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**21st April 2024**

4th Sunday of Easter

**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 welcome cards, found by the main door, so that we can stay in touch.

If you receive Communion in your own Church, please 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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**2nd Reading:** John 3. 16 - end *(NT page 188)*

**Gospel:** John 10.11 - 18 *(NT page 79 )*

*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**

**Opening Hymn:** NEH 205 omit v.2 Christ is made the sure foundation

**Gradual:** NEH374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds **Offertory:** Let us build a House (see insert)

**Communion:** NEH 282 Faithful shepherd, feed me

SASP 2 A new commandment

**Anthem:** The Lord is my shepherd - Goodall

**Final Hymn:** SASP 65 Great is thy faithfulness

**Voluntary**  *(please feel free to leave before the end)*

**In Our Prayers**

For the peacekeepers and peacemakers..

For our charity partners – WorldVision link with Pajule, Uganda

- The Trussell Trust

- Emmaus

**The Vicar:** The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis  
Tel: 01234 354234 Email: vicar@standrewsbedford.org

Day Off: Friday

**Curate:** The Reverend Joseph Barnes

Tel: 07853 564699 Email: curate@standrewsbedford.org

Day off: Thursday

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

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**Notices**

**Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM):** Our APCM (equivalent of an AGM) will be held in the Main Hall after today’s 10 am service. Please join us for this important event celebrating our common life.

**Film Night:** Saturday 27th April 7.00pm, in the Main Hall. If you are planning to attend, please contact Gareth (360583) with your food order by lunchtime on Wednesday 24th April.

**Sustainable Pathway - Travel:** Sunday 28th April at 11.15 over coffee the hall. This month's study covers both sustainable local travel and sustainable holiday travel, covering topics from, the "Dutch Reach" method of opening car doors, to Dutch cargo bikes, to actually visiting the Netherlands! The informal discussion of this month’s topic will be during post-service refreshments. Please come along and share your questions and your experience of and issues encountered investigating sustainable travel.

**Concerts at St Andrew's Presents - Orion Trio:** Saturday 11th May 7.30pm. Performing as a trio, Paul Searle-Barnes (Piano), Piotr Kopec (Violin) and Julian Metzger (Cello) bring to life works by Elgar, Mendelssohn, Coleridge-Taylor and more. Tickets are £12 (accompanied under 18s are free) and can be purchased through Ticket source or on the door. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

**Friends of St Andrew's - Visit to Kathy Brown's Garden at Stevington:** Wednesday 15th May 2.00 - 4:00pm. We will arrive at 2pm with a guided tour of the garden at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments at 3.45pm. The price for this event is £18 for members of Friends of St Andrews and £20 for non-members. A sign-up form is available at the back of church. This is a self-drive event but if you don’t have your own transport, we will aim to arrange lifts with those taking cars.

**A Quiet Day at the Chellington Centre:** An opportunity to spend time reading, walking and relaxing in the beautiful surroundings on Tuesday 21st May 9.45am – 3.30pm, led by our curate the Revd Joseph Barnes. The cost for the day is £25 which includes coffee, biscuits and an afternoon drink and cake. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, but drinks will be provided. Should you wish to attend, please find forms at the back of church to complete and return to the office with payment.

**The Week Ahead**

**Monday to Saturday**8.30am Morning Prayer. In the Chapel and on Zoom.  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (except Saturday). In the Chapel and on Zoom.

**Sunday 21st April**8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.  
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.  
11.30am APCM. In the Main Hall.  
2.00pm Tea Dance. In the Main Hall.  
4.45pm Toastie Club. At Putt Putt Noodle.  
6.00pm Evening Prayer. In the Chapel.

**Monday 22nd April**

9.30am Noah’s Ark. In the Main Hall.

**Tuesday 23rd April**7.30pm Mission and Outreach Meeting. In the Hulbert Room.

**Wednesday 24th** **April**10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

**Friday 26th April**10.30am Silent Meditation. In Church.8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

**Saturday 27th April**7.00pm Film Night. In the Main Hall.

**Sunday 28th April**8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.  
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.   
11.15am Creation Care Corner. In the Hall.   
6.00pm Evening Prayer. In the Chapel.

*Key dates for the month ahead are listed*

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*A full listing of what’s on at St Andrew’s can be found on  
 our website* [*standrewsbedford.org*](http://www.standrewsbedford.org) *under ‘Calendar.’*

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