



# THE FISHERMAN - THURSDAY'S CATCH



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## Welcome to The Fisherman - Thursday's Catch!

We hope you will enjoy this spin-off from and temporary replacement for our parish magazine.

Published fortnightly, it aims to inform and entertain you and to provide another means for St Andrew's community to come together whilst apart. Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue.

## Our Sunday Services

### *Sunday 8 November: Remembrance Sunday (Third Sunday before Advent)*

**10.00am Holy Communion** (Live-streamed on YouTube)  
Celebrant: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe  
Preacher: The Revd David Powell

**10.45am Act of Remembrance (including 2-minute silence)**  
(On Zoom - see Thursday email for link)

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** (Recorded on YouTube)  
Officiant: The Revd Belinda Searle-Barnes

### *Sunday 15 November Second Sunday before Advent*

**10.00am Parish Eucharist** (Live-streamed on YouTube)  
Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Duncan Goldthorpe

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** (Live on Zoom)



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

*We will remember them*

*Join us online for our  
Remembrance Sunday services.*



Thank you to those who responded to the call for photos of crafted poppies. Your contributions have been combined into two different poppy crosses, (one shown left), which you may spot online in association with our services this weekend. The poppy wreath with its reflective soldier silhouette was created by Alison Belding.



## Fairtrade at St Andrew's



**Lockdown blues? Cheer yourself up with a delivery from the shop. Our free contactless deliveries will continue as before during lockdown.**

Email: [fairtrade@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:fairtrade@standrewsbedford.org) or phone Brenda Mayoh to place an order. Don't forget you can now add a loaf or two from Companions Real Bread to your order or even have just bread delivered. Other items can be ordered at any time, but bread must be ordered no later than 10.00pm Sunday by phone, or midnight

Sunday by email, for delivery by the end of the week. Please tell your friends about our delivery service, it's there for anyone who'd like to use it.

We're also delighted to tell you that you can still visit the shop by appointment and shop safely during lockdown. Why not live it up with a private shopping experience just like a millionaire or film star? Phone Lynn Herron on 07897 782765 or email [fairtrade@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:fairtrade@standrewsbedford.org) to agree a time for your appointment. N.B. Evenings and weekend appointments are possible - we just need to agree the day and time.

Do you or a friend need a list of the groceries we sell or a Traidcraft catalogue? Please contact Brenda Mayoh and we'll get it to you quickly. You can also leaf through the Traidcraft Autumn/Winter catalogue online at <https://issuu.com/traidcraftshop/docs/aw20-traidcraft-issuu->

**We also have a new website of our own <https://standrewsfairtrade.online>**

Here you can browse some of the wonderful stock in our shop including many items we source from a variety of fair trade suppliers in addition to Traidcraft. More stock is being added to our website every day. In particular you may like to take a look at the Christmas page for Advent Calendars, Advent Candles, Christmas card packs, individual Christmas cards, wrap and other Christmas related delights.

Finally many congratulations to Rosalind Birtwistle who ran another very successful fair trade stall at The Place Community Theatre and thanks to all who supported us at this event.

*Lynn Herron  
Shop Manager*



## Mothers' Union at St Andrew's

On Saturday 7 November St Andrew's was to have been the venue for the St Albans Diocese MU Autumn Sharing Day. Of course current restrictions have ruled that out, but Mothers' Union members are nothing if not resourceful, which means that the Sharing Day, now combined with the postponed Annual Meeting, will take place online via Zoom. Details, including the full programme for the day, are included in your Autumn edition of Newline, which members should have received by post. Bev Jullien, Mothers' Union CEO, is the speaker, and the event will also encompass Midday Prayers and a Fellowship Service, led by the Revd Canon Miriam Muga, our Diocesan Chaplain, at 2.00pm. I look forward to seeing the faces of members of our St Andrew's group popping up on screen alongside those of our friends from other branches and groups across the diocese.

Our next St Andrew's group Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday 16 November at 2.30pm. Joining instructions will be emailed to members nearer the time. All are welcome to join us - you don't have to be a member - and if you would like to do so, please contact me via the Church Office. Technology permitting, I hope to share snippets from the recent worldwide virtual event for members, entitled *Building Hope and Confidence in a Covid World*. The full event is available to view on the MU YouTube channel and is worth a watch. It showcases MU activities in response to the pandemic both in Britain and Ireland and around the world and I think could inspire an interesting discussion.

And finally, just a quick reminder that subscriptions for 2021 are now due and Chris Powell, our Diocesan Members Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you if you've not yet sent yours!

Thank you.

*The Fisherman in more normal times regularly carried updates on the deliberations and work of our Parochial Church Council. In the last edition we started to catch up on these reports and we continue here, looking back to the meeting which took place in July.*

## **Parochial Church Council Meeting - Tuesday 14 July 2020**

We gathered via Zoom once again for our bi-monthly PCC and Kelly opened the meeting by leading us in prayer.

Having said our farewells to James the previous Sunday, Ian was acting Chair as Churchwarden.

We had a busy agenda and lots to discuss, which started from some general updates from the Churchwardens and matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, including the news that Kelly will be stepping up as Chair of the Communications Committee, which fits well with her role as Church Centre Office Manager and that Will Good will be joining the committee.

Christine shared some received correspondence which included 'thank you's' from the British Red Cross & Mind for donations recently made from St Andrew's.

Duncan gave us his 'Curate's report' particularly giving thanks for the support shown over the last few months to the clergy, wider church and staff. We have all been managing very new circumstances which could not have been envisaged. He hopes that we can come together in prayer to support one another, for the vacancy and, for whoever will join us as new vicar. The Clergy have been setting preparations in motion to ensure cover for all the services and tasks required during the vacancy - finding new rhythms and supporting one another. He wishes to encourage each other to share the support by inviting others to do their bit and by encouraging gifts. If there is anything you think you may be able to help with - however small, speak to one of the staff or a PCC member.

In light of changes to the reopening of the church and sharing tasks during the vacancy, the weekly updates will be moved to a Monday & Thursday bi-weekly offering instead of the previous tri-weekly, now that people can meet (although in limited numbers) in the church.

Diana delivered a report from the churchwardens, advising that there had been some changes to line management for staff during vacancy, that the new IT systems had been delivered to the office and these are scheduled to be set up within the next month once the current contract is closed. They are looking for support of more siderspersons, while others who usually undertake this role are shielding. If you are able to do this, please contact the office, Diana or Ian.

Morning & Evening prayer have been continuing over Zoom with anywhere between nought to eight people in virtual attendance. We discussed the various offerings and hope to be able to continue a mixed opportunity for attendance, both in person and via Zoom enabling those without IT access who would like to attend to do so, as well as those still unable to attend in person.

Ian expressed his thanks to all who have been involved in making the online services possible over the last few weeks/months and reported an average of 259 views (332 - 172) for Sunday morning services over the last 7 weeks and around 70 for evening services.

We all agreed it was positive to see this engagement and discussed the continuation of 'live streaming' of services. We resolved a plan to continue with some services as live stream videos (10.00am), utilising pre-recorded videos for others (evening) and in person only (Wednesday) to best utilise the resources we have.

We also discussed the logistics of ins/outs of services in person, groups returning to use Church Centre and continuing to ensure the safety of all those visiting the Church and Church Centre. General use of the Centre is not in place yet, but plans are being discussed to ensure we are prepared when regular groups wish to return. A cleaning programme is now in place through a professional company to ensure thorough cleaning takes place throughout.

The PCC were provided with an update on the Vicar Vacancy and advised that after meetings have taken place with the Bishop and Rural Dean, a formal Recruitment process will begin.

In relation to Deanery Synod, we received the news that Ann Mason would not be standing again as Deanery Secretary, and the PCC echoed the thanks of the Deanery Synod for her long service in the role.

Finally, our attention was brought to a comment that the Bishop of Bedford has made stating that he has chosen to donate his unspent holiday money to support the church in general, and in turn the work it has done to support communities through the Coronavirus pandemic and beyond. While we have all faced different circumstances since March this year, we would welcome those who would be able to replicate his gesture to consider how they may put their unused holiday money to use, while travel is still restricted.



## Getting to know your PCC

*Last month's APCM meeting brought new members onto the PCC - we will be introducing them to you over the next few issues:*



### Angela Huddart

Rob and I have worshipped at St Andrew's since 1976, when we moved to Bedford from Croydon. However, during that time we have also lived elsewhere: the Netherlands, Cairo, Aberdeen, Abu Dhabi, not to mention part-time in Stavanger (Norway) and Jakarta (Indonesia)! In between, and now in retirement, we returned to base and consider St Andrew's our spiritual home. Both our children were baptised and, in time, confirmed at St Andrew's.

Although I am now retired, my career was in teaching MFL. In Bedford, I taught for a number of years at St Thomas More, Bedford Modern and, as my swan song, part-time at Dame Alice. I still carry out quite a lot of examining at A Level, IB and International A Level...though sadly not much this year!

Over the years I have been involved in church life in a number of ways. Currently I am the temporary Chair of the Mission and Outreach Committee. I tend to get involved quite a lot in youth work. I am (still, I hope, but when will be the next time?) a leader of the JUMP group and I co-ordinate school visits to church. I lead the team which gives Open the Book assemblies in local schools, also participate in a lunch-time Christian club at one of the schools, and help out occasionally with various activities organised by IMPACT (the Bedford Area Schools Christian Trust). I still co-ordinate the Christian Aid collection for St Andrew's: though, again, not this year, for obvious reasons.

My outside interests centre largely around family, especially our three granddaughters. Rob and I love to travel. We spend a lot of time in France and enjoy exploring new areas there. I am a volunteer with and trustee of Yarl's Wood Befrienders. Women's issues are very close to my heart and I am keen to support asylum-seekers, especially those with limited skills in English and those who are French speakers.

### Jenny Tomlinson

I've been worshipping at St Andrew's since 1990 when I moved to Bedford with my two teenage children. That was a challenging time for me, but we met nothing but kindness and acceptance at church, both of which have continued to this day. At that time, I was involved in setting up the Worship Group for the 9.00am service. Much enjoyment was had as we found our feet and explored different forms of music with Taizé and Iona being top of our list.



In 1995 I met my husband, James, and shortly afterwards we moved to live near Folkestone, Kent, for nearly 14 years. We found ourselves in a rural Benefice and enjoyed being part of an active church community. When we retired, we moved back to Bedford, which we felt was our spiritual home, and where we had many friends.

James developed dementia quite soon after we moved back, and I became his principal carer for the next 10 years. St Andrew's could not have been more supportive to us both, with several individuals being key members of our team of helpers. Following his death last year, I have gradually felt able to take on more rôles within the life of the church. I have been shown great sensitivity and never felt pressurised, and am now enjoying being a Welcomer, singing in the Choral Evensong choir, contributing to the MAP Committee and the Mission and Outreach Committee, as well as continuing with leading intercessions or reading at our services. I also lead Evening Prayer once a week and join in on other days when I can. I have found this daily devotion to be very affirming in my discipleship. I co-facilitate the Thursday House Group, enjoy the Friday Meditation, and the monthly Contemplative Prayer group. I am passionate about Fairtrade, and also Ecumenism, and am currently secretary to the Working Party for the 2022 Internal Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) Conference in Liverpool.



### **Nneka Williams**

I was born in South London and grew up in Nigeria. I moved back permanently to the UK in 2002 and found that, even though I was raised a Catholic, I cared less about denominations and more about the heart of the congregation.

Tom and I first visited St Andrew's for the 2016 Christmas service and were made to feel very welcome by everyone we met. The gorgeous Christmas donkeys were also a no brainer in our decision to come back to St Andrews.

I'm a station manager on the Jubilee line and I've worked at London Underground for sixteen years. What I love most about my job is building relationships and showcasing the innate skill

set of individuals to help keep morale upbeat.

Joining the PCC would help me learn about the people and processes that help keep the wheels of the church oiled. In return I'll be bringing a positive outlook and earth green temperament to help support Duncan and the entire church family who have been very kind to myself, Tom and (not a baby anymore) Heidi.



### **Fancy a natter? Why not Zoom in for a chat?**

Lockdown again...and the opportunity to meet in person with friends for a good natter is "out of bounds" for a while. However we've all been learning this year that technology can assist us at times like these, so we can come together virtually for that chat. Just Zoom in after the Sunday service or on Wednesdays and now also on Fridays. All are welcome.

*Wednesdays at 11.30am*

*Fridays at 3.00pm*

*Sundays at 11.15am*

You will find a link to the St Andrew's Zoom in the weekly emails. See you there!



## Our Church Diary for the next two weeks (5 - 19 November)

Friday	6	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		3.00pm	Zoom Tea & Talk	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
		8.00pm	Compline	Online via Zoom
Saturday	7	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday	8	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>		
		10.00am	Holy Communion (Said)	YouTube live stream
		10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Online via Zoom
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer	YouTube recording
Monday	9	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Tuesday	10	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Wednesday	11	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		11.30am	Zoom Coffee & Chat	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thursday	12	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Friday	13	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		3.00pm	Zoom Tea & Talk	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
		8.00pm	Compline	Online via Zoom
Saturday	14	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Sunday	15	<b>SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</b>		
		10.00am	Parish Eucharist	YouTube live stream
		6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Monday	16	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Tuesday	17	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Wednesday	18	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		11.30am	Zoom Coffee & Chat	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom
Thursday	19	8.30am	Morning Prayer	Online via Zoom
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Online via Zoom

The Chapel will be open for individual prayer during the current lockdown. Please see the weekly emails for details of the days, times and arrangements for access.



As many of you will know, there has been a shortage of blood-taking equipment at the South Wing hospital site and Gilbert Hitchcock House. The supplier, Roche, had a shortage of the necessary equipment due to them opening a new warehouse. However, the problem is now resolved, so you can attend Gilbert Hitchcock House on Kimbolton Road if blood-taking is required.

Parish Nursing Ministries was mentioned on Songs of Praise last Sunday. It was from Dundee, which made me feel quite homesick as my own hometown is Perth and I used to go to Dundee for shopping. PNMUK only had a short slot on the programme but it can be watched on BBC iPlayer. That was Sunday 1 November at 1.15pm on BBC1.

In view of our new lockdown, I am awaiting word from PNMUK as to how we parish nurses can continue to do our jobs. My face-to-face visits will be limited now (until I hear differently). I can visit you but only standing in your hallway by a door. If you have a cleanable stool or chair, I can use that fine, but this all with my touching nothing else and wearing PPE. Of course, it is also up to you as to whether you want me to enter your homes. No offence taken if you would rather I didn't. Regarding blood pressure testing, I would need you to acquire your own monitor as I can't share my monitor. If you acquire a monitor, I suggest you buy one called Omron, which is recommended by medical folks.

My working hours remain unchanged.... Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 10.00am to 4.00pm, but I can be flexible with these hours. Please continue to contact me or leave a message on my phone. Regardless of covid, I can with the Lord's help still assist you.

God Bless and keep safe.

Sandy  
RGN, Parish Nurse



### *A view from the Mousehole*



*Hello everyone,  
Just a quick note to reassure you that we will be keeping a close eye on the church during the lockdown. We've found a good supply of biscuits to keep us going and we hope to share more of our stories with you soon. As you can see, Chester is ready for Remembrance Sunday and is wearing his poppy with pride. Take care of yourselves.  
Love from Cuthbert the Church Mouse x*

**The next edition of The Fisherman - Thursday's Catch will be published on Thursday 19 November.**

*The Fisherman - Thursday's Catch would welcome your contributions. We will be pleased to receive articles for this publication at any time, but if you are aiming for a particular week, items need to be with us by Wednesday morning prior to the publication date at the very latest (sooner is better and increases the chances of your item being fitted in!). Please email articles to [office@standrewsbedford.org](mailto:office@standrewsbedford.org) or send hard copies to the Church Office. Thank you.*

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