

CHURCH ROTAS

Sunday Services:

10th March 2019

17th March 2019

8.00am	Administrant:	John Dilley	P Bradfield
	Sidespeople:	John Dilley	P Bradfield
10.00am	Intercessor:	C Parker	C Dixon
	Administrants:	B Dixon, R Newman, Pat Sherwood Saunders	M Dominey, L Canty, N van de Weerd
	Readers:	J Wakeling, W Smith	B Dixon, A Dilley
	Welcomers:	M Smith, C Tebbutt	J Wakeling, A Whatling
	Sidespeople:	P & S Williams, R Newman (Green)	Rosemary Jopson, J Blackford, B Arnold (Red)
	PA:	C Parker	D Whinnett
	Crucifer and Servers:	M Simmons, A Blackford, R Blackford, J Blackford	Nick Gurney, V Smithers, R Smith, A Dilley
6.00pm	Readers:	Deanery Evensong at St. Andrew's	Deanery Evensong at All Saints, Great Barford
	Sidespeople:	Deanery Evensong at St. Andrew's (TBA)	Deanery Evensong at All Saints, Great Barford

Thursday Service

9.30am	PA:	A Maynard	D Whinnett
	Intercessor:	T Elcombe	H Shannon

WEEKLY ROTAS

Flowers:	17th March Lent	24th March Lent
Brass:	16th March J Le Warne	23rd March J Castle, R Jopson

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 10TH MARCH 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

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

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues 12th	7.15pm	Holy Communion
Wed 13th	12.30pm	Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch
Thurs 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Food for Thought
Fri 15th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 16th	10.00am-12.00 Noon	Chapter House Coffee Shop
Sun 17th	8.00am	Holy Communion
*SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9.00 am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	3.00pm	Civic Service
	6.00pm	Deanery Evensong at All Saints Church, Great Barford

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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for those who support the homeless. Living God's Love - Transforming Communities.

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.

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

Continue to Pray For: Pauline Pryor, Jane Parker, Peter Rogers and Tim Woodward

The Departed: Alan Holt and Brenda Lawrence

Year's Mind: 11th Annie Watts, 12th Violet Smith

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

NOTICES

LENT HOLY COMMUNION AND LUNCHESES - As is our usual practice during Lent there will be a service of Holy Communion each Wednesday, commencing 13th March at 12.30pm for the five weeks leading up to Easter. The short service will be followed by a lunch of homemade soup, roll, cheese and fruit for which you are asked to donate the equivalent to what you might spend on a light lunch with all proceeds going to charity. Please join us at the service and lunch, it is a very positive and meaningful start to Lent and our own personal discipline.

LENT GIVING - Each year we have a special collection during Lent for a mission charity. This year we will be supporting USPG, who are an Anglican Mission agency working across the world with church partners. There will be small collection boxes available in the next couple of weeks, please take one and use it as part of your Lent focus. Thank you. *Chris Parker*

LENT STUDY GROUPS - As Lent approaches we are organizing Lent study groups. Please see the list on the notice board and sign up for the group that best suits you. This year we are going to be following one of the "York" series of courses entitled "Daring to see God now" which explores the Gospel of Mark and challenges us to draw closer to God and put aside our fears. *Chris Parker*

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*

EASTER LILIES - If anybody would like to help buy lilies to decorate our Church at Easter, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Lilies for Easter' and either give it to me or put on the collection plate at any of the services. Many thanks. *Jan Gardner*

SUNDAY @ 8 - Please join us for this informal service of song, prayer and praise. Tonight's service is Discipleship 2: Living Each Day.

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 - The copy date for the April magazine is Friday 15th March 2019

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2019 - A new Electoral Roll has to be produced before the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting, after six years of the old one. The present Electoral Roll becomes null and void on Sunday 14th April 2019, which is the closing date when the names on all newly filled-in forms will be collated and names and addresses will be published on a notice in the foyer. If you wish to have your name entered on the new Electoral Roll, please take an enrolment form from the back of the Church by the north door and having filled it in, using block capitals, give to a Churchwarden, the Vicar or other member of the Ministry Team, no later than Sunday 14th April 2019. If you are unable to bring it to church, please send it to the Electoral Roll Officer c/o the Parish Office. As a member of the Electoral Roll to you may stand for election to the PCC and you have the right to attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It has nothing to do with any other elections, e.g. local government or general elections. Should you miss the cut-off date as stated, your name may be added at any time following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 28th April 2019. On the back of the application you will see a request for you to fill in an Ethnicity Monitoring Form. The information gleaned by completing this form will **not** be published against your name. The Diocese of St. Albans is doing a survey of numbers regarding this. *George Dilley (Electoral Roll Officer)*

AN EVENING WITH CATHERINE CLARKSON (HANDS AT WORK) - This takes place on Wednesday 3rd April, 7.30pm at St. Luke's Church in St Albans. The evening will include a light supper of soup and cake. Catherine is one of the long term volunteers staying at the Hub in South Africa and is well known to those who have been out there, from here, in teams. If you would like to come along, please speak to Chris, as we need to let them know numbers and we could share transport. *Chris*

NEXT FAMILY BREAKFAST – HOLIDAY CLUB SPECIAL 30TH MARCH 2019 - The next Family Breakfast will be on Saturday 30th March and will be a Holiday Club special. We will be concentrating on "Preparing for Mothering Sunday". If you could help on that day by leading a craft activity, please have a word with Emma, Rosemary, Jessica, Claire. Many thanks. *Chris*

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 07903 656220 or speak to the St. Andrew's representatives Rosemary Jopson and Derek Whinnett.

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

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. Thank you.