



St Andrew's Church Bedford

9th February 2025

Fourth Sunday before 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 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 6.1 – 8	(OT page 492)
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11	(NT page 135)
Gospel:	Luke 5.1 - 11	(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:	NEH146 Holy, holy, holy
Gradual:	NEH 114 Now is eternal life
Offertory:	SASP 131 Lord the light of your love
Communion:	NEH 200 Jesus calls us NEH 353 Dear Lord and Father
Anthem:	O Lord, increase our faith - Loosemore
Final Hymn:	SASP 9 omit v.2 And can it be
Voluntary:	Finale from Sonata on the 94th Psalm - Reubke (Duration: 6 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 Sheila, Lucy and all members of General Synod, meeting this week.

The Vicar: The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis

Tel: 01234 354234 Email: vicar@standrewsbedford.org

Day off: Friday

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

Tel: 01234 216881 Email: operationsmanager@standrewsbedford.org

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

Notices

Creation Care Whole Church Meeting: Tuesday 11th February 7.45pm in Church and on Zoom. Find out what the Creation Care Group have done so far and what's planned. An opportunity for all church members to contribute their own ideas.

Beyond Biscuits: On Sunday 16th February we will be observing Racial Justice Sunday. As a way of celebrating the diversity of our Church family, we would like to go 'Beyond Biscuits,' and invite you to bring whatever is enjoyed with a cuppa in your cultural heritage, to share after the service that day. From samosas to Welsh cakes, bo lo bao to bulla cake, we hope this will be a lovely chance to 'taste and see' foods from the rich variety of people who make up St Andrew's.

Safeguarding Focus Groups: As part of an audit of our safeguarding culture, we are inviting members of the congregation to take part in focus groups to explore what they think about safeguarding at St Andrew's. These groups will gather over coffee after the 10am Sunday service on the 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Please do respond if you have received an invitation by email from Jo Newton, our safeguarding officer.

Change to Church Office Hours: Following the PCC's January meeting, there will be some changes to the way the Church office will operate, starting on 16th February.

- The office will only be open for Church groups and members of the Church family between 10am and 12noon Monday to Friday.
- Please therefore consider contacting the office by email or phone in the first instance, understanding that staff may not answer immediately.
- We ask for 48 hours' notice if you need something printing or copying, and 4 days for transcription or design.

The changes to the way our office works are one way of caring for our staff, and they will take a little adjusting to, but will bring benefits to all of us in the longer term. More detail is available on the website

Palm Crosses: Please return your palm crosses from last year to the bowl at the back of Church by Sunday 2nd March; they are then burnt and used for our Ash Wednesday services.

The Week Ahead

Monday to Saturday

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

Sunday 9th February

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.

11.30am First Communion Preparation. In the Holt Room.

2.00pm Tea Dance Lesson. In the Main Hall.

5.30pm Toastie Club. In the Main Hall.

6.00pm Evening Prayer. In Church.

Monday 10th February

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

2.15pm Pilgrim House Group. Contact the Office for location.

Tuesday 11th February

7.45pm Creation Care Whole Church Meeting.
In Church and on Zoom.

Wednesday 12th February

10.30am Holy Communion. In Church.

7.00pm Handbell Practice. In the Dent Room.

Friday 14th February

10.00am Silent Meditation. In Church.

8.00pm Compline. On Zoom.

Sunday 16th February

8.00am Holy Communion. In Church.

10.00am Parish Eucharist. In Church.

2.00pm Tea Dance. In the Main Hall.

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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