



# St Andrew's Church Bedford

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Palm 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**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2.5-11 (OT page 152)  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26.14-27, end (NT page 23)



*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:** 509 All glory laud and honour  
**Gradual:** 511 Ride on, ride on  
**After Gospel:** Ah, holy Jesu (choir only)  
**Offertory:** SASP 25 Christ triumphant  
**Communion:** SASP 47 From heaven you came  
92 There is a green hill  
**Anthem:** A Palm Sunday antiphon - David Morgan NCAB  
**Closing Hymn:** 439 (i) Praise to the holiest  
**Voluntary:** Fugue in E flat (St Anne) - JS Bach  
***Duration:** 5 minutes (please feel free to leave before the end)*

## In Our Prayers

For the people of Haiti

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

**The Vicar:** The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

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Day Off: Friday

**Curate:** The Reverend Joseph Barnes

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## Notices

**Holy Week and Easter:** If you can help with our services for Holy Week and Easter, by reading, leading intercessions or acting as sides person etc, please add your name to the lists at the back of Church. Our services for this important season are listed on the website and a flier at the back of Church.

**Palm Sunday - The Cross of Christ:** Join us tonight at 6pm, for a meditation on the Passion in readings and music, led by the choir.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage:** A group is planning to take part in the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey. If you'd like to join, please add your name to the list at the back of Church or speak to Elisabeth Sutcliffe for more details.

**Confirmation:** Four candidates from St Andrew's will be confirmed at Elstow Abbey on Easter Eve. Please pray for Harry, Sophie, Ruby and Dani at this important point in their faith journeys.

**Friends of St Andrew's - A Talk by David Fletcher:** auctioneer, valuer and antiques expert (£5.00 for members, £6.00 for non-members) at 2.00pm, on the 4th April in the Holt Room.

**Easter Activity Morning:** 10am Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Main Hall. We will continue Easter celebrations with an activity morning during the school holidays. Families are invited to join us for lots of toys, crafts, activities, simple refreshments and the Easter story.

**APCM:** Our APCM (equivalent of an AGM) will be held in the Main Hall after the 10 am service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please do put the date in your diary and come along if you can to this important event celebrating the life of our Church family. We will be seeking nominations from those who would like to stand as Church Warden or Members of the PCC. Nomination forms will be available at the back of Church from 6th April, with details for completion. Please do prayerfully consider whether you might be called to serve in this way.

**Fairtrade:** Our thanks to everybody who completed a questionnaire about Fairtrade. Our next step is to gather on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April after the 10 am service in the Holt Room to map out how Fairtrade at St Andrew's might continue in a slightly different way. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

# The Week Ahead

## Monday to Saturday

8:30am Morning Prayer. In the Chapel and on Zoom

5:00pm Evening Prayer (except Saturday), in the Chapel and on Zoom.

## Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

5:00pm Toastie Club. In the Main Hall.

6:00pm The Cross of Christ - A meditation on the Passion in readings and music. In Church and on YouTube.

## Holy Week - Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tues 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

7.45pm Holy Eucharist, with devotional address from Br Marc.  
In the Chapel

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

10:30am Holy Communion, in Church.

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Maundy Thursday

7:45pm Holy Eucharist, followed by the Watch until midnight.  
In Church and on YouTube.

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday

10:00am All Age Worship, in Church

12:00pm At the Foot of the Cross - reflections, prayer and hymns.  
In Church and on YouTube.

2:00pm Liturgy of Good Friday. In Church

8:00pm Compline. On Zoom.

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Eve

9:00pm Easter Ceremonies. Starting in the Hall & moving into Church.

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10:00am All Age Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube.  
*Followed by Coffee and Hot cross buns in the Main Hall.*

6:00pm BCP Evening Prayer. In the Chapel.

*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](http://standrewsbedford.org) under 'Calendar.'*



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