

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Shelagh Almond, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Harley Byrne, Diane, Frankie Cooper, Rhiannon Crick, Mandy Daly, Debbie, Win Dennis, Gary Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Julie, Margaret Keech, Helen Macabe, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, Donna Prior, June Simmonds, Heid Simon, Darren Smith, Robin Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Carol Vanner, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: Gordon Sell, John Hall, Ron Chapman

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

1st John Cornwall
2nd Elsie Harris
3rd Julia Bal, Sophie Billington, Barbara Holt, Lilian Jackson
4th Eileen Anstruther-Norton, Kate Cherry, Arthur Moore, Marion du Sautoy, Ernest Smith
5th Margaret Adams, John Aynsley, William Capps, Dorothy Clark, June Kirby, Vic McCarthy, Joyce Parrott, George Raymond, Jeffrey Reynolds, John Savage, Marie Smith
6th Claude Everitt, Sarah Gower, Sarah Horsley
7th William Hudson

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY is on Wednesdays at 7pm. If you would like to join us please contact David Young on 01525 404947 or dryoungl@btinternet.com Each meeting is independent and you can join as many, or as few, as suits you.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL continues today at St Andrew's 11.00am -4.00pm

SING-ALONG-A-CHRISTMAS After you've enjoyed the Tree Festival, why not keep the Christmas mood going by coming to the Sing-Along-A-Christmas afternoon on Saturday 7th December? All your favourite Christmas hits played live in the church. Adults £5, Children £2. Tickets from Number 14 or from Nigel P.

Please ensure that notices are with Beverley by Wednesday for inclusion in the next pew sheet.

ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

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

Sunday 1st December

8.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Ampthill	<i>Pippa Kilgour</i>
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	<i>Rev'd David Powell</i>
	Hymns: 28 – Lo, he comes with clouds descending, 24 – Hark a thrilling voice; 179 – God of mercy, God of grace, 147-Crown him with many crowns.		
	Anthem: Arise, shine – Simper		
	Recessional: Nun danket –Karg Elert		
11.15am	Worship Together	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	<i>Stella Brooks</i>
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook	<i>Rev'd Paul Lanham</i>

Advent Sunday

DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 3rd	9.15 -11.00am	Little Stars in the Chapter House
	7.30pm	Preservation Society in the Chapter House
Wednesday 4th	10.15am-11.30am	Baby Yoga in the Chapter House
Thursday 5th	10.00am	Said Eucharist at St Andrew's Rev'd David Powell
	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 6th	11.00am	Funeral of Gordon Sell in the Church
	7.00pm	Choir Practice in the Church
Saturday 7th		Sing –Along –a –Christmas Concert in the Church
Sunday 8th	7.00 -9.00pm	Yoga in the Chapter House

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 8th December

8.00am	Said Eucharist
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
11.15am	Parish Eucharist
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Second Sunday of Advent

St Andrew's, Ampthill	<i>Rev'd Anne Barker</i>
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St Lawrence's, Steppingley	<i>Rev'd Anne Barker</i>
St Michael's, Millbrook	<i>Rev'd Paul Lanham</i>

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COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Prophet Jeremiah

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

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: ²⁵'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the

heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, ³⁵and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 21: 25-36

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**