



St Andrew's Church Bedford

5th January 2025

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

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:	Isaiah 60.1 - 6	(OT page 535)
2nd Reading:	Ephesians 3.1 - 12	(NT page 149)
Gospel:	Matthew 2.1 - 12	(NT page 1)



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

Song	We are marching in the light of God	SASP 188
Song	What child is this?	Carol no. 47
Song	See him lying on a bed of straw	Carol no. 38
Song	O Worship the Lord	NEH 52

In Our Prayers

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

For our new national charity 'Home for Good,' as we enter a partnership with them in the New Year.

The Vicar: The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

Tel: 01234 354234 Email: vicar@standrewsbedford.org

Day off: Friday

Curate: The Reverend Joseph Barnes

Joseph is currently having some time away from the Parish

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

The office is closed this week, and will reopen on Monday 6th January

Tel: 01234 216881 Email: operationsmanager@standrewsbedford.org

Notices

MAP Review: For many of us, the New Year is a time to look back and reflect, and to also look forward and reset. As a Church family this January, we are doing those things too. It is three years since we drew up our current Mission Action Plan (MAP), and so the time is right to discern whether this is still God's will for St Andrew's, and where we might be called to next. One way of listening to God is to understand what we, as the Body of Christ in this place, are noticing about where the Spirit is at work amongst us. We are therefore asking all members of the Church family to contribute their thoughts ahead of a PCC strategy day on 25th January, by completing an online questionnaire or the leaflet available in Church, by 19th January. It's important we hear from everybody, and especially perhaps if you have not taken part in this sort of exercise before; it's OK not to answer all the questions! Please reply online, if possible, to help speed up analysis. To access the online form, scan the QR code on the right.
Note: You will need a google account to access this.



Concert at St Andrew's Presents: Young Generation Charity Concert: Saturday January 11th 7.30pm. Over the years CASA has strived to give opportunities to young musicians. This concert aims to give the budding talent of Bedford and the surrounding area, a concert of their own to showcase their talents to a new audience. All money raised will go towards 'Home for Good,' supporting young care leavers. Purchase your tickets from our website

Friends of St Andrew's - "Bess of Hardwick" talk by Amanda Goody: Thursday 23rd January 2025 in the Holt Room. This is a pay on the door event with refreshments provided afterwards. Admission is £3 for members of the Friends of St Andrew's and £4 for non-members.

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 5th January

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

8.45am Breakfast. In the Holt Room.

10.00am All-Age Worship. In Church.

6.00pm Choral Evensong. In Church.

Monday 6th January

9.30am Noah's Ark. In the Main Hall.

7.30pm Book Circle. Please ask the office for the location.

Wednesday 8th January

10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

11.30am Post service Coffee. In the Holt Room.

Friday 10th January

8.30am Morning Prayer. In the Chapel and on Zoom.

10.30am Silent Meditation. In Church.

5.00pm Evening Prayer. On Zoom

8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Saturday 11th January

7.30pm CASA Presents: Young Generation Charity Concert.
In Church.

Sunday 12th January

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.

2.00pm Tea Dance. In the Main Hall.

5.30pm Toastie Club. In the Main Hall.

6.00pm Sacred Space. 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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