



# St Andrew's Church Bedford

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Sixth 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

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Acts 16.9 - 15	(NT page 104)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	Revelation 21.10, 22 - 22.5	(NT page 204)
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 5:1-9	(NT page 73)



*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

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	NEH 346 City of God
<b>Gradual:</b>	NEH SASP 166 Seek ye first
<b>Offertory:</b>	NEH 342 Breathe on me breath of God
<b>Communion:</b>	NEH 366 God of mercy SASP 182 There is a redeemer
<b>Anthem:</b>	The Lord bless you - Rutter
<b>Final Hymn:</b>	NEH 364 God is love
<b>Voluntary:</b>	Toccata in D minor ('Dorian') - JS Bach Duration: 5 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 young people sitting public exams in this period.

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

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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

**Ascension Day:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Holy Eucharist at 7.45pm. In Church. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you can help with this service as a sidesperson, reader, intercessor etc.

**'Thy Kingdom Come':** For 10 years, the Church of England has encouraged Christians to use the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost to pray for friends and family, neighbours and colleagues to come to faith in Jesus Christ. The materials offered this year include a novena of reflection on the Lord's Prayer. Booklets of source material, and a prayer journal to use at home over this period are now available at the back of Church. Please do pick these up and join in this international prayer movement.

**Film Night - Aftersun:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7.00pm. In the Main Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm. Directed by Charlotte Wells and starring Paul Mescal, Aftersun is a tender and emotionally resonant coming-of-age drama, exploring memory, identity, and the fragile complexities of a father-daughter relationship during a summer holiday in the late 1990s. To book your place or for more details about Bedford Film Night, contact Martin via [ufpfilmclub@gmail.com](mailto:ufpfilmclub@gmail.com). Tickets are £5 for general admission.

**Quiet Day at Chellington:** There are still a few spaces remaining for the Quiet Day at Chellington on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday Evening Prayer:** Because of reduced ministerial capacity, the PCC have agreed to suspend our said services of Sunday Evening Prayer for the time being. Choral Evensong will of course continue the first Sunday of the month, with Sacred Space every two months, and other occasional Sunday evening services as advertised. Thank you for your understanding.

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> May

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube.

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Church Centre Closed

- 8.30am Morning Prayer. On Zoom only

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

- 10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day

- 7.45pm Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day. In Church.

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

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

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

- 7.00pm Film Night. In the Main Hall.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church. (Breakfast after 8am Service)
- 10.00am All-age Worship. In Church.
- 2.00pm Tea Dance Lesson. In the Main Hall.
- 6.00pm Choral Evensong. In Church and on YouTube.

*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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