

CHURCH ROTAS

Sunday Services:

13th May 2018

20th May 2018

8.00am	Administrant:	P Rutt	R Blackford
	Sidespeople:	P Bradfield	R Blackford
10.00am	Intercessor:	R Bentley	T Elcombe
	Administrants:	P & L Canty, N Woodward	P Saunders, W Smith R Marshall-Jones
	Readers:	R Drakes, M Dominey	C Elcombe, M Lacy
	Welcomers:	R Drakes, L Dilley	A Sharp, M Dominey
	Sidespeople:	P & L Canty, Rosemary Jopson (SoF)	P & S Williams, J Blackford (Red)
	PA:	Nick Gurney	D Whinnett
	Crucifer and Servers:	O Dilley, M Smith, V Smithers, C Scott	M Simmons, S Legate, M Smith, A Dilley
6.00pm	Readers:	Robin Jopson, R Drakes	Open Air Service for Pentecost & Christian Aid at St. Andrew's
	Sidespeople:	Rosemary Jopson, R Newman (Green)	Open Air Service for Pentecost & Christian Aid at St. Andrew's

Thursday Service

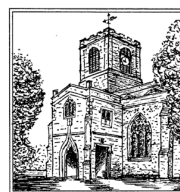
9.30am	PA:	D Whinnett	A Maynard
	Intercessor:	C Dixon	T Elcombe

WEEKLY ROTAS

Flowers:	20th May L Canty, G Whinnett	27th May H Pearson, J Buckle
Brass:	19th May N Staples, R Jones	26th May J Le Warne

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.



SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY 13TH MAY 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 13th	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
	8.00pm	Sunday @ 8

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues 15th	7.15pm	Holy Communion
Thurs 17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fri 18th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 19th	10.00am-12.00 Noon	Chapter House Coffee Shop
Sun 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion
*PENTECOST	9.00am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Open Air Service for Pentecost and Christian Aid at St. Andrew's Church

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

 As we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension 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 work of the Anglican Centre in Rome. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all who support the frail and vulnerable. 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. www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk

Needing Our Prayers: Louise Joy, Martin and Yvonne Gray, John Bentley, Nigel Blake, Mary Dominey, Ricardo Landsman, Bernie Marron, Elizabeth Brackenbury, Ruth Loin, Margaret Hulley, Ian Drakes, Susan King, Bobbie Ball, Ron and Joy Botterell

Continue to Pray For: Fran Sharp and Joanna Friend

The Departed: Diane Keen

Year's Mind: 19th Mary Albone

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. 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*

KATE'S ORDINATION - Kate will be ordained to the priesthood in St. Albans Cathedral on Saturday 30th June at 4.00pm. We have organised a coach, please see and sign the list on the noticeboard. *Chris*

BREAKFAST CLUB - We are planning to run a Breakfast Club for 3 days during half term. Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Friday 1st June, 8.30am - 10.00am. We aim to provide a free breakfast for children who get free school meals (starting with St. Andrew's Lower Schools). If you feel you could get involved, please email me at: myspottydog@hotmail.com ref: Breakfast Club, or speak to me in Church. *Maggie McLoughlin*

SEE ROUND – is a digital newsletter about the Diocese that gets emailed out to you monthly. If you would like to receive an emailed copy, or would prefer to have the printed version, please go on the Diocese website for more information.

<https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/news/seeround/>

AN EVENING WITH GEORGE SNYMAN – CO-FOUNDER OF HANDS AT WORK - George Snyman will be in the U.K. in June and will be visiting Biggleswade on Friday evening 8th June. We are arranging an evening with a supper. Please book the date, more details to follow! *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 Dille*

HOUSE GROUP - The weekly House Group continues on Wednesday at 33 Beech Avenue starting at 7.45pm. All welcome. *George Dille*

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*

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBANS - PILGRIMAGES – The Diocese of St. Albans is organising Pilgrimages to take place during 2018, 2019 and 2020. Some of the places being visited include the Holy Land, the Camino Trail to Santiago de Compostela, St. Martin and Lofer, Imst and Strobl on the Wolfgangsee. Full details and brochures are available on the Pilgrimage website: <http://stalbanpilgrimages.org.uk/>

HOLIDAY CLUB 2018 - A very big thank you to all who helped make this year's family fun day a success. Whilst the clash with the St. Georges day parade was unfortunate we still welcomed 21 families into Church and all had a lovely family day out. If this day has ignited an interest in helping at our Holiday Club in August please talk to Chris Parker, Emma Pallett or Sally Wells who will be happy to give you more information. Many thanks. *The 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.