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# *The Parish Church of St Andrew*

**Sunday 1 March**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**8.00am**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** The Revd James Reveley  
**Preacher:** The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe

Everyone is invited for breakfast in the Holt Room.

**10.00am**

## **PARISH EUCHARIST AND PARADE SERVICE**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Revd James Reveley  
**Reading:** Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 *read by Uniformed Groups*  
**Gospel:** Matthew 4.1-11 *read by Uniformed Groups*  
**Hymns:** See service booklet  
**Intercessions:** Guides

Everyone is invited to the Main Hall for refreshments.  
The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes is providing cover at  
Biddenham St James and Kempston All Saints today.

*4.30pm*

*Friends of St Andrews AGM and Tea*

**6.00pm**

## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Officiant:** The Revd James Reveley  
**Preacher:** Neil McCleery, Chaplain of Bedford School  
**Readings:** Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-end *read by Robin Farman*  
Luke 15. 1-10 *read by Karen Parrott*



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# Prayers and Readings

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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 - Genesis 2.15–17,3.1–7

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING - Romans 5.12–19**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – <sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL - Matthew 4.1–11**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, <sup>6</sup>'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed

him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **POST-COMMUNION**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **This week we pray for**

- the family and friends of those who have died recently:
  - ✠ Peter Herald  
(Memorial Service - Monday 2 March, 2.00pm, at All Saints, Houghton Conquest)
  - ✠ John Grayson (Funeral - Monday 23 March, 11.15am, in church)

### **and we give thanks for**

- the Fairtrade movement

### **Prayers for our March Mission and Outreach Partner Autism Bedfordshire**

An independent charity dedicated to improving the lives of autistic people and their families across Bedfordshire.

### **Eucharist Readings for 8 March**

Lent 2

**Year A**

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

MONDAY	2		<i>Fairtrade Fortnight continues</i>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Lent Course - 1st session	Holt Room
		7.45pm	Book Circle	
TUESDAY	3	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
WEDNESDAY	4	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes</i>	
		1.10pm	Lent Lunchtime Service	Bunyan Meeting Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
THURSDAY	5	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	House Group	
		11.30am	Holy Communion	Chapel
		12noon	First Lent Lunch	Holt Room
		2.30pm	Children and Youth Development Committee	Consulting Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
		7.45pm	Worship Committee	Consulting Room
FRIDAY	6		<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.00am	Coffee and Company	Foyer
		12noon	Meditation Group	Quiet Room
		2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service	Miracle Church
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church and Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church and Dent Room
		7.30pm	World Day of Prayer Service	Christ Church
SATURDAY	7	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.30pm	Concerts at St Andrew's: Dominic Childs	Church
SUNDAY	8	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	Church
		11.15am	JIGSAW & JAM Planning session	Holt Room
		1.30pm	<i>Friends of St Andrew's</i> Tea Dance Class	Main Hall
		6.00pm	Evening Service	Church

### Notice Sheet Deadline

Please send all notices to Karen Parrott, Church Office,  
email: [office@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:office@standrewsbedford.org) by **12noon on Wednesday**.  
This notice sheet is usually printed on Wednesday afternoon.

## LENT 2020

**LENT COURSE:** This Lent we will be following a course entitled "Superstar", a York course with a printed booklet and audio clips, which explores themes suggested from the lyrics of the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*. It will be held on Monday evenings, starting tomorrow, 2 March, 7.15pm - 9.15pm, in the Holt Room, continuing until 30 March. All are welcome.

**LENT CHALLENGE:** Once again this year our Lent challenge is focused on the Food Bank. Please either collect an item for the Food Bank for every day of Lent (full list of items required will be available to view at the back of church or go to [bedford.foodbank.org.uk](http://bedford.foodbank.org.uk)) or pick up a jam jar today or next Sunday for "40p for 40 days" donations. Your donations (food or cash) should be brought to church on Easter Sunday.

**UNITED LENT SERVICES AT BUNYAN MEETING: "Singing God's Praise".**

Wednesdays from 4 March 1.10pm-1.50pm. Lunches are available in the Church Hall before the service and light refreshments in the Foyer Coffee Shop. The John Bunyan Museum is also open from 11.00am to 4.00pm (entrance free). All are welcome.

**LENT LUNCHESES:** On Thursdays during Lent, starting on 5 March, 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, Bedford Daycare Hospice. The lunches will be preceded by an optional Holy Communion in the Chapel at 11.30am. Helpers and soups are still needed for these lunches - please sign up at the back of church, if you can assist.

**TODAY - MESSY CHURCH MEETING:** There will be a planning meeting for Messy Church volunteers after the 10.00am service this morning in the Holt Room. We will be discussing the plans for our next Messy Church on Saturday 14 March, when the theme will be "*Hidden Treasure*".

**BOOK CIRCLE:** The next meeting is on Monday 2 March, 7.45pm, when we will be discussing "The Brief" by the Bedfordshire author Simon Michael. It should be a good read followed by a lively discussion - do come. Brenda Mayoh.

**COFFEE AND COMPANY:** Join us for conversation and friendship over real coffee and delicious cake this Friday 6 March from 10.00am - 12noon in the Church Centre Foyer.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday 6 March. *Rise, take your mat and walk.* Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service for the Day of Prayer, which is celebrated in over 170 countries. Local services are at Miracle Church, 2.00pm, and at Christ Church at 7.30pm.

**STEWARDSHIP SCHEME:** If you are a member and have not yet collected your letter from the back of church, please remember to do so this week.

## **CORONAVIRUS - a message from the Bishop:**

The administration of Holy Communion has, for centuries, been considered hygienic and is of course a means of grace and healing. It is wise to follow best practice more recently laid down at times of winter 'flu and with the current concerns surrounding Coronavirus.

- The giving of Communion by intinction (dipping) is suspended
- Those with cold or 'flu symptoms are asked to receive Communion in one kind only.
- The receiving of communion in one kind only, the bread alone, is sufficient to receive a complete and valid Communion.

**CONCERTS AT ST ANDREW'S - DOMINIC CHILDS:** Saturday 7 March, 7.30pm. Dom Childs is a classical saxophonist and music educator, who has performed with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. His programme will include works by Claude Debussy, Stephen Sondheim and Leonard Bernstein, as well as some ensemble pieces from the workshop earlier in the day. Tickets are available from Eventbrite (link on the church website) or in person from the Church Office during the week.

**JIGSAW/JAM PLANNING MEETING:** The planning meeting for leaders of Jigsaw and Jam will take place after the 10.00am service next Sunday 8 March in the Holt Room. We will be looking at the Roots resources and sharing ideas to plan several future sessions together. Please speak to Elisabeth if you have any questions.

**ST ANDREW'S MEN'S WEEKEND AWAY:** 27-29 March 2020 at the Horstead Centre in Norfolk. The theme is "Walking by faith," which will be led by the Archdeacon of Bedford. Leaflets are available at the back of the church and in the Church Office.

## **FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S**

**AGM:** The Friends of St Andrew's AGM will take place at 4.30pm this afternoon in the Main Hall. This will be followed by tea at about 5.00pm with Choral Evensong at 6.00pm.

**VISIT TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL** on Saturday 30 May to attend Choral Evensong when our own choir will be singing. Tour of the Cathedral is an optional extra. The list is now in church to sign if you would like to go. Coach will leave from the church at 11.30am. Cost £15 for Friends members and £17 for non-members.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** We are arranging a trip to Tolethorpe open air theatre again this year on Friday 10 July. The coach will leave from church at 4.15pm. Cost £36 for members of The Friends (£40 for non members). Please sign up on the list in church if you would like to go to this production.

## COMMUNITY

**FRIENDS OF BEDFORD CEMETERY AGM:** Sunday 15 March, 2.15pm, in the Chapel at Foster Hill Road. The AGM will be followed by a talk - "An illustrated history of Bedford from 571 to 1939" by Bob Ricketts. Tickets £3 (£2 for Friends of Bedford Cemetery). Refreshments available.

**BEDFORD CHORAL SOCIETY:** Haydn - *The Seasons*. Saturday 21 March, 7.30pm, at the Corn Exchange. Conductor: Ian Smith with Bedford Sinfonia. Tickets £16 & £13 (Students £6) available from the Box Office in the Harpur Suite.

**St Andrew's Church**



**LENT COURSE 2020**

**Superstar**

A York course written by The Rt Revd David Wilbourne

**Starting Monday 2 March, 7.45pm - 9.15pm**  
**in the Holt Room**

**Continuing weekly until Monday 30 March**



**Messy Church**

Come and join us on  
**Saturday 14 March 2020**  
**3.00pm - 5.00pm**  
(registration from 2.45pm)

St Andrew's Church  
**'Hidden Treasure'**



Enjoy a fun afternoon for all the family with messy crafts, wonderful worship, great games and a delicious meal  
**Free admission – register on the day**  
**£1 per person donation welcome**

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