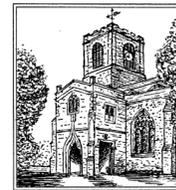


**PRIVACY POLICY** St. Andrew's Privacy Policy can be found at:-  
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**NOTICES - Please no later than Wednesday 11.00am.**

Hand written items to the Secretary or

Email:[notices@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:notices@biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk). Thank you.



**St. Andrew's Church, Biggleswade;  
Worshipping God with joy, growing in faith,  
serving with love, welcoming all.**



**MOTHERING SUNDAY  
22ND MARCH 2020**

Children are welcome to stay throughout the service. **Toys are available in front of the Trinity Altar** (for under 5s), where parents may sit with their children while continuing to take part in the service. Please ask about our **Sunday School** 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)**

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Following advice received from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic;

ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP is suspended until further notice.

The Church will be open daily from 9.00am to 5.00pm for prayer.

With prayer and hope in Christ, at this challenging time for us all.

Guy

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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## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

On this Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for our mothers and for all who have loved and nurtured us throughout our lives. We pray for families of all different shapes and sizes, that all may grow to reflect the image of God through love, caring, compassion and forgiveness. We give thanks too for Mother Church and pray that we may ever grow to reflect the image of God in our daily lives and share God with all whom we meet. We praise God that he is above and beyond our human understanding, that he encompasses both male and female, that he loves and care for each of us individually, regardless of age, gender, wealth, class or circumstance. As we travel through the season of Lent, we pray that as individuals and as a community of faith we may use these weeks to reflect on all that we are, and do, and say, in our relationship with God and in our relationships with each other and the wider world. We pray that our walk with God through trials and tribulations as well as in great celebrations may lead us to worship God with joy, grow in faith serve with love and welcome all. 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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all who lead Bible Study Groups. Living God's Love - Going deeper in to God.

**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](http://www.standrewslink.blogspot.co.uk)

**Needing Our Prayers:** Louise Joy, Yvonne Gray, John Bentley, Bernie Marron, Angela Morris, baby George Pickles, Javier, Anne Maynard, Betty Magill, Paul and Matt Lacy, Patience and George from Mafambisa, Laura and Audrey from Mozambique

**Continue to Pray For:** Audrey Huckle, Rebekah Pickles and Sylvia Rutt

**The Departed:** Bert Boness and Charles Ibbott

**Year's Mind:** 22nd Iris Gold, 25th Dave Fowler, 26th Stanley Pickles

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

## NOTICES

**EASTER CROSSES OUTSIDE** - It will soon be Easter and we would like to erect the large Easter crosses outside the East Window (say 11.15am) on Passion Sunday 29th March. The holes will be open, so it is only a case of bringing the crosses round from behind the tower/ Chapter House and sliding them in the ground. I'll take care of the wedges afterwards. I would appreciate it if at least 4 able bodied men could help on the day, it should only take 10 minutes or so to erect the crosses so we can maintain our tradition of showing these crosses off and reminding passers-by of the true meaning of Easter. Many thanks. *Paul*

**ELECTORAL ROLL 2020** - Are you are 16, or older, on 26th April 2020? If you are, and are not on St. Andrew's Electoral Roll and would like to be, please fill in and sign an enrolment form, located by the North door in Church and give it to Rev'd Guy or George Dilley by 12th April. (This Electoral Roll has nothing to do with the electoral roll for council or government elections). If you are not sure as to whether or not you are on the list already, a copy of current members is on the notice board in the foyer to the Chapter House. (Please inform George Dilley, Electoral Roll Officer, of any anomalies on that list, that is, if you have not informed us of a change of name, or address).

**ORGAN RESTORATION UPDATE** - Following a difficult year the organ was finally returned to us for Christmas 2019. There were external problems for our organ builder and some of his subcontractors. I also required some restoration, namely two new hips! Both operations have gone successfully. We are now in a phase where the organ is "settling in". There are some adjustments and installation of a few remaining components to complete the project soon. We are in a position now to make plans to celebrate the return of the organ. The first event will be a recital by Professor Ian Tracey from Liverpool Cathedral on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. His choice of music has been designed to appeal to a wide audience, not just organ aficionados! This recital will be free, to thank everyone who has supported the project in many ways. I hope you will be able to attend. Rob Butcher organist

**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](http://www.biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk)

## THE BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS' GOLDEN RULES

Last week Bishop Alan shared some thoughts in relation to the COVID 19 pandemic. A précis:

**Golden Rule One.** Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. Offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.

**Golden Rule Two:** Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. Think about phoning others: a smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.

**Golden Rule Three.** Don't give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do your best to help them get it.

**Golden Rule Four.** Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.' *Matthew 6.34.*

And, **don't forget to pray.** Here's a suggestion by a priest in our diocese: *Dear God our Shield and our Defender, guide and protect my neighbour in this time of health emergency; deliver them from all harm and may your love and care ever grow in this place. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.*

Bishop Alan, St Albans