

CHURCH ROTAS

<u>Sunday Services:</u>	<u>14th April 2019</u>	<u>21st April 2019</u>
8.00am	Administrant: P Bradfield	P Rutt
	Sidespeople: A Smith	P Bradfield
10.00am	Intercessor: M Lacy	M Simmons
	Administrants: M Dominey, P Moore, N van de Weerd	P & L Canty, N Woodward
	Readers: Rosemary Jopson, P Moore	C Parker, M Dominey
	Welcomers: M Smith, C Tebbutt	J Wakeling, A Whatling
	Sidespeople: P & S Williams, Rosemary Jopson (Red)	P & L Canty, B Arnold (SoF/Red)
	PA: D Pallett	Nick Gurney
	Crucifer and Servers: O Dille, M Smith, V Smithers, A Dille	M Simmons, A Blackford, R Smith, J Blackford
6.00pm	Readers: Robin Jopson, R Drakes	R Butcher, Y Gray
	Sidespeople: G Hibbert, T Haygreen (Red)	J & W Walters, M Williams (Green)

Thursday Service

9.30am	PA: No service - Maundy Thursday	A Maynard
	Intercessor: No service - Maundy Thursday	R Bentley

WEEKLY ROTAS

Flowers:	21st April S Rutt, A Rutt	28th April Not needed
Brass:	20th April M McLoughlin	27th April N Staples, R Jones

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.



PALM SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 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 14th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.00am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East Site
	9.45am	Gather on the Market Square for the Blessing of Palm Crosses before proceeding to Church
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong
	8.00pm	Sunday @ 8

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

HOLY WEEK		
Mon 15th	7.15pm	Holy Communion with reflection
Tues 16th	1.30pm	Funeral: Margaret Smith R.I.P.
	7.15pm	Holy Communion with reflection
Wed 17th	7.15pm	Holy Communion with reflection
Thurs 18th	11.00am	Chrism Mass at St. Albans Abbey
*MAUNDY THURSDAY	2.30pm	Funeral: Sheila Smith R.I.P.
	7.45pm	Sung Eucharist with Washing of feet followed by the Watch
Fri 19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Litany
*GOOD FRIDAY	10.45am	Walk of Witness
	11.00am	Act of worship on the Market Square
	1.00pm-3.00pm	Meditation for Good Friday - Children's Activities in the Chapter House
Sat 20th	10.00am-12.00 Noon	Chapter House Coffee Shop
*EASTER EVE	8.30pm	Service of Light
SUN 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion
*EASTER DAY	9.00am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Easter Evensong

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

As we enter Holy Week, we pray for grace to enter in to the wonder and mystery of God's love and redeeming power through the death and resurrection of his Son, that we may work with God, through the power of the Holy Spirit 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, justice and mercy with our families, our friends, our communities and all with whom we share our lives and God's world. We also commit ourselves to responsible care of God's world, its resources, and its people. 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 suffer in body, mind or spirit, all who grieve, and we bring before you too all who care for them. We give thanks 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 ECUSA in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all who work as Street Evangelists. 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

Needing Our Prayers: Louise Joy, Yvonne Gray, John Bentley, Nigel Blake, Bernie Marron, Joy Botterell, Terry Warren, Sylvia Rutt, George Snyman, Patience from Mafambisa, Laura and Audrey from Mozambique

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

The Departed: Sheila Smith, Margaret Smith and Debbie Weston

Year's Mind: 15th Nicola Stillman, 20th Phyllis Dominey

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

NOTICES

WATCH OF THE NIGHT- On Maundy Thursday 18th April we will be holding our usual Watch through the night after the Evening Communion. Starting at 9.30pm, and finishing the next morning at 8am, we have for many years had teams or individuals spending 1/2 or 1 hour periods in quiet prayer, meditation or reading. For anyone who has not experienced the Watch, may I assure you the atmosphere in Church through the night is something special and gives a wonderful opportunity for some quality time with God. Please help us to maintain this great St. Andrew's tradition by signing up on the rota in the red folder at the rear of Church. If you have any questions please ask *Paul Williams 07875 393453*

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*

HOLY WEEK EVENING SERVICES – At 7.15pm on the three nights of Holy Week and at 7.45pm on Maundy Thursday, the reflections will be on what I have called "The Four Questions of Holy Week":

Monday "Why was this perfume not sold?"

Tuesday "How do we find Jesus?"

Wednesday "Is it me?"

Thursday "Lord are you going to wash my feet?"

As we go along we shall be referring to the popular hymn by Frederick Faber, 'There's a wideness in God's mercy'. Each of the evenings will be free-standing though they will all contribute to the whole. I hope that as many as possible can make it. *Colin Dixon*

GOOD FRIDAY - On Good Friday at 1pm there is a service of reflection on the cross. In the Chapter House the children will be doing various activities, including creating our Easter Garden - please join us. *Chris Parker*

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. *Jessica Dilley*

PCC MEETING -The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 5th March are now available to read. They are pinned to the notice board in the Chapter House foyer. *Ruth Marshall-Jones*

MOTHERS' UNION - There will be a lunch on 23rd April, St. George's Day at 12.30pm. The proceeds will support the Tuesday drop in group at the Orchard Centre. Please sign the list in the foyer. *Maggie McLoughlin*

FOOD BANK - Please remember over the Easter holidays children without a free school lunch. Please give generously. Thank you. *Maggie McLoughlin*

CYCLONE IDAI - You may have heard of the Cyclone that has caused widespread flooding in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi. The BBC has dubbed it the worst weather event to ever hit the Southern Hemisphere. Please pray for the people of these lands many who have become stranded, left hanging in trees, had their homes and crops washed away. Pray for the hundreds who have already died, and for those who have lost family members. We pray for the aid agencies as they mobilise resources to help. We pray for Hands at Work as they work on the ground with their communities in all three countries.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE - As many of you will know our diocese joins together on Easter Monday each year for an Easter Monday service in our Cathedral church. This is a great opportunity to join together with many others, to celebrate the risen Christ. As a parish we take part in this celebration in a variety of ways. Often our young people will walk from Biggleswade to St. Albans, staying overnight in the church hall in Kimpton. Many families will take our bus down to Harpenden and then walk the last 5 miles down into St. Albans. There is also the option of staying on the bus and travelling all the way into St. Albans. This is a great opportunity for the whole church family to get together and participate together in this climax to our Easter story. Part of the event is taking part in the pilgrimage together, the journey getting to the Cathedral is as important as the celebration itself. Please see the notice board for more details and sign up ASAP. *Chris*

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)*

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.