

CHURCH ROTAS

Sunday Services:

15th April 2018

22nd April 2018

8.00am	Administrant:	P Rutt	R Blackford
	Sidespeople:	P Bradfield	R Blackford
10.00am	Intercessor:	C Parker	C Elcombe
	Administrants:	M Dominey, D Whinnett, N van de Weerd	P Saunders, W Smith, R Marshall-Jones
	Readers:	L Dilley, A Dilley	C Parker, Robin Jopson
	Welcomers:	A Sharp, M Dominey	D Dear, P Williams
	Sidespeople:	A & A Maynard, J Blackford (SoF)	M Dominey, B Arnold, R Newman (Green)
	PA:	D Whinnett	D Pallett
	Crucifer and Servers:	O Dilley, N Woodward, M Smith, Nick Gurney	M Simmons, A Blackford, J Blackford, A Dilley
6.00pm	Readers:	J Walters, P Rutt	Robin Jopson, R Drakes
	Sidespeople:	G Hibbert, T Haygreen (Green)	Rosemary Jopson, R Newman (Green)

Thursday Service

9.30am	PA:	A Maynard	D Whinnett
	Intercessor:	R Butcher	B Dixon

WEEKLY ROTAS

Flowers:	22nd April A Gurney	29th April M McLoughlin, P Saunders
Brass:	21st April J Gardner, V Whiteley	28th April G Whinnett, M Lloyd

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.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
15TH APRIL 2018**

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 15th	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.00am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues 17th	12.30pm	Funeral: <i>Jean Roberts R.I.P.</i>
	7.15pm	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs 19th	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	Funeral: <i>Jean Robinson R.I.P.</i>
Fri 20th	2.00pm	Wedding: <i>Ashley Andrews & Amy Belfield</i>
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 21st	10.00am-12.00 Noon	Chapter House Coffee Shop
Sun 22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion
*FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.00am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Holiday Club Family Fun Day
	6.00pm	Evensong

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

 As we celebrate the Easter Feast with great joy, we give thanks for the invitation to enter in to the wonder and mystery of God's love and redeeming power through the death and resurrection of his Son, praying for grace to 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 the Church of Ireland. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all who works 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, Martin and Yvonne Gray, John Bentley, Nigel Blake, Phil Brown, Mary Dominey, Ricardo Landsman, Norman Staples, Bernie Marron, Elizabeth Brackenbury, Erik Whiteley, Ruth Loin, Ron and Joy Botterell

Continue to Pray For: Joan Tolson and Paris Organ

The Departed: Jean Roberts, Brian Wilkins, Vanda Gray, Peter Garratt and Jean Robinson

Year's Mind: 20th Phyllis Dominey, 22nd Matthew Hardy and Jean Bliss

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

NOTICES

SOUTH DOOR – Work on the replacement of the south door internal porch continues, and is expected to take six weeks. During this time there will be no access available through the south door in to Church. As the work progresses could I ask everyone to exercise patience and be gracious with each other. *Guy*

ALSO - As work progresses with the internal porch for the south door, could I ask that if you can spare half an hour on a Saturday morning, please come and clean your Church for worship on Sunday. Any help you can offer our cleaning teams would be much appreciated. *Guy*

DECORATING THE CHAPTER HOUSE - Our Chapter House rooms get a lot of use and are now in need of some new paint to freshen them up. We are looking for volunteers on the 20th and 21st April to come along and help with mainly painting. Please sign the list to tell us what times you will be available on the Friday or Saturday. *Chris*

BIG BREAKFAST FOR CHRISTIAN AID - We're planning to hold a big breakfast for Christian Aid on Saturday 5th May - see you there! *Chris*

CHRIS – SOLO TRIP TO AFRICA - I am privileged to have been invited by Hands at Work to visit Africa as a guest, at a different time to that of a team. I have accepted their invitation and will be flying out for 10 days on 10th May. Please pray for me on this visit, I have no idea what I will be doing, and I will try keep you informed via our blog page www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk I would also like to take some photo's with me to Mafambisa, as a greeting from our church, see below! Thank you. *Chris*

PHOTOS FOR MAFAMBISA - We would like to collect some photos of individuals and families that we can take to Mafambisa as a picture with Chris and as prayer cards with the Cupboard in August. We would like singles, couples, groups and families. We will identify you by your Christian name. Please make your pictures close ups and can you send them to thecupboard2africa@gmail.com Thank you. *Oliver Dilley*

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - HOME COLLECTION BOXES - Thank you to all of you at St. Andrew's who support the Society this way, I have now completed the annual emptying of these, the total amount collected this year totalled £2,360, a fantastic achievement and this will be further enhanced by gift aid made by many of the box holders. If any new or existing members of the congregation would like to support us and start collecting for next year I have some spare boxes, which I will gladly supply! It is such an easy way to collect your loose change for the Charity and surprising how it mounts up. *Gill*

THY KINGDOM COME BEACON CELEBRATION - This will now take place on Saturday 19th May, 6.30pm in St. Albans Cathedral. Archbishop Justin Welby will be joining the event. The Beacon Celebration is one of many Thy Kingdom Come events taking place around the country and will be a collaboration between Soul Survivor Watford, local and national youth organisations, ecumenical partners, the Diocese of St. Albans and the Cathedral. The celebration will welcome Christians of all denominations. Entry is free. Prayer and fun activities will run from 4.00pm. This event is multi-generational.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE CUPBOARD – SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2.30PM-5.00PM - Come along and enjoy afternoon tea served by members of the Cupboard as their final fundraising event for Africa. Please book your table which can be for just two of you or for a large group together. List is on the notice board. *Chris*

GARAGE SALE - Please help support The Friends of St. Andrew's Garage sale at 152 London Road – new stock is needed. Useful, good quality items – nothing too large because of limited space – if in doubt phone me on 601833. *Sylvia Rutt*

SPRING FAMILY FUN DAY - Invites for this year's fun day have now gone out to all previous attendees and local schools. Many thanks to those of you that have already volunteered to help at this year's event. If you haven't yet volunteered or are unsure what you could offer please speak to either Emma Pallett, Chris Parker or Sally Wells who will be happy to give you more information and an insight into what the day entails. Don't worry for those of you that aren't able to help on the day there are still plenty of things you can do to participate. We are offering a sandwich tea for all the families at the end of the day, there is a list of food we need to provide for this on the notice board in the foyer, if you feel you could help provide some food please write your name on the list next to what you would like to offer. We will also be setting up all the activities on the Saturday 21st April from 10am, and would welcome any help with this. Many thanks, *Holiday Club Team*

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. Thank you.



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