

## CHURCH ROTAS

### Sunday Services:

10th February 2019

17th February 2019

<b>8.00am</b>	Administrant:	John Dilley	P Bradfield
	Sidespeople:	John Dilley	P Bradfield
<b>10.00am</b>	Intercessor:	J Black	M Lacy
	Administrants:	B Dixon, R Newman, P Moore	M Dominey, P Canty, N van de Weerd
	Readers:	M Lacy, P Williams	H Shannon, C Dixon
	Welcomers:	J Wakeling, A Whatling	R Drakes, L Dilley
	Sidespeople:	R & T Loin, B Arnold (Red)	P & S Williams, M Dominey (Red)
	PA:	A Maynard	G Dilley
	Crucifer and Servers:	R Blackford, V Smithers, A Blackford, N Woodward	Nick Gurney, M Smith, R Smith, J Blackford
<b>6.00pm</b>	Readers:	J Walters, P Rutt	Robin Jopson, R Drakes
	Sidespeople:	G Hibbert, T Haygreen (Green)	Rosemary Jopson, R Newman

### Thursday Service

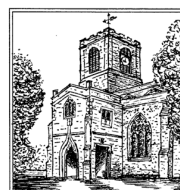
<b>9.30am</b>	PA:	A Maynard	D Whinnett
	Intercessor:	B Dixon	R Butcher

### **WEEKLY ROTAS**

<b>Flowers:</b>	17th February	24th February
	G Hibbert, Y Humberstone	M Dominey, J Buckle
<b>Brass:</b>	16th February	23rd February
	G Whinnett, M Lloyd	J & W Walters

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to increase the value of your offering, please complete a Gift-Aid envelope inside the wallet on the pew shelves, or at the entrances, and place it in the collection plate during the service.

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St. Andrew's Church, Biggleswade;  
Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith,  
serving with love, welcoming all.



**FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT  
10TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Children are welcome to stay throughout the service. **Toys are available in front of the Trinity Altar** (for under 5's), where parents may sit with their children while continuing to take part in the service. Please ask about our **Sunday School and Crèche facilities** which operate during term times



If you use a **HEARING AID**, please tune into the Church's **LOOP SYSTEM** by switching your hearing aid to "T".



**LARGE PRINT** service sheets are available on request.

**TRANSPORT** is available. Please contact Paul Canty on 640100



Please join us for refreshments in the Chapter House after our 9:30 service on Thursdays & our 10.00am service on Sundays.

**Vicar: Rev'd Guy Scott (Tel: 01767 312243)**  
**Readers: Rosemary Bentley (Tel 01767 313517)**  
**Colin Dixon (Tel: 01767 317245) Tony & Christine Elcombe (Tel 01767 682274)**

### **THIS SUNDAY'S SERVICES**

<b>Sun 10th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday @ 8</b>

### **THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS**

<b>Tues 12th</b>	<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thurs 14th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	12.30pm	Food for Thought
<b>Fri 15th</b>	11.00am	Funeral: <i>Andrew Curl R.I.P.</i>
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sat 16th</b>	10.00am-12.00 Noon	Chapter House Coffee Shop
<b>Sun 17th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>*THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Holy Baptism:</b> <i>Georgia, Jake and Pippa Lackey</i>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

## **OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

As we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the season of Lent, a time of penitence and reflection in preparation for Passiontide and Easter, we pray for grace truly to recognise and welcome Christ into our hearts and lives, that we may work to build God's kingdom here and now. We pray for justice, mercy and peace throughout God's world, especially in areas of conflict, committing ourselves to living in peace with our families, our friends, our communities and all with whom we share our lives and God's world. We pray that we may be thankful for all God's blessings and we pray for a deeper openness to God through prayer, scripture, worship and sacrament, so that we may worship with joy, grow in faith, serve with love and welcome all. We pray that all our relationships and our actions may be guided by God through openness to the Holy Spirit, that we may be united in our love for him and one another. We pray for all in need in our community, pledging ourselves to relieve need wherever we can by generosity and action. We hold before you all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, and all who are grieving, and we bring before you too all who care for them. We give thanks too for those who are recovering from illness and crises, that they may continue to know your love and help in their lives.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for student faith groups. Living God's Love - Making New Disciples.

**Our Partner Community of Mafambisa:** We pray for the people of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, for the care workers, for the care givers and all who support them. [www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk)

**Needing Our Prayers:** Louise Joy, Yvonne Gray, John Bentley, Nigel Blake, Bernie Marron, Joy Botterell, Terry Warren, Tereziha (Tekka) De Araujo and Patience (name changed) from Mafambisa.

**Continue to Pray For:** Ian Pearson, Wendy Walters and Ricardo Landsman

**The Departed:** Pamela Jeeves, Andrew Curl and Kenneth Young

**Year's Mind:** 12th Allan Bliss, 15th Terry Morley

*Please see the Vicar to have names added or removed from the prayer list*

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## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY @ 8 TODAY:** A service of song, prayer and praise in an informal setting about Discipleship.

**PRAYER SPACE** - The importance of prayer is vital to our faith. Recently at House Group we have been discussing how we could support each other more through prayer as a community. We will therefore be offering a space to come and receive prayer, or speak with someone if there is something in particular that you would like praying for in the coming weeks that another member of the church family can be praying about with you. There will be space over by the Candle Stand in front of the Memorial Altar following the 10am service for anyone who would benefit from this time of prayer. This will begin as of Sunday 17th February. *Jessica Dilley*

**MAFAMBISA 2020** - It is time to start thinking if you would like to visit our partner community of Mafambisa in the summer of 2020. It is a real privilege to make this trip and to spend time amongst the people of Mafambisa and other communities in South Africa.

**MAGAZINE** - Just a reminder that the magazine copy date is this weekend.

**DROP IN COFFEE SHOP** - During term time only, we will be running a Drop in Coffee Shop at the Orchard Centre, Kings Reach. This will be open from 9.00am till 10.00 am on Tuesday. *Maggie*

**FOOD BANK** - Thank you for your continuing support; it is needed more than ever with the freezing conditions that we are now experiencing. Please also bear in mind that we have half term coming soon, when some children will miss out on a cooked meal at lunchtime. *Maggie*

**BIGGLESWADE CARNIVAL 2019** - This year's carnival takes place on Saturday 22nd June 2019. The theme is Colour Association, bands or songs that include colours, films, television, the list is endless. For example Blues Brothers or even Little Red Riding Hood! All money collected on the day goes to the Carnival Fund, which is then distributed to all the worthy causes at the end of the year. Churches Together are holding a brainstorming meeting on Tuesday 19th February at 7.45pm at Biggleswade Baptist Church. Any ideas would be very welcome!

**HOUSE GROUP** - There will be no House Group on Monday 11th February due to Half Term but it will continue again from Monday 18th February at 33 Beech Avenue, at 7.45pm. All will be welcome.

*Angela and George Dilley*

**OPEN THE BOOK** - You may know that Biggleswade's Open the Book team has been delivering an assembly every Wednesday afternoon at Caldecote Academy. It has been a joy and a challenge, as we are often making an extra prop or tunic the evening before we "perform". Having completed our inaugural year, Chris Furnell, RE Co-ordinator, was delighted when we offered to return for a second year of storytelling. Here's the even better news! At the beginning of this term we attracted another member to our team who worships at Caldecote Methodist Church, so we now have three churches represented in our team. If just two more people felt called to this important work, we could release a person from our team and launch a second team, which means that OTB could fulfil the desire of at least two other schools to deliver an assembly once a week. Should you be interested in hearing more about this opportunity, or wish to attend our next Planning Meeting or a "performance" as an observer, please contact Liz McDermott, Group Leader, via [lizmcd2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizmcd2005@yahoo.co.uk) 07903 656220 or speak to the St. Andrew's representatives Rosemary Jopson and Derek Whinnett.

**CHRISTINGLE** - Thank you to all who donated or helped in any way with the Christingle Service held in December. The collection is now complete and amounted to a total of £483, to this the Society are able to claim a further £30 from donations that have been Gift Aided. This will help greatly the Children's Society's current projects and will raise awareness of the plight of many young people they help, those suffering with mental health issues, drug or substance abuse, exploitation, young carers and those who at 18 leave the care system to cope on their own. Many thanks, *Gill Hibbert*

**MARTIN GRAY** - We would like to thank you for all the support we've had during Martin's illness and his recent passing. For all the cards, flowers, prayers, visits and care during this difficult time. He fought his illness bravely and never complained. He was so pleased to hear news from St Andrew's each week and from knowing he was being prayed for. We thought the funeral was beautiful and he would have loved it. Thank you to the many who attended. It made the service a real celebration of his life. *Yvonne, Laura, Gemma and Susannah*

**NOTICES** - Don't forget that copies of our notices and details of services and events are available on the church website at [www.biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk)

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**VISITORS** who usually receive communion in their own church are welcome to receive Communion here. If you do not yet receive Communion, please come to the altar rail for a Blessing, and carry the service book with you as an indication.

**PRIVACY POLICY** St. Andrew's Privacy Policy can be found at:- <http://biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk/about/about-contact.htm>

**NOTICES - Please no later than Wednesday 11.00am.** Hand written items to the Secretary or Email: [notices@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:notices@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk). Thank you.