



St Andrew's Church Bedford

16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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 contact 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 15.1 – 12, 17 – 18	(OT page 9)
2nd Reading:	Philippians 3.17 – 4.1	(NT page 153)
Gospel:	Luke 13.31 – 35	(NT page 58)



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 401 Light's abode (omit v.4)
Gradual:	SASP 204 Will you come and follow me
Offertory:	NEH 381 Jerusalem the golden
Communion:	NEH 238 New every morning SASP 182 There is a redeemer
Anthem:	Turn thy face from my sins
Final Hymn:	NEH 476 Ye servants of God
Voluntary:	Fugue in G minor - JS Bach (Duration: 5 minutes.) <i>Please feel free to leave before the end.</i>

In Our Prayers

For our charity partners – WorldVision link with Pajule, Uganda
– Home for Good
– Emmaus

For Christ's peace to come to all violent places of the world.

The Vicar: The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

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Day off: Friday

Church Centre Office: Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm

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Safeguarding: If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the Vicar or the Safeguarding Team safeguarding@standrewsbedford.org

Notices

Sacred Space: This Sunday 16th March 6.00pm. In Church. Informal worship with music lead by our worship band - 'Reflections in Music.'

Lent Programme: Our Lent programme is available on our website (under 'News and Calendar') or in a leaflet at the back of Church. Please prayerfully consider how you will keep a good Lent.

Lent Lunches: On Thursdays until 10th April, 12noon. In the Holt Room. Join us for fellowship and a simple soup lunch on Thursdays in Lent. A sign-up sheet is at the back of Church for anyone who can help with set-up, serving or washing up.

Electoral Roll: This year we need to prepare a brand-new Electoral Roll. We are asking everyone who regularly worships at St Andrew's to complete the application form. Having your name on the Electoral Roll indicates that you support the work of St Andrew's and wish to share in its worship, ministry and mission. If you were on the previous Electoral Roll, you should find an envelope addressed to you at the back of Church with a form inside. If you are new to St Andrew's or haven't previously completed a form, please do so this year. Forms are available at the back of Church. A box for returns will be at the back of Church on Sunday mornings. Alternatively, forms can be put through the Church Office letter box. An electronic version is available on the e-newsletter. The last date for submission is **Monday 14th April**. If you have any queries, please contact Sue Smith, suejsmith44@googlemail.com.

Mothers' Union: Monday 17th March, 2.30pm. In the Holt Room. We'll be welcoming Marion Maule to our meeting this month to give us "A Taste of Japanese Textiles." We extend an open invitation to the wider St Andrew's family to join us for this talk.

Bishop of St Albans: You may be aware that the Bishop of St Albans is retiring in May, and the process to discern his successor has begun. Please do hold this process in your prayers. We are invited to contribute to a consultation about what the Diocese is seeking in our new Bishop. Please follow the link in the e-newsletter to contribute.

The Week Ahead

Monday to Saturday

- 8.30am Morning Prayer. In the Chapel and on Zoom.
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer (except Saturdays.) On Zoom.

Sunday 16th March

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.
- 4.00pm Tea Dance. In the Main Hall.
- 6.00pm Sacred Space. In Church.

Monday 17th March

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

Tuesday 18th March

- 7.45pm Parochial Church Council Committee. In the Main Hall

Wednesday 19th March

- 10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 7.45pm Lent Course - 'We believe' In the Holt Room and on Zoom.

Thursday 20th March

- 12noon Funeral of Peter Harding. In Church.
- 12noon Lent Lunch. In the Holt Room.

Friday 21st March

- 10.30am Silent Meditation. In the Chapel.
- 8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Saturday 22nd March

- 3.00pm Messy Church. In the Main Hall.

Sunday 23rd March

- 8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.
- 4.00pm Concerts at St Andrew's Presents:
Organ Recital - Samuel Kemp. In Church.
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer. 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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