

CHURCH ROTAS

Sunday Services:

2nd December 2018

9th December 2018

8.00am	Administrant:	P Bradfield	P Rutt
	Sidespeople:	A & S Smith	I & R Drakes
10.00am	Intercessor:	C Dixon	N/A
	Administrants:	N van de Weerd, B Dixon, R Marshall-Jones	P Saunders, W Smith, N Woodward
	Readers:	J Black, P Williams	N/A
	Welcomers:	R Drakes, L Dilley	A Sharp, M Dominey
	Sidespeople:	P & S Williams, J Blackford (Red)	A & A Maynard, Norman Gurney (Family Service)
	PA:	C Parker	J Black
	Crucifer and Servers:	M Simmons, A Dilley V Smithers, Nick Gurney	N Woodward
6.00pm	Readers:	TBA	Compline
	Sidespeople:	J & W Walters, M Williams (Red)	Compline (N/A)

Thursday Service

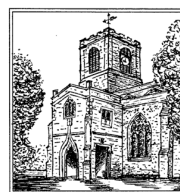
9.30am	PA:	A Maynard	A Maynard
	Intercessor:	R Butcher	T Elcombe

WEEKLY ROTAS

Flowers:	9th December Advent	16th December Advent
Brass:	8th December J Le Warne	15th December 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.



ADVENT SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 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 2nd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Patronal Festival and Confirmation with Richard, Bishop of Bedford
	6.00pm	Advent Service of Light

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Tues 4th	7.15pm	Holy Communion
Thurs 6th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Fri 7th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 8th	10.00am-12.00 Noon	Chapter House Coffee Shop
Sun 9th	8.00am	Holy Communion
*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am	Worship in the Community at St. Andrew's Lower School - East site
	10.00am	Family Communion with Presentation of Toys
	6.00pm	Compline
	8.00pm	Sunday @ 8

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

On this Advent Sunday, let us begin to prepare in earnest for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that we may be thankful for all God's blessings and 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 hold before you all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, and all who grieve, and we bring before you too all who care for them. We pray for justice, mercy and peace throughout God's world, committing ourselves to living in peace with our families, our friends and explore how we can live in the light of this paradox. We pray for justice, mercy and peace, in our Communities and all with whom we share our lives and God's world. We pray for your protection on all who work for peace.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christian Unions and other groups in schools. 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, Ricardo Landsman, Bernie Marron, Susan King,, Joy Botterell, Diane Parsons and Patience (name changed) from Mafambisa.

Continue to Pray For: Ian Pearson, Wendy Walters and Margaret MacInnes

The Departed: Barbara Rowlands, Erik Whiteley

Year's Mind: 3rd Josie Whittaker, 6th Betty Cox, 8th Doris Turner

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

NOTICES

2ND DECEMBER ADVENT SUNDAY – CONFIRMATION AND ADMITTANCE TO COMMUNION

Today at our 10.00am service the Bishop will be confirming 5 adults and admitting in to communion 3 young children. Please pray for both the candidates and children as they make these significant steps in their Christian Lives. After the service we will have a fork lunch for everyone in the Chapter House.

HOUSE GROUP - The House Group continues to meet on Mondays at 7.45pm at 33 Beech Avenue. This week's study is based on John 16:5 - 15 and is entitled "Secrets of the Spirit." *George & Angela*

YEAR'S MIND FORMS are available at the back of the Church for those to be remembered in 2019. *Jackie*

CHURCH ORGAN - Thank you to all the people who regularly ask me when we are going to get our pipe organ back. Unfortunately, due a combination of factors among the several contractors working on our organ, work will not re-commence on site until after Christmas. While this is disappointing, a positive thing is that we should be able to borrow a small electronic organ with pedals from Christmas. Thank you for your patience and encouragement while we have had to make do with our keyboard. *Robert Butcher*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Thank you to anyone who has contributed in any way to our fundraising. The Christmas Stall and light lunches raised £103.00 and the Ampersand Quiz raised a further £92.00. My thanks to Barbara Arnold, for producing yet another addictive fundraiser. *Mary Dominey*

FAMILY SERVICE/TOY SERVICE SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 10.00AM – As usual our December Family Service gives the opportunity for us to bring a long a gift for a child or young person such as a toy, book or game or some toiletries. Please would you give only new items. Our gifts will be distributed locally via The Need Project which exists in Bedfordshire to support people from the community who are facing various situations of need. The Need Project responds to situations via confidential referrals from statutory agencies across Bedfordshire (they also distribute food parcels and other items throughout the year, as well as distributing presents at Christmas). We hope that Gordon Hamilton of The Need Project will be able to be with us at the Family Service/Toy Service this year. *Linda Canty*

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. *Maggie*

ANNUAL APPEAL - CHRISTMAS IS COMING - Please save the stamps from your cards over the next couple of weeks, cut around them and bring to Church, (there is a box at the South door). I will take them to St. John's Hospice where they will be used as part of their fund raising. Many thanks for your cooperation in this very simple and worthwhile task. *Gill Hibbert*

OPEN THE BOOK is continuing to offer weekly assemblies at Caldecote Academy throughout this academic year. The biggest challenge is to locate or make props and costumes of a high standard from one week to the next. In January we would like to borrow a small, grey pop-up tent (to be converted into a whale) and some realistic heavy armour (to be offered to David who rejects it in favour of a sling). We would also like to make a regal cloak in dark red or blue for one of the many kings mentioned in the bible and we are hoping that someone somewhere has an unwanted velvet curtain or similar. If you are able to help with anything, your St. Andrew's Open the Book people are Derek Whinnett and Rosemary Jopson, or contact Liz McDermott via 07903656220 or lizmcd2005@yahoo.co.uk before Christmas. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Harmony Youth Choir and Cantiamo Community Choir are having their end of term informal Christmas Concert on Friday 14th December. The concert will be held in the Chapter House and will start at 7pm. There are no tickets but donations will be welcomed and will be shared equally between Christmas Shoeboxes Appeal and The Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. There will be refreshments and a raffle. It will be great to share with you some of the music we have learned this year as well as a selection of Christmas music. We look forward to seeing you there! *Nettie van de Weerd*

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 3.00PM - This is a service for children and their families, the candlelit service is a happy and lively event, during which all the young children receive a 'Christingle orange', a lovely way to celebrate the Advent season. This year is very special as it marks 50 years since the first Christingle service was held in this country. We hope that you will join us in celebrating this anniversary and making this the biggest year for Christingle yet. The Children's Society work with many vulnerable children, those sleeping on the streets, children with mental health issues, with drug or substance abuse, sexual exploitation, young carers, and those youngsters who at 18 years old leave the care system to cope on their own. All collections from our service are vital in helping the Society continue to reach and support these children who have nowhere else to turn and to give them renewed hope for the future. If you are unable to come to the service and would like to help, donations can be made by using the envelopes and collection candles in Church. *Gill Hibbert*

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.