



St Andrew's Church Bedford

11th May 2025

The Fourth 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 contact 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

1st Reading:	Acts 9.36 - 43	(NT page 98)
2nd Reading:	Revelation 7.9 - 17	(NT page 196)
Gospel:	John 10.22-30	(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:	SASP 65 Great is thy faithfulness
Gradual:	NEH 463 (ii) Thine for ever God of love
Offertory:	NEH 381 Jerusalem the golden
Communion:	NEH 457 (ii) The king of love my shepherd is SASP 151 O love that will not let me go
Anthem:	The Lord is my shepherd - Goodall
Final Hymn:	NEH 443 Rejoice the Lord is King
Voluntary:	Grand Choeur in G major - Salomé Duration 2 minutes <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 peace in India and Pakistan and all of those working for peace in conflict.

The Vicar: The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

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Day off: Friday

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

Notices

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): A reminder that our APCM will be held today at 11.30am. A few hard copies of the reports for the APCM can be found at the back of Church as well as online. A copy of the new electoral roll is also available at the back of Church.

VE Day: Today at 3.00pm at St Paul's Church, Bedford. We join with others from across Bedford for a commemorative service marking 80 years since VE Day. Music led by St Andrew's Church Choir.

Christian Aid Week 2025: This week; 11th - 17th May. As we have in previous years, we'll be delivering Christian Aid Week gift envelopes to several areas in our community. We are always grateful for volunteers to help deliver the envelopes. If this is something you feel you'd like to do, please get in touch with Will Good at w.good@yahoo.co.uk or sign-up on the volunteer sheet at the back of Church from this Sunday.

Messy Church: Saturday 17th May, 3.00 - 5.00pm. In the Main Hall and Church. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of crafts games and activities for all the family, followed by worship and a simple meal.

Sacred Space: Sunday 18th May, 6.00pm. In Church. Informal worship with music lead by our worship band.

Quiet Day at Chellington: There are still a few spaces remaining for the Quiet Day at Chellington on Monday 9th June. This will be led by the Revd Canon Miriam Mugan, Vicar of All Saints, Croxley Green, Watford. Booking forms are available in the Foyer and at the back of Church. For further information, please contact Ann Mason via the Church Centre Office, 01234 216881.

Safeguarding Training: Saturday 24th May, 2.30pm. In the Holt Room. All of those who volunteer for ministry with children or vulnerable adults are required to complete training on awareness of domestic abuse. This training is therefore being offered in a group session on the 24th May or can be completed online. All are welcome to take part in this training as we work together to ensure the safety of everyone in our Church family.

Creation Care Highlight: "Swifts, 2 million air miles in a lifetime!"

Talk by Laurinda Luffman: 13th May 2025, 12noon at the Barbican Studio, The Higgins Gallery Bedford. A most exciting and stimulating talk weaving connections between the amazing facts about swifts, 'masters of the skies', and the artists inspired by their majesty.

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 11th May

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube.
- 11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). In the Main Hall.
- 3.00pm Civic Service to Commemorate VE and VJ Day. At St Paul's Church, Bedford.
- 5.30pm Toastie Club. In the Main Hall.
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer. In Church.

Monday 12th May

- 9.30am Noah's Ark. In the Main Hall.
- 2.15pm Pilgrim House Group. Contact the office for the location.

Wednesday 14th May

- 10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 7.00pm Handbell Practice. In the Dent Room.

Friday 16th May

- 10.30am Silent Meditation. In Church.
- 8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Saturday 17th May

- 3.00pm Messy Church. In the Main Hall.

Sunday 18th May

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube.
- 2.00pm Tea Dance. In the Main Hall.
- 6.00pm Sacred Space. 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 under 'Calendar.'



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