



# St Andrew's Church Bedford

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

## **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 Kings 17: 8-16  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end  
**Gospel:** John 2: 1-11



*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:** 148 NEH The God of Abraham praise (*omit \*vv*)  
**Gradual:** 56 SASP God is love  
**Offertory:** 377 NEH Immortal, invisible  
**Communion:** 39 SASP Father we adore thee  
57 NEH The race that long in darkness  
**Anthem:** Blest are the pure in heart - *Walford Davies*  
**Closing Hymn:** 339 NEH Be thou my vision  
**Voluntary:** Sonata on the 94th Psalm (fugue Finale) - *Reubke*  
Duration 6 minutes (Please feel free to leave before the end)

## In Our Prayers

For peace in Ukraine and all places of violence and conflict.

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

**Book Circle:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. The book we are reading this time is 'The Loved One' by Evelyn Waugh. If you are interested, please contact Valerie via the Church Office for more information.

### Looking Ahead:

Key events for the month of February can be found on the online calendar and the 'Month Ahead' sheet at the back of Church.

A Lent programme will be available shortly, but you might like to note:

*Ash Wednesday* Eucharists 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10.30am and 7.45pm

*Lent Course* Thursdays in Lent starting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7:45 pm

*Charity Concert* for Emmaus Carlton Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

*Confirmation Service* Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

*Sacred Space* Iona Service Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 6pm

A basket will be available at the back of Church from next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, should you wish to return your Palm Crosses from previous years to be made into ash for Ash Wednesday.

**Inclusive Church:** The PCC, at its meeting on 17 January 2023, listened to a presentation and discussed what becoming an Inclusive Church meant. This was part of an on-going series of discussions to develop our MAP (Mission Action Plan). One of the strands of our MAP is "Fellowship: Welcoming radically - encouraging inclusion and embracing diversity". Following a sermon last October and an autumn 2022 study course, the topic was not new to PCC members. At the end of the presentation and discussion a vote was taken to formally join the Inclusive Church network. The outcome was unanimous and St Andrew's Church will shortly officially be an 'Inclusive Church'. For background to this historic vote and further information, please follow this QR code to a blog on our website.



**Creation Care:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm in the Main Hall. All those who are interested in Creation Care are invited to this meeting as we continue work on our Mission Action Plan priority of 'Stewardship - caring for God's creation', and our goals of achieving net zero carbon and gold Eco Church status.

*Did you know?* We have changed the controls of our Church thermostat to heat the building more efficiently.

*Why not?* Turn down the flow temperature of your boiler to 65°C to heat your home and water more efficiently?

# 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 29<sup>th</sup> January

6.00pm Evening Service. In Church

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January

9.30pm Noah's Ark. In the Main Hall

7.30pm Confirmation Preparation (Adults). At the Vicarage

7.30pm Book Circle.

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

10.30am Holy Eucharist. In Church

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

10.00am Coffee and Company. In the Foyer

8.00pm Compline. On Zoom

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

1.00pm Confirmation Preparation (Young People).

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church

10.00am All-Age Worship. In Church and on Zoom

6.00pm Choral Evensong. In Church and on YouTube

*A full listing of what's on at St Andrew's can be found on our website  
[www.standrewsbedford.org](http://www.standrewsbedford.org) under 'Calendar.'*

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