

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Shelagh Almond, 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, Julie, Margaret Keech, Victoria Martin, Susan Pearson, June Simmonds, Steve Simmons, Darren Smith, Hazel Suffolk, Nick Timms, Clare Walker, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: Doreen Shayler

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

30th	Florence Durham
31st	Audrey Cross, Adelina Mascucci
1st	Annie Fossey
2nd	May Dolton, Alfred Lett, Gerald Rolfe, Olive Ruddick
3rd	Alfred Binks, Paula Hedley, Mabel Knight, John Russell
4th	
5th	

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.

DOREEN SHAYLER RIP Doreen's funeral will be at St Michael's Church at 2pm on Friday 17th June. We continue to pray for Gill and Louise following their mother's death.

CHURCHYARD EXPLORER MORNING I am organising a Churchyard Explorer Morning on Saturday June 11th. Would anyone be able to help me by devising a 1-page children's picture quiz? You wouldn't have to be present on the day - as long as you provide me with an answer sheet! Nigel

SOUNDSORBA PANELS With grateful thanks to a donor, we are ready to order the **Soundsorba** panels for the Chapter House. They are designed to significantly improve the sound quality in the Chapter House. We now need to choose the colour of the panels, and in the Chapter House you will find a chart where you'll see actual samples. Please take a look and tick in a column to indicate your preferred colour choice. Nicky Hele and Elizabeth Houghton

JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA TODAY. 3pm-5pm in the Chapter House. All welcome!

AMPTHILL'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

1.00pm – Town Crier announcing Platinum Jubilee on the Market Square
From 8.30pm – Lighting of the Beacon in Ampt Hill Park

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

7.30pm – Platinum Music Evening at Parkside Hall. Tickets from Ampt Hill Town Council.

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

From 12 noon – Street Party in the Alameda.
6.30pm – Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church
attended by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire

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

ST ANDREW'S | AMPTHILL

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Said Eucharist	Sunday 29 th May
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampt Hill
	Hymns: 4 – Christ whose glory fills the skies; 359 – Filled with the Spirit's power; 147 – Crown him with many crowns; 139 – Rejoice the Lord is King	St Andrew's, Ampt Hill
	Anthem: Turn thy face – Attwood	
	Recessional: Fantasia in C – Bach	

11.15am Morning Praise St Lawrence's, Steppingley

11.15am Said Eucharist St Michael's, Millbrook

DURING THE WEEK

Wednesday 1 st	10.15am-11.30am	Yoga in the Chapter House
	1.00-3.00pm	Tai Chi in the Chapter House
	3.15pm-4.15pm	Dance Group in the Chapter House
	4.00pm	Marriage Rehearsal at St Andrew's
	7.00pm-8.00pm	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 2 nd	10.00am	Said Eucharist in St Andrew's Church
	6.45pm-8.15pm	Yoga in the Chapter House
	7.00pm-8.15pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 3 rd	11.30am-12.30pm	Pilates in the Chapter House
	12.30pm	Holy Matrimony at St Andrew's
	7.00pm	St Andrew's Choir Rehearsal

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 5th June

8.00am	Said Eucharist	Pentecost
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampt Hill
11.15am	Worship Together	St Andrew's, Ampt Hill
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley
6.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for HM The Queen	St Michael's, Millbrook
		St Andrew's, Ampt Hill

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COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs ²¹that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 16: 16-34

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ¹²'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 17: 20-end

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**