



# St Andrew's Church Bedford

**24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Bartholomew the Apostle

## **Welcome to St Andrew's Church**

### **New to St Andrews?**

Please introduce yourself to one of our Welcomers, or to Lucy the Vicar. You might also like to fill in one of our contact cards, found by the main door, so that we can stay in touch.

You are welcome to share Communion do share with us today. If you would rather have a blessing, come forward holding an order of service so we know your preference. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask a welcomer to help.

### **Accessibility**

There is a loop system in Church if you are a hearing aid user. An accessible toilet (with changing table) can be found by going down the left-hand aisle and through the door. The Quiet Room is available if you need a break-out space - you can still hear the service there.

### **Children in Church**

We love having children join us in worship! Feel free to feed your baby in Church. Our children's group meet in the hall during the 10 am service (except for the first Sunday of the month)  
'Whispering Booklets' are available to help children follow the service.

**Please join us for coffee in the Main Hall after the 10.00am service**

Large print copies are available.

## Readings

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> | Acts 5.12 - 16         | (NT page 93)  |
| <b>2nd Reading:</b>            | 1 Corinthians 4.9 - 15 | (NT page 128) |
| <b>Gospel:</b>                 | Luke 22.24 - 30        | (NT page 66)  |



*The readings are available to view on our website – the QR code above right will take you directly to the webpage. Page references refer to the pew Bibles, should you wish to follow the readings.*

## Music

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| <b>Opening Hymn:</b> | NEH 436 Praise my soul the king of Heaven   |
| <b>Gradual:</b>      | SASP 104 Jesus Christ is waiting  |
| <b>Offertory:</b>    | NEH 375 I danced in the morning   |
| <b>Communion:</b>    | NEH 56 Songs of thankfulness<br>SASP 88 (vv.1,3 only) I cannot tell   |
| <b>Final Hymn:</b>   | NEH 383 Jesu, lover of my soul  |
| <b>Voluntary:</b>    | Fantasia in G minor - JS Bach<br><i>Duration: 4 minutes</i><br><i>Please feel free to leave before the end.</i> |

## In Our Prayers

For our charity partners – WorldVision link with Pajule, Uganda  
- Home for Good  
- Emmaus

For police forces, and all who work in the justice system.

**The Vicar:** The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

Tel: 01234 354234 Email: vicar@standrewsbedford.org

Day off: Friday

**Church Centre Office:** Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm

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**Safeguarding:** If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the Vicar or the Safeguarding Team: safeguarding@standrewsbedford.org

## Notices

**Children's Groups:** Over the summer holidays, we are having one children's group for all ages during the 10am service. However, there is no group today. Whispering booklets are available at the back of church.

**'Centred' Parish Magazine:** Bundles are now available at the back of church. Please pick up a bundle for a road near you, if you can kindly assist us in delivering them.

**Book Bag Blessing:** At our All-Age Service on Sunday 7th September, we will be having a bag blessing. Please do bring your school bag (or handbag / work / sports bag!) along to the 10 am service that day, and we will bless your bag for the academic year ahead.

**Beds and Herts Bike N' Hike:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 9am - 5pm. If you would to participate by being sponsored to cycle or walk between local churches pick up a pack from the back of Church. Half of the money raised goes to our local Historic Churches Trust, and half comes back to St Andrew's. For more information contact, Pat Rogers or Alan Colley.

**Licensing Service:** Rev'd Anthony Davis will be licensed as Priest in Charge of St Paul's Bedford on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm. St Andrew's Church family are warmly invited to attend.

**The Friends of St Andrew's Talk "Some of Bedford's Old Industries."**  
**by David Fowler:** 2pm Tuesday 7th October, in the Holt Room. This will be a pay-at-the-door event with refreshments provided after the talk. The cost of admission will be £4 for Members of The Friends and £6 for Non-Members.

**Come and Sing Rutter's Magnificat:** Music scores for this year's Come and Sing on Saturday 12th October are now available to borrow, free of charge, from the church office, open 10am - 12noon Monday to Friday. The rehearsal on the day will be 2.30pm - 5.30pm with the performance at 7.30pm.

# The Week Ahead

## Monday to Saturday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer. In the Chapel and on Zoom.  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (except Saturdays.) On Zoom.

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.  
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.  
(No Summer Children's Group)  
2.00pm Tea Dance. In the Main Hall.

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August Summer Bank Holiday - Centre Closed.

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

- 10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

- 8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.  
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.

*Key dates for the month ahead are listed on the sheet available at the back of Church. A full listing of what's on at St Andrew's can be found on our website [standrewsbedford.org](http://standrewsbedford.org) under 'Calendar.'*



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