



St Andrew's Church Bedford

19th March 2023

Mothering Sunday

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)
'Whispering Booklets' are available to help children follow the service.

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

Today's Readings

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20 - end
2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 12 - 17
Gospel: John 19: 25b - 27



Today's readings are available to view on our website - the QR code above right will take you directly to the webpage.

Today's Music

Opening Hymn: 475 NEH Ye holy angels bright
Gradual: 23 SASP Brother, sister, let me serve you
Offertory: 185 NEH Sing we of the blessed mother
Communion: 285 NEH For the beauty of the earth
19 SASP Bind us together, Lord
Anthem: Look at the world - *Rutter*
Final Hymn: 186 NEH Tell out my soul
Voluntary: Hornpipe from Water Music Suite in D - *Handel*
Duration 4 minutes - please feel free to leave before the end

In Our Prayers

For refugees and those who work to support them.

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

The Vicar: The Reverend Lucy Davis

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

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Notices

Electoral Roll: We are currently revising our Electoral Roll, in preparation for our Annual Church Meetings - the revision period will end on 25th March. If you worship with us regularly, are 16 or over and have been baptised then you should be on our Electoral Roll; it is effectively the membership list for our Church. If you're not on the list at the moment, then do pick up a form in Church, and once completed return it to Sue Smith, the Office or the box at the back of Church.

Prayer Walk: Join Lucy at 4pm on Saturday 25th March for a prayer walk around the Parish, starting in Church. Maps and suggested practices are available at the back of Church for you to use in your own time.

Delivery volunteers wanted: There are still bundles of the Easter issue of our "Centred" parish newsletter awaiting distribution. If you are able to help by delivering some this week, please collect a bundle (or two!) from the back of church. Thank you.

Easter Services: Please pick up a flier with the details of our Holy Week Easter services from the back of Church, or look them up on our website, and prayerfully consider how you will worship during this important period. Also at the back of Church you will find sign up sheets if you are able to help take part in our Holy Week and Easter services.

Having a Spring clean?: Over the next few weeks there will be a box in the Foyer to receive your donations of goods for our Outreach partner, Emmaus Carlton. So whether it's books, toys, household bric-a-brac or unwanted gifts, we will then transport them to Emmaus. No large items or furniture please! Contact Angela (Mission & Outreach team) via the Church office if you have larger items to donate.

Save the date! You are invited to make a note of the following important dates for our Church family. More details about each of these events will come out in due course, but for those who like to plan ahead, please do save the date for:

Sunday 23rd April 11.30am - APCM (no 8am service) in the Main Hall

Saturday 6th May 5pm - Coronation Day 'Street Party' in the Main Hall

Saturday 1st July 4pm - Ordination of our curate, Joseph Barnes, at St Albans Abbey

Sunday 9th July after the 10am service - Formal welcome to the parish for Joseph Barnes

Saturday 28th October - 'Green Fair' in the Church Centre

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 19th March

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

Monday 20th March

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

Tuesday 21st March

- 7.45pm Parochial Church Council. In the Main Hall

Wednesday 22nd March

- 10.30am Holy Eucharist. In Church
1.00pm Bedford Town Centre Churches Together - 'Refugees'
At Bunyan Meeting Church

Thursday 23rd March

- 12noon Soup Lunch. In the Holt Room
7.45pm Lent Course. In the Holt Room and on Zoom.
'Nowhere to lay his head'

Friday 24th March

- 8.00pm Compline. On Zoom

Saturday 25th March

- 4.00pm Prayer Walk. Starting in Church

Sunday 26th March - Passion Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube
5.30pm Toastie Club. In the Main Hall
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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