9 April at 10.30am*).
- The friends and relatives of Ronald Unwin who died on 27 March (*funeral at the Crematorium at 2.30pm on Tuesday 16 April*).

and with thanksgiving for

- For our church and all who contribute in so many ways to ensure the smooth running of every aspect of St Andrew's.

**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 14 April**

Palm Sunday

Year C

Liturgy of the Palms:

Luke 19. 28-40

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Philippians 2. 5-11

Dramatised Gospel

MONDAY	8	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		12noon	Deadline for items for "The Fisherman" for May	
		11.15am	Pastoral Care Group	Dent Room
		12.15pm	Pastoral Care Group Eucharist	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.15pm	Fifth Lent Course (for 7.30pm start)	Holt Room
TUESDAY	9	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	Funeral of Elizabeth Appleby	Church
		10.30am	Church Centre Management Committee	Dent Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.45pm	Standing Committee	Consulting Room
WEDNESDAY	10	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	Holt Room
		1.10pm	Lent Lunchtime Service Bunyan Meeting	Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
THURSDAY	11	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		12noon	Fifth Lent Lunch	Holt Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.45pm	Confirmation Class (Adults)	Vicarage
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	12	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
SATURDAY	13	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Chapel
		10.00am	BELIEF Spring Course: Revd Paul Cudby	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Chapel
		7.30pm	"According to Mary" - Choral concert	Church
SUNDAY	14		Palm Sunday	
		8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist <i>Gather in Main Hall to process with palms</i>	Church
		2.00pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Tea Dance	Main Hall
		6.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
		8.00pm	Compline	Church

CHURCH

GLORIA IN EGG-SHELL-SIS. Please would you bring in to the office any egg shells from boiled eggs, etc, in the next week so that the Vicar can use them for his talk on Good Friday. Thank you

EASTER CARDS DELIVERY: The Easter Cards are ready to be delivered and can be found at the back of the church. Most roads have been adopted by someone but if you see a bundle with no name on it please could you deliver them. Many thanks

THE VICAR'S FOOT OPERATION: James had a routine foot operation on Monday 11 March, which went well, and he will be recovering with limited mobility until after Easter.

THE FISHERMAN: If you have not yet done so, please remember to collect your copy from the back of church. If you do not have a subscription, individual copies are available to buy, price 80p.

Contributors are reminded that the deadline for items for the May issue is tomorrow, Monday 8 April, at 12noon.

LENT CHALLENGE AND ACTS OF GENEROSITY: How are you getting on? The daily challenges are displayed in the Church and Church Centre Foyer. We would like to hear about your experience of taking part in the 40acts Lent generosity challenge. You are also welcome to bring donations for the Bedford Foodbank to church on Easter Sunday if you so wish - see their website for current requirements.

FINAL LENT LUNCH FOR THIS YEAR: Thursday 11 April, 12noon - 1.30pm. Do come along for a simple lunch of soup, cheese and bread in the Holt Room. A minimum donation of £3.00 is requested. Profits from the lunches will be given to this year's chosen charity, East Anglian Air Ambulance. This is a good chance to meet and chat with other members of the congregation and community.

BELIEF - REVD PAUL CUDBY: On Saturday 13 April, at 10.00am, the Revd Paul Cudby, a former curate of St Andrew's, will be returning to Bedford to give a talk on Christianity and Modern Paganism. The talk will be interspersed with music from his wife, Alison Eve. Tickets on the door cost £10. This is the first talk in this year's Belief Spring Course - *Other Faiths...Through Christian Eyes*.

ACCORDING TO MARY: Saturday 13 April 7.30pm. A choral concert. Following sell out performances in Northamptonshire and London, local professional composer, Kaye Tompkins, brings her stunningly beautiful and powerful choral work to St Andrews. Featuring local soloists and a choir of over 50, this is a perfect start to Holy Week. Tickets £12.50 from www.wegotickets.com.

HUNT FAMILY VISIT: Alex, Louise, Eva and Thomas will be in Bedford visiting from Australia on Sunday 14 April and will be at the 10.00am service. They would love for you to join them for a cuppa and a chat after the service.

MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOTWASHING: If you would like to take part in this at the 7.45pm service on 18 April, please enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY CHRISM SERVICE: This annual service takes place at St Albans Cathedral at 11.00am on Thursday 18 April and you are welcome to attend if you would like to.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE: Suitable for all ages and a rewarding day out, why not join us for this year's pilgrimage to St Albans. We begin with Pilgrims Prayers in the Chapel at 8.30am and breakfast at the Tavistock pub around 9.00am, before setting off by train and on foot to the Abbey, where the service starts at 3.00pm. There is now a sign-up list at the back of the church.

BOOK CIRCLE: The next meeting is on Monday 3 June, 7.45pm, (venue available from the Church Office), when we will be discussing "*Home Fire*" by Kamila Shamsie. This will surely provoke an interesting discussion, so please join us.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD: This year marks the 25th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. A special service took place at Lambeth Palace recently. Here in the diocese the Revd Kate Peacock and the Revd Lucy Davis are planning a Eucharist to mark this important occasion, which will take place at 12noon on Wednesday 5 June at Flitwick Parish Church. The preacher will be the Revd Canon Abi Thompson, Sub-Dean at St Albans Cathedral and lunch will be provided afterwards.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

VISIT TO ELY CATHEDRAL - 1 MAY: There are letters at the back of church for those who signed the list. The coach is fully booked, but if you would like to be placed on the reserve list please contact the Church Centre Office.

COMMUNITY

ELSTOW ABBEY ABSEIL for Christian Aid on 4 May. If you 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>

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.

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.

Becky Drake

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"Breathtakingly beautiful"
David Saint, BBC

ACCORDING TO MARY

the Magdalene
by Kaye Tompkins

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
BEDFORD

Saturday 13th April 2019
7.30pm
£12.50

Tickets available from www.WeGotTickets.com

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

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