



St Andrew's Church Bedford

26th January 2025

The Third 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

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:	Nehemiah 8.1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10 (OT page 340)
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 12.12 - 31a (NT page 133)
Gospel:	Luke 4.14 - 21 (NT page 47)



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 398 Lift up your hearts
Gradual:	NEH 410 My God, how wonderful thou art
Offertory:	SASP 59 God the creator
Communion:	NEH 6 Hark the glad sound NEH 481 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee
Anthem:	Look at the world - Rutter
Final Hymn:	SASP 92 I the Lord of sea and sky
Voluntary:	Fugue in C minor - JS Bach (Duration: 4 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 discernment as we review our Mission Action Plan.

The Vicar: The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

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

Notices

News about Joseph: Thank you all for your prayers and concern for our Curate, Rev Joseph Barnes, over the last couple of months. I now need to let you know that Joseph will not be returning to St Andrew's to complete his curacy. This will be a sadness to many of us, and I want to reassure you that he is being well supported by the Diocese. Please do continue to pray for Joseph and his future ministry. I will let you know of any further news as soon as I can. Lucy.

Safeguarding: We have created a new safeguarding page on our website, with details of key contacts, policies and helplines. On that page you will also find links to the Bishop of St Alban's responses to recent revelations of safeguarding failures in the Church of England. Thank you to everyone at St Andrew's who work to make our whole community as safe as we can.

Funeral for Edna Stinger: Edna's funeral will take place on Thursday 30th January at 12.45pm in Church, with refreshments afterwards in the Main Hall. Edna was a long standing and beloved member of St Andrew's, and the Church family are warmly invited to attend. Edna asked people not to wear black.

Eco Church Whole Church Open Meeting: Tuesday 11th February 7.45pm, in Church and on Zoom. Come and find out what St Andrew's is doing to make a positive impact on the environment, and how you can join in.

Concerts at St Andrew's Presents: New London Chamber Ensemble: Saturday 8th February 7.30pm. For over two decades the New London Chamber ensemble has challenged traditional ideas of chamber music with their innovative programmes that seamlessly blend classic repertoire with semi-staged works incorporating drama, speech and action. 2025 marks their 25th Anniversary. Tickets are £14 for adults and free for under 18s and can be purchased on our website.

Coffee and Company: Friday 7th February 10am - 12noon. Coffee and Company is back! Join us in the Foyer for coffee, cake and great company. We need a few more volunteers to ensure that we can continue to run this lovely activity. Please contact Sue Ambrose if you can help make tea and coffee, bake cakes, or even just sit and chat to our guests.

The Week Ahead

Monday to Saturday

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

Sunday 26th January

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.

4.00pm Concerts at St Andrew's Presents:
Organ Recital by Paul Searle-Barnes. In Church.

6.00pm Evening Prayer. In Church.

Monday 27th January

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

Wednesday 29th January

10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

Thursday 30th January

12.45pm Funeral of Edna Stringer - followed by funeral tea in Main Hall

Friday 31st January

10.30am Silent Meditation. In Church.

8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Sunday 2nd February

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

8.30am *Breakfast after 8am Service* - **Cancelled**

10.00am All-Age Worship. In Church.

6.00pm Choral Evensong. 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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