



St Andrew's Church Bedford

29th September 2024

Saint Michael and all Angels

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

1st Reading:	Genesis 28.10 - 17	(OT page 19)
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 1.5 - end	(NT page 170)
Gospel:	John 1.47 - end	(NT page 71)



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 436 Praise my soul (descant)
Gradual:	SASP 88 omit v.2 I cannot tell
Offertory:	NEH 343 Bright the vision
Communion:	SASP 184 To be in your presence NEH 349 Come let us join
Anthem:	Jesu, joy of man's desiring - JS Bach
Final Hymn:	NEH 336 omit v.4 Angel voices ever singing
Voluntary:	F - JS Bach Duration: 8 minutes

In Our Prayers

For our charity partners - WorldVision link with Pajule, Uganda
- The Trussell Trust
- Emmaus

The Vicar: The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

Lucy is away on sabbatical until the end of November.

In her absence, please contact Reverend Joseph Barnes or the Office

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

Tel: 01234 216881 Email: operationsmanager@standrewsbedford.org

Notices

Centred Autumn 2024: We urgently need your help! Are you able to please help deliver a bundle or more of Centred for a road near you? If you can kindly assist, please pick up a bundle at the back of church.

Harvest Festival Sunday: Sunday, 6th October, 8am Holy Eucharist and 10am All-age Worship. 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. This year's Harvest Appeal is Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture in Sri Lanka in partnership with The Leprosy Mission. We also welcome donations of non-perishable food for the Bedford Foodbank and / or the Ethnic Foodbank, helping to meet the needs of those experiencing food poverty in the local area.

Harvest Lunch: Sunday, 6th October in the Main Hall. Join us for a meal of baked potatoes with a choice of toppings, followed by fruit crumble and cold drinks. Tickets are £8 per person and children under 12 are free. Tickets are available in Church on Sunday morning or from the Office during the week. All profits will go to the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal.

Basic Awareness Safeguarding Course: Saturday, 19th October 2, 4.30pm in the Main Hall. The Church of England recommends that all volunteers undertake this basic safeguarding training. To ensure we comply, Jo Newton will be running a group basic awareness safeguarding course with refreshments. You can also complete the course online at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org>. To register for the group course on the 19th October, see Jo, email the Office or email safeguarding@standrewsbedford.org

Friends of St Andrews - Thursford Christmas Spectacular: Thursday 21st November 10am. There are 9 tickets left to join us to see the largest Christmas show in the country! Please sign-up at the back of church asap to reserve your place. The price is £79 for Members of Friends of St Andrews and £82 for non-members. Our Coach will leave the Church centre at 10am and arrive at 11.30am for the 2.00pm performance. We anticipate arriving back in Bedford by approximately 8.00pm.

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 29th September

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.

6.00pm Evening Prayer. In Church.

Monday 30th September

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

Wednesday 2nd October

10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

Thursday 3rd October

12.00pm Talking Elephants. In the Community Room.

Friday 4th October

10.00am Coffee and Company. In the Centre Foyer.

8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Sunday 6th October - Harvest Festival

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10.00am All-Age Worship. In Church.

12.00pm Harvest Lunch.

6.00pm Choral Evensong. 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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