



St Andrew's Church Bedford

19th November 2023

Safeguarding Sunday
(2nd Sunday before Advent)

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 today**

Large print copies are available.

Today's Readings

1st Reading:	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end	(OT page 679)
2nd Reading:	1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11	(NT page 159)
Gospel:	Matthew 25. 14-30	(NT page 22)



Today's 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.

Today's Music

Opening Hymn:	339 NEH	Be thou my vision
Gradual:	129 NEH	O Christ, our hope
Offertory:	Sheet	May this place be one of nurture
Communion:	405 NEH	Lord of the boundless curves of space
	70 NEH	Lord Jesus, think on me
Anthem:		O taste and see - <i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Hymn:	41 SASP	Fill thou my life
Voluntary:		Grand Coeur in G major - <i>Salomé</i>

(Duration: 2 minutes - please feel free to leave before the end)

In Our Prayers

For all those caught up in violence between Israel and Palestine
For our safeguarding team and all victims of abuse
For our charity partners - WorldVision link with Pajule, Uganda
- The Trussell Trust
- Emmaus

The Vicar: The Reverend Lucy Davis

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Day Off: Friday

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Day off: Thursday

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Notices

Sacred Space - a service of healing: This evening at 6pm. An informal act of worship with the opportunity to receive prayers for healing - with music led by the worship band.

Calling all young adults: 7pm this evening. St Andrew's Young Adults - Pint @ The Park. A get together for those aged 18 - 39.

Advent Course 'Light in the Darkness: Wednesdays at 7:45 pm in the Holt Room and on Zoom, starting on 29th November. A course looking at some of the great themes of Advent through the parables of Jesus.

Emergency Night Shelter: St Andrew's are partnering with the King's Arm project and other organisations to enable an emergency Winter Night Shelter. Members of the Church Family are invited to offer support:

- *Pray* for the project: There is a prayer meeting on Monday 27th November at 7 pm at 56 Harpur Street, to which all are invited
- *Volunteer* at the night shelter.
- *Help* to staff a Warm Room
- *Donate* individually.

Please use this QR code for full details.



Distributors needed: The Christmas issue of our "Centred" newsletter is ready for delivery to all letterboxes across the parish. Please pick up a bundle or two from the back of church and deliver them by the end of the month. The magazine shares information about St Andrew's with our community, and we know that past issues have guided people to us.

Reverse Advent Calendar: The Mission and Outreach team will be launching this year's Advent calendar, supporting Bedford Foodbank, next Sunday. Each day during December, you will be invited to place an item in a box/bag as a gift to someone hungry and in need, just as you would open a door on an Advent calendar each day. See the website and the weekly email for full details.

Fairtrade Christmas Stall: Sunday 26th November, 11am - 1pm, in the Main Hall. Stock up on Christmas cards, sweet treats and gifts.

Canon Making: Saturday 25th November, 5pm, St Albans Abbey. You are all welcome to join Lucy for a special service of Evensong as she is made Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral.

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 November - Safeguarding Sunday

- 11.30am Baptism. In Church
12.15pm First Communion preparation. In the Holt Room
6.00pm Sacred Space - Healing Service. In Church
7.00pm St Andrew's Young Adults - Pint @ The Park

Monday 20th November

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

Tuesday 21st November

- 7.45pm Parochial Church Council. In the Holt Room

Wednesday 22nd November

- 10.30am Holy Communion. In Church

Friday 24th November

- 10.30am Meditation group. In the Chapel
8.00pm Compline. On Zoom
8.20pm Choir Practice for Nine Lessons & Carols. In Church.

Saturday 25th November

- 5.00pm Evensong and Lucy's Canon making. St Alban's Cathedral.

Sunday 26th November - Patronal Festival

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church
10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church and on YouTube
12.15pm First Communion Preparation. In the Holt Room
6.00pm Evening Service. In Church

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

Key dates for the month ahead are also listed on the sheet available at the back of Church.

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