



St Andrew's Church Bedford

15th May 2022

5th 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

Orders of service and notice sheets are available in large print. 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.

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) and there are toys and activities at the back of Church which you can use.

Please join us for coffee in the Main Hall after the 10am service.

Today's Readings

1st Reading:	Acts 11:1-18
2nd Reading:	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel:	John 13:31-35

If you would like to follow the readings in text, Bibles are available at the back of Church, or they can be found on our website.

Today's Music

Opening Hymn:	420 NEH	O Jesus, I have promised
Gradual:	401 NEH	Light's abode, celestial Salem (omit v.4)
Offertory:	2 SASP	A new commandment
Communion:	445 NEH	Rock of ages
	102 SASP	Jesus calls us here to meet him
Anthem:		Listen, Lord - <i>Iona</i>
Closing Hymn:	439 NEH	Praise to the holiest
Voluntary:		Voluntary in F - <i>William Hine (1687-1730)</i> (Duration 3 ½ minutes - please feel free to leave before the end)

In Our Prayers

For the work of Christian Aid

For the Ukrainian refugees who are beginning to arrive in Bedford

For Isobel, who is being baptised today, her parents and godparents

For Natasha and Kevin as they prepare for their marriage next Saturday

The Vicar: The Reverend Lucy Davis

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

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Notices

Call for children's ministry volunteers: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Would you value being alongside our children, discovering more about God with them? If the answer is "yes" or "maybe" we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with Elisabeth or Lucy or pick up one of our children's ministry volunteer leaflets which will give you a bit more information about what the volunteer roles can involve.

Sacred Space: Today – Sunday 15th May at 6.00pm. A service of reflection and prayer, with contemporary music led by our worship band. This month we will be exploring prayer stations to help us reflect on our core values; discipleship, fellowship, kinship and stewardship.

Christian Aid Week: May 15th-21st: Envelopes will be available today at the back of Church for those who have committed to specific roads or road. Most people are doing the "delivery only" method and filled envelopes will be returned to the church office. There are also lots of roads not spoken for, so if you felt like a walk around an area of the parish, we would be most grateful to you for taking one. Please note that the envelopes must, by law, be delivered no later than Saturday May 21st. Many thanks in advance to all helpers.

Centenary Final Weekend: Saturday 21st May / Sunday 22nd May
A weekend which sees the culmination of our Centenary year.

- Social Evening and Reunion Saturday 21st 6.00pm (booking needed.)
- Celebration Eucharist Sunday 22nd 10.00am led by the Bishop of St Albans
- Bring & Share Picnic Lunch Sunday 22nd 12.30pm
If you are coming to the lunch, please bring your own picnic chairs or rugs and, if possible, your own plastic picnic drink receptacles - Drinks are being provided free, but this will help us cut down on plastic waste. Thank you.

Ascension Day Eucharist: Thursday 26th May 7.45pm

Do come along to this evening service as we mark the Ascension of Christ. If you can offer to help at the service as a sidesperson, by reading etc, please sign up at the back of Church.

Quiet Day at the Chellington Centre: Friday 17th June, 9.45am – 3.30pm, led by the Revd Sarah Burrow. An opportunity to spend time reading, walking and relaxing in beautiful, tranquil surroundings. Cost for the day is £27, including lunch and other refreshments. Booking forms are available in Church. For further information, please contact Ann Mason via the Church Office.

The Week Ahead

Monday to Saturday

8.30am Morning Prayer. In the Chapel and on Zoom.

5:00pm Evening Prayer. On Zoom.

Sunday 15th May

6:00pm Sacred Space. In Church.

Monday 16th May

9.30am Noah's Ark toddler group. In the Main Hall

2.30pm Mothers' Union. In the Holt Room

Tuesday 17th May

7.30pm Holy Communion in the Chapel
followed by PCC in the Holt Room

Wednesday 18th May

10.30am Holy Eucharist. In Church.

Friday 20th May

10.30am Meditation Group. In the Chapel

9:00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Saturday 21st May

11.00 am Wedding of Natasha Pulley and Kevin Johnson. In Church.

6.00 pm Centenary Social Evening and Reunion. In the Church Centre.

Sunday 22nd May

8.00am Holy Eucharist.

10:00am Celebration Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube.

12.30am Centenary Bring and Share Picnic Lunch.

In the Vicarage Garden/Church Centre

6:00pm Evening Prayer. In Church.

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



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