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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 9 December
Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd James Reveley

10.00am

PARISH EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher: Father Kevin Goss (St Paul's)

Readings: Malachi 3. 1-4 *read by Bernard Saint*

Philippians 1. 3-11 *read by Ann Saint*

Gospel: Luke 3. 1-6 *read by the Revd David Powell*

Hymns: NEH 420, NEH 5, SASP 23, NEH 12, SASP 43, NEH 408

Anthem: Grant us thy peace - Mendelssohn

Intercessions: Joe Gibson

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.

The Revd James Reveley and the Revd Duncan Goldthorpe
are at St Peter's this morning

8.00pm

COMPLINE

Officiant: The Revd James Reveley

Followed by a glass of port.



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



Prayers and Readings

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING - Malachi 3.1–4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: ¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Philippians 1.3–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,

⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Luke 3.1-6

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This week we pray in particular for:

- Veronica Kahn and family following the recent death of her husband Ray (funeral at Bedford Crematorium, 12.15pm, 11 December)
- The family and friends of Percy Tipple, who died on 16 November

Prayers for our December Outreach Partner

ST JOHN'S HOSPICE MOGGERHANGER

Providing specialist care and support
for people with life-limiting conditions
living in Bedfordshire and bordering
parts of Cambridgeshire.

Eucharist Readings for 16 December

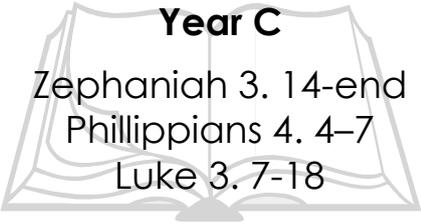
Advent 3

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Zephaniah 3. 14-end

Phillippians 4. 4-7

Luke 3. 7-18



MONDAY	10	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark - End of Term	Main Hall
		2.00pm	Monday House Group	Kimbolton Road
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
TUESDAY	11	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Standing Committee	Consulting Room
WEDNESDAY	12	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant: The Revd James Reveley</i>	Holt Room
		12noon	Christmas Lunch for the Wednesday congregation	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.30pm	St Alban's Study Centre course	Dent Room
THURSDAY	13	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		4.45pm	St Andrew's School Carol Service	Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	14	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir	Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
		8.25pm	Christmas Choir rehearsal	Church
SATURDAY	15	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		11.45am	Bedford Town Centre Churches Carol Singing	Harpur Centre
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
SUNDAY	16	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		2.00pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Tea Dance	Main Hall
		8.00pm	Sung 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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2018

THE TRAVELLING CRIB is now on its annual journey from home to home around the congregation, but there is still time to sign up to host the crib for a night. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church. If you would like to know more about the crib, please speak to Vicki Edwards.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE PARISH: There are still a few bundles of cards for "unadopted" roads to be distributed. If you are able to deliver to one of these "red label" bundles, please do take it (and if you would be willing deliver to this road for future deliveries, please let the Church Office know). Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Rehearsals for the augmented choir continue on Fridays in December, 8.25pm - 9.25pm. Singers of any voice part are welcome and it is preferable if you can attend as many of the weekly rehearsals as possible. Please direct any questions to Ian Smith or Paul Searle-Barnes.

SEEKING CAROL SINGERS: Bedford Town Centre Churches have been invited to sing carols in the Harpur Centre on Saturday 15 December, meeting at 11.45am. If you would like to take part, please let the Church Office know, so we can let Revd Kelvin Woolmer, Town Centre Chaplain, know how many volunteers from St Andrew's can be expected. The more, the merrier!

CAROL SINGING IN RESIDENTIAL HOMES: We will soon be on the look-out for carol singers to join with others from St Andrew's to sing carols and/or recite poetry and readings in local nursing homes. On Tuesday 18 December at 11.00am a group will be going to Kimbolton Lodge. On Wednesday 19 December we will be visiting Dorothea Court at 6.15pm and then Hepworth House at 7.00pm and the final visit will be to Airedale at 10.30am on Friday 21 December. Please make a note in your diary and add your name to the sign-up sheet.

RED CANDLE ARRANGEMENTS: If you are able to make a small arrangement for church using evergreen foliage, please collect a dish and a piece of floral foam from Ann Mason in the Main Hall during coffee after the 10.00am service today.

MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE SERVED AFTER THE NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE 23 DECEMBER: Please sign the lists in church if (a) you can provide some mince pies and (b) if you can help prepare, set up the Hall before the service and/or serve wine after the service and help clear up. Members of the Events Committee would appreciate some extra help, if you would like to know more please contact Hilary Papworth.

SIDESPEOPLE - CHRISTMAS SERVICES: There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the additional Christmas services. Please could you sign up for services that are convenient to you.

CHRISTMAS EVE: We need help between the services on Christmas Eve to move furniture in the church in preparation for the next service. If you feel you can help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

THANK YOU: Ruth and myself would like to thank you all for your support, practical help and prayers over the last few weeks. We have felt loved and cared for. Duncan

DEFIBRILLATOR COMMISSIONING: Our defibrillator, now in place outside the Church Centre entrance and ready for use in emergencies, will be officially commissioned in the presence of our local ward councillors at 12noon **today**. All are welcome to come along. Any contribution to the cost of the Defib can be brought to the Church Centre Office. In the event of an emergency, please dial 999 for the access code.

RAYMOND KAHN: The funeral service for Veronica's husband Ray Kahn will be held on Tuesday 11 December at 12.15pm at the Norse Road Crematorium. No flowers by request. Please think of and pray for the family at this time.

ARRIVAL OF THE PEACE LIGHT: On Monday 17 December there will be short service of prayers to receive the Peace Light at 5.00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

BOOK CIRCLE: The next meeting is on Monday 4 February, 7.45pm at 68 Brickhill Drive, when we will be discussing "After The Fire" by Alan Everett. Please join us for a lively discussion.

'LEADING YOUR CHURCH INTO GROWTH': Are you under 30? We would like to send you for a few days 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. The theme is Making a difference where we are. Leaflets are available at the back of the church with further details.

KITCHEN TIDY-UP: A reminder that unclaimed cake boxes and other items found in the kitchen clean up will be thrown out after today if not claimed. Thank you. Events Committee.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S

PANTOMIME: Please can those who signed up for the pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre on 11 January 2019 confirm their continuing interest by making a payment for £16 per ticket as soon as possible. Please submit your payments to the Church Office in an envelope marked for the attention of John Thynne re: Friends Pantomime Visit. Thank you.

COMMUNITY

MEDITATION, MUSIC AND SILENCE: A short lunchtime service on Thursdays in November and December at St Paul's Church from 1.05pm - 1.30pm. Led by members of the Anglican Town Centre Churches. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Saturday 15 December, 7.30pm, Woburn Parish Church. Featuring Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Holst's Christmas Day and a selection of carols. Danesborough Chorus; Elizabeth Bass (harp); John Witchell (organ/piano); conducted by Ian Smith. Tickets £12 and £9; under 18s £5. www.danesborough.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON: On Saturday 15 December, 1.30pm - 4.30pm, in the Holt Room. We will be making Christmas Tree decorations, gift bags, covered notebooks, Christmas cards and more. Raffle and refreshments. All ages welcome. Entry £1; Crafts £1 to £3 per craft. All proceeds going to Mind. Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated and can be given to Kathy or Hugh Johnstone or left in the Church Office. Thank you. Emma Johnstone.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Friends of Bedford Hospital invite you to a charity Christmas Concert featuring Kempston Musical Society, The Ouse Valley Singers, and others. Saturday 15 December, 7.30pm, at St Peter's Church, Bedford. Adults £10; Students & Over 60s £7; Children £4 includes light seasonal refreshments.

ALMHOUSE VACANCY: The Frederick Ray Trust (Rays Close, Bedford) offers accommodation for deserving older single people or couples in need of housing. Applicants must be capable of independent living and meet certain other criteria. Please see the notice board in the Church Centre corridor for details of how to apply, should you be interested. Application deadline 31 December 2018.

Advent Candle Song (SASP29)

Come and light the candles on the Advent ring,
scattering the darkness till the world shall sing.
Prophet voices speaking clear, like a burning flame,
making sure our world will never be the same.



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

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This Notice Sheet is also available on the website

