

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick:** Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Michael Brooks, Karen Brown, Dennis Butcher Tuset, Mandy Daly, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Jeffrey Ginn, Gill Harris, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Gill Hynes, Rita Jepson, Margaret Keech, Victoria Martin, Susan Pearson, Doreen Shayler, June Simmonds, Steve Simmons, Darren Smith, Hazel Suffolk, Nick Timms, Clare Walker, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

**The departed:** Nicole Smith.

We endeavour to keep this list up-to-date; if you have any questions, please speak to Dominic, Beverley, Liz or one of the readers.

**Year's Mind**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Fuller, George Goode, Albert Grimmer, Ella Lampard, John Woodbridge
10 <sup>th</sup>	Edward Eagles, Lilian Martin, Ellen Osborne, James Robinson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Line, Freda Thomson
12 <sup>th</sup>	Edwin Letts, Eliza Palmer, Bridget Warner
13 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Gallacher
14 <sup>th</sup>	Cecil Claridge, Clara Dench, Olive Warrener
15 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Ashman

## NOTICES

**BIBLE STUDY** meets every Wednesday on Zoom at 7.00pm. If you would like to join us please contact David Young on 01525 404947 or dryoung1@btinternet.com Each meeting is independent and you can join as many, or as few, as suits you.

### CHRISTIAN AID BREAKFAST

Churches Together in Ampthill and Flitwick will be holding a breakfast to begin Christian Aid Week at Sacred Heart Church Flitwick, MK45 1JP.

It will be held in the in the Canon Denis Room on 14 May from at 9.00 am.

Everyone welcome, please book a half hour time slot between 9am and 11am by emailing Debbie at: [ctaf2021@outlook.com](mailto:ctaf2021@outlook.com)

**SOUP LUNCH** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 12noon-2pm. Donations: Jigsaw Club. All welcome.

# ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

WITH ST MICHAEL'S, MILLBROOK, AND ST LAWRENCE'S, STEPPINGLEY

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Parish Eucharist  
Hymns: 141 – The head that once was crowned; 162 – Jesus, where'er thy people meet; 122 – How sweet the name of Jesus sounds; 176 – Happy are they  
Anthem: Psalm 23 – Goodall  
Recessional: Short prelude and fugue in F – Bach

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

St Andrew's, Ampthill  
St Lawrence's, Steppingley  
St Michael's, Millbrook

11.15am Parish Eucharist *Bishop Richard*  
11.15am Holy Communion (BCP) *Paul Lanham*

### DURING THE WEEK

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm-2.00pm 7.30pm-9.30pm	Soup Lunch in the Chapter House Ampthill Choral Soc. rehearsal in St Andrew's Ampthill Preservation Soc. in the Chapter House
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm-10.00pm	Yoga in the Chapter House
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm 3.15pm-4.15pm 7.00pm-8.00pm 7.45pm-8.45pm	Tai Chi in the Chapter House Dance Group in the Chapter House Zoom Bible Study Wine Society in the Chapter House
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.15am-11.30am 6.45pm-8.15pm 7.00pm-8.15pm	Said Eucharist in St Andrew's Church Yoga in the Chapter House Yoga in the Chapter House Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.00am 11.30am-12.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Toddle Toes in the Chapter House Pilates in the Chapter House St Andrew's Choir Rehearsal Yoga in the Chapter House

**Morning Prayer is said at 9.00am each weekday at St Andrew's.**

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

8.00am Said Eucharist  
9.30am Parish Eucharist  
11.15am Morning Praise  
11.15am Said Eucharist  
6.30pm Taizé Service

#### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Andrew's, Ampthill  
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St Lawrence's, Steppingley  
St Michael's, Millbrook  
St Andrew's, Ampthill

### CONTACTS

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Account no.: 40063762

Please ensure that notices are with Dominic by Thursday for inclusion in the next pew sheet.

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

<sup>36</sup>In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Acts 9: 36-end*

**Thanks be to God.**

*A reading from the Book of Revelation*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' <sup>14</sup>I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*Revelation 7: 9-end*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*John 10: 22-30*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**