



St Andrew's Church Bedford

17th September 2023

15th Sunday after Trinity

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 10am service today**

Large print copies are available.

Today's Readings

1st Reading:	Genesis 50. 15-21	(OT page 37)
2nd Reading:	Romans 14. 1-12	(NT page 124)
Gospel:	Matthew 18. 21-35	(NT page 15)



Today's 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.

Today's Music

Opening Hymn:	263	NEH	All creatures of our God (<i>omit vv 5,6</i>)
Gradual:	88	SASP	I cannot tell (<i>vv. 1,4 only</i>)
Offertory:	64	NEH	Be thou my guardian
Communion:	42	SASP	Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
	135	SASP	Make me a channel of your peace
Anthem:			There's a wideness in God's mercy - <i>Bevan</i>
Final Hymn:	65	SASP	Great is thy faithfulness
Voluntary:			Prelude in G - <i>JS Bach</i>

(Duration: 3 Minutes - please feel free to leave before the end)

In Our Prayers

For all affected by the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya
For our charity partners - WorldVision link with Pajule, Uganda
- The Trussell Trust
- Emmaus

The Vicar: The Reverend Lucy Davis

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Day Off: Friday

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Day off: Thursday

Church Centre Office: Monday - Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

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Notices

Sacred Space: This evening 6pm. Informal service with music led by the Worship Band.

Harvest Festival: Sunday 24th September

8am Holy Eucharist and 10am Parish Eucharist: Our services will focus on Harvest and Creation Care. Monetary donations are invited at both services for the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal 'Cracking Poverty Together' supporting Mission Direct's work in Kumi, Uganda, by providing materially poor families with chickens. We also welcome donations of non-perishable food goods for the Bedford Foodbank and / or the Ethnic Foodbank, helping to meet the needs of those experiencing food poverty in the local area.

12.15pm Harvest Lunch in the Main Hall: Tickets are available from the Church Office: £8 per person and children under 12 free. Do join us for a meal of baked potatoes with choice of toppings, followed by fruit crumble and cold drinks. All profits will go to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.

Inclusive Church Study Group: We are planning three further inclusive church study sessions this term, at 7.45pm on Wednesday 20th September, Monday 16th October, and Wednesday 15th November, in the Holt Room and via Zoom. We will be looking at the theology of disability, mental health, and neurodiversity. Do put the dates in your diary.

Messy Church: Saturday 23rd September, 3pm - 5pm, in the Main Hall. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon for all the family...creativity, crafts, challenges and play, thoughts and talk, sharing and song with time for a shared meal. Free admission - register on the day. Donations welcome

Friends of St Andrew's Boat Trip: Saturday 23rd September. If you have booked for this trip aboard the John Bunyan boat on the Great Ouse, payment is now due. Cost £26 per person for members, £28 for non-members of The Friends - please place in an envelope addressed to The Friends of St Andrew's (Boat Trip) and drop this into the Church Office.

Concerts at St Andrew's Come and Sing: Saturday 7th October in Church. This year we will be singing Fauré's Requiem and Bruckner's Psalm 150. If you would like to take part as a singer, scores are now available to borrow from the Church Office. Tickets for audience and singers can be purchased through Eventbrite via the church website.

The Week Ahead

Monday to Saturday

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

Sunday 17th September

- 2.00pm *Friends of St Andrew's* Tea Dance. In the Main Hall
6.00pm Sacred Space. In Church

Monday 18th September

- 9.30am Noah's Ark. In the Main Hall
2.30pm Mothers' Union. In the Holt Room

Tuesday 19th September

- 7.45pm Parochial Church Council. In the Holt Room

Wednesday 20th September

- 10.30am Holy Eucharist. In Church
7.45pm Inclusive Church Study Group. In the Holt Room

Friday 22nd September

- 10.30am Meditation Group. In the Chapel
8.00pm Compline. On Zoom

Saturday 23rd September

- 3.00pm Messy Church. In the Main Hall
6.00pm *Friends of St Andrew's* Boat John Bunyan Boat Trip.
Departs from Priory Marina

Sunday 24th September - Harvest Festival

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube
12.15pm Harvest Lunch. In the Main Hall
6.00pm Evening Service. In Church

A full listing of what's on at St Andrew's can be found on our website standrewsbedford.org under 'Calendar.'

Key dates for the month ahead are also listed on the sheet available at the back of Church.

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