

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 Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Julie, Margaret Keech, Helen Macabe, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Carol Page, Cliff Page, 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: Peter Smith, John Goodship
We endeavour to keep this list up-to-date; if you have any questions, please speak to Beverley, Elizabeth or one of the Readers.

Year's Mind

12th	Frederick Chappell, Henry Malden, James Smith, Robert Stringer
13th	
14th	Margaret Chappell, Timothy Rayner, Kay Simpson, William Stanbridge, Mabel Telford
15th	Audrey Farmer, Oliver Payne, Eric Pratt, John Wheeler
16th	Patricia Hodges, Dorothy Langford, Hannah Pressland, Ann Sears
17th	Harriet Bassett, Frank Harrison, Joseph Thompson
18th	Jodie Coble, William Godfrey

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY meets on Zoom on Wednesdays. 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.

SOUP LUNCH Tomorrow Monday 13th January. 12pm-2pm. St Andrew's Chapter House. Donations for Willen Hospice. All welcome!

CHURCHES TOGETHER GENERAL MEETING All welcome. Saturday 25th January Greensand Community Methodist Church Flitwick. Breakfast 8.45am. If you are intending to come, please email ctaf2021@outlook.com with any dietary requirements.

ANNUAL REPORTS If you have any reports for 2024 please send them to Elizabeth ASAP. elizabeth_neil@hotmail.com Thank you

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 12th January

8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Archdeacon of Bedford
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	

Hymns: 342 –Awake, awake: fling off the night, 506 – Praise and thanksgiving be to our Creator. 343 –Be thou my vision, 402 –Now is eternal life
Anthem: The Lord is my Light - Hammond
Recessional: Allegro Maestoso - Mendelssohn

11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	Archdeacon of Bedford
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Michael's, Millbrook	Rev'd Paul Lanham

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 13 th	12.00pm-2.00pm 6pm	Soup Lunch in the Chapter House Churchyard Nature Club in the Chapter House
Tuesday 14 th	9.15am-11.00am 7pm -9pm	Little Stars in the Chapter House Yoga in the Chapter House
Wednesday 15 th	10.15am-11.30am 12.30pm-3.30pm	Baby Yoga in the Chapter House Tai Chi in the Chapter House
Thursday 16 th	10.15am-11.30am 10.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Baby Yoga in the Chapter House Said Eucharist at St Andrew's Rev'd David Powell PCC meeting in the Chapter House Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 17 th	7.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Choir Practice in the Church Yoga in the Chapter House
Saturday 18 th		
Sunday 19 th	1.00pm-3.00pm	Singing Circle in the Chapter House

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 19th January		Second Sunday of Epiphany	
8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Rev'd Andy Jefferson
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Rev'd Andy Jefferson
11.15am	Morning Praise	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	Stella Brooks
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook	Rev'd Andy Jefferson
6.30pm	Taize Service for the Week of Christian Unity	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Chris Hodges

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COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

¹Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

¹⁴When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 8: 14-17

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**