

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: HM The King, Bishop Alan, Shelagh Almond, Chris Ames, Gill Ames, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Dennis Butcher Tuset, Harley Byrne, Diane, Frankie Cooper, Rhiannon Crick, Mandy Daly, Anne Davies, Debbie, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Dot Jones, Julie, Margaret Keech, Paul Lanham, Baby Lily, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, Donna Prior, June Simmonds, Darren Smith, Rachel Snow, Robin Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Nick Timms, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: John Abbiss, Peter Palmer, and Pearl Rogers.

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

17th Eva Bruton, Frederick Dearman, Elizabeth Emery, James Fitt *priest*, John Wheeler, Eleanor Wilks

18th Jack Garnham, Kathleen Holder, Annie Negus

19th Eli Dix, Tommy Donegan, Martha Hopkins, William Ira-Smith, Molly Thomson

20th Arthur Clarke, Emily Kugler, John Woodcock

21st Myrtle Bishop, Angelina Chappell, Kathleen Davis, Rosa Wheeler

22nd Madeline Wilmot

23rd Amy Lawton, Emma Pressland

THE NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY meets each Wednesday on Zoom. No commitment. You can join as many or as few as you would like. Please contact David Young dryoung1@btinternet.com 01525 404947

ANNUAL REPORTS Thank you to all who have sent me their annual reports for 2023. There are still some outstanding. Anyone needing to write a report for last year's activities, please send these to Elizabeth Neil (Elizabeth_neil@hotmail.com) by 24th March (Palm Sunday). Thank you.

FOODBANK Due to your amazing generosity we can only accept donations of food, cleaning products and toiletries for the time being. We cannot take clothes, bedding or other articles because we have no storage space. Thank you for your incredible kindness.

SOUP LUNCH A huge thank you to everyone who came to help on Monday in response to our plea. You are wonderful! We made £221 plus online donations for the Respite at Home charity, in memory of Jean Briar. Stella and Adela.

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers at St Andrew's, please pass your donation to Elizabeth Neil, or place them in the wall safe in an envelope marked 'Easter Flowers'. Thank you.

Next Sunday (Palm Sunday) the 9.30am service will begin on the Town Square.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent		Passiontide Begins	Sunday 17 th March
8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	
	Hymns: 70 – It is a most wonderful thing; 56 – Forty days and forty nights; 237 – Take up thy cross; 63 – My song is love unknown		
	Anthem: Let all mortal flesh – Murray		
	Recessional: Voluntary in A minor – Stanley		
11.15am	Morning Praise	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	
11.15am	Said Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook	Followed by APCM
6.30pm	Taizé Service	St Andrew's, Ampthill	

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 18 th	10.30am-12.00pm 7.30pm-9.30pm	Coffee and Chat in the Chapter House Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Tuesday 19 th	9.15am-11.00am 7.00pm-9.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm-9.30pm	Little Stars in the Chapter House Town Band Rehearsal in St Andrew's Deanery Synod Meeting at Shefford Church Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Wednesday 20 th	10.15am-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm	Yoga in the Chapter House Tai Chi in the Chapter House
Thursday 21 st	10.00am 10.15am-11.30am 10.30am-12.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist at St Andrew's Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House Coffee Morning at St Lawrence's Ampthill PCC Meeting in the Chapter House Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 22 nd	7.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Choir Practice at St Andrew's Yoga in the Chapter House
Saturday 23 rd	From 1.00pm	Private Event in the Chapter House

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

NEXT SUNDAY

24 th March		Palm Sunday
8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
11.15am	Morning Service	St Michael's, Millbrook
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley

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COLLECT

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';

⁶as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who

obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

²⁷'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

²⁸'Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

³⁰Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 12: 20-33

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**