

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Shelagh Almond, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Dennis Butcher Tuset, Mandy Daly, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Derek Hunt, Gill Hynes, Rita Jepson, Julie, Margaret Keech, Judy Lanham, Paul Lanham, Victoria Martin, Susan Pearson, David Perks, Alan Schneider, June Simmonds, Steve Simmons, Darren Smith, Hazel Suffolk, Nick Timms, Gary Williamson, and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: Baby Woody and Michael Lyons.

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

15th Muriel Cowin, Alan Hall, Joan Northwood, Margaret Wiggins
16th Emily Rothwell
17th
18th Daniel Billington, Peggy Burrows, Yvonne Hodgson, Ann Holmes, James Horsley
19th William Carter, Joan Smith
20th
21st Elizabeth Boness, Thelma Bunker, Martha Evans, Elizabeth Farrington-Downes, Herbert Harris, Edward White

BIBLE STUDY is taking a summer break and will resume in September.

COFFEE AND CHAT is on Tuesday (16th August). 10.30am-12.00pm in the Chapter House. All welcome!

STONES IN THE PARK Churches Together will be running a stone decorating activity for children in Ampthill Park near the café on Thursday 11th August and Thursday 18th August between 10am and 3pm. If you are able to help man the stall for an hour, please email ctaf21@outlook.com All offers of help gratefully received.

ST ANDREW'S ART EXHIBITION will be held this year on the weekend of 7th-9th October. Rules and entry forms are available from Beverley. Please encourage all your artistic friends to enter.

DOMINIC will be made Rector of the benefice at a special service on Sunday 4th September at 6.30pm in St Andrew's. This will be followed by celebratory refreshments in the Chapter House. All are welcome.

SUMMER EVENSONGS continue this evening (14th August) at Ampthill. Evening service followed by a glass of wine (soft drinks available too!). What's not to like? Our final Summer Evensong will be on 28th August at Steppingley.

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

ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

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

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist

Hymns: 422 – Tell out my soul; 311 – Virgin-born, we bow before thee; 532 – Ye watchers and ye holy ones; 142 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Anthem: Ave Maria – Arcadelt
Recessional: A Fugue – Handel

11.15am Parish Eucharist St Lawrence's, Steppingley
11.15am Holy Communion St Michael's, Millbrook
1.00pm Holy Baptism St Andrew's, Ampthill
6.30pm Summer Evening Service St Andrew's, Ampthill

Sunday 14th August

St Andrew's, Ampthill
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DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 16th 10.30am-12.00pm Coffee and Chat in the Chapter House
7.00pm-9.30pm Town Band Rehearsal in St Andrew's
7.30pm-9.30pm Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Thursday 18th 10.00am Said Eucharist in St Andrew's Church
2.30pm Funeral of Baby Woody at St Michael's
6.45pm-8.15pm Yoga in the Chapter House
7.00pm-8.15pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 19th 11.30am-12.30pm Pilates in the Chapter House
7.00pm St Andrew's Choir Rehearsal
Saturday 20th 9.30am-3.00pm Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 21st August

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.15am Morning Praise
11.15am Said Eucharist

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 23: 23-29

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

²⁹By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 12: 49-56

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**