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The Parish Church of St Andrew

Sunday 23 February
Sunday Next Before Lent

8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd James Reveley

10.00am
PARISH EUCHARIST
WITH HOLY BAPTISM OF CHLOE SPASIĆ

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Readings: Exodus 24.12-end *read by Sue Ashmead*

Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9

Hymns: NEH 264, NEH 18, SASP 150,
SASP 135, NEH 15, SASP 92

Anthem: Be thou my vision - *Chilcott*

Intercessions: Christine Garrett

Voluntary: Toccata in D minor (Dorian) - *JS Bach*

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.

6.00pm
TAIZÉ SERVICE

Officiant: The Revd James Reveley



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 24.12-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - 2 Peter 1.16 – 21

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - Matthew 17. 1 – 9

We say or sing

Alleluia

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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 for

- Chloe Spasić, who is being baptised today, and her parents and godparents
- the family and friends of those who have died recently:
 - ✝ Peter Herald
(Memorial Service - Monday 2 March, 2.00pm, at All Saints, Houghton Conquest)
 - ✝ Janet Jennings
(Funeral - Monday 24 February, 1.30pm, in church)

and we give thanks for

- the money raised to support the homeless by the recent Charity Concert (£4,043)

Prayers for our February Mission and Outreach Partner

World Vision is the world's largest children's charity, working together with children, their communities, supporters and partners, to transform the lives of the world's most vulnerable children.

Eucharist Readings for 1 March

Lent 1

Year A

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

MONDAY	24		<i>Fairtrade Fortnight starts</i>	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		9.30am	Noah's Ark	Main Hall
		1.30pm	Funeral of Janet Jennings	Church
		2.30pm	Pilgrim House Group	Devon Road
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
TUESDAY	25		Shrove Tuesday	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.30pm	Pancake Supper and Beetle Drive	Holt Room
WEDNESDAY	26		Ash Wednesday	
		8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Holt Room
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe</i>	
			<i>Preacher: The Revd James Reveley</i>	
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Church
			<i>Celebrant: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes</i>	
			<i>Preacher: The Revd James Reveley</i>	
THURSDAY	27	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.45pm	Tower Bell Practice	Church
FRIDAY	28	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		12noon	Meditation Group	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church and Dent Room
		7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church and Dent Room
SATURDAY	29	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Quiet Room
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Quiet Room
		7.00pm	Film Night	Main Hall
SUNDAY	1	8.00am	Holy Communion followed by breakfast	Church Holt Room
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist for Fairtrade Sunday with Parade for Scout & Guide groups	Church
		11.15am	Messy Church planning meeting	Holt Room
		4.30pm	Friends of St Andrew's AGM and Tea	Main Hall
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong	Church

Notice Sheet Deadline

Please send all notices to Karen Parrott, Church Office,
email: 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 from 2 March, 7.15pm - 9.15pm, in the Holt Room. 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) 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.

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. This is a good chance to meet and chat with other members of the congregation and community. The lunches will be preceded by an optional Holy Communion in the Chapel at 11.30am.

THIS EVENING: TAIZÉ SERVICE: At 6.00pm today there will be a Taizé service. Do come along and experience this form of worship.

PANCAKE SUPPER AND BEETLE DRIVE: Tuesday 25 February, 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are now available, £3.00 per person, from the Church Centre Office, for this annual Shrove Tuesday social event. If you are able to help by making pancakes in advance of this event, please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

FILM NIGHT: The next Film Night is on Saturday 29 February at 7.00pm when the film to be shown will be *The Hundred Year Old Man*. Orders for food by this Wednesday please.

MESSY CHURCH MEETING: Our next planning meeting for Messy Church volunteers will take place after the 10.00am service on Sunday 1 March. We will meet in the Holt Room to discuss and plan for our next Messy Church on Saturday 14 March.

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.

CORONA VIRUS - 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.

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.

JIGSAW/JAM PLANNING MEETING: The planning meeting for leaders of Jigsaw and Jam will now take place after the 10.00am service on 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 next Sunday, 1 March, at 4.30pm in the Main Hall. This will be followed by tea at about 5.00pm with Choral Evensong at 6.00pm. The guest preacher will be Neil McCleery, Chaplain of Bedford School.

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.

CASA present: classical saxophonist and music educator

Dominic Childs

In addition to the concert, Dom will lead an afternoon workshop for saxophonists of all ages and levels – look out for further details on the website.



Saturday 7 March 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF

All tickets £12, Under 18s FREE. Children (under 16) should be accompanied by a paying adult

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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