

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, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Fuller, Sharman Harrall, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Julie, Margaret Keech, Helen Macabe, Victoria Martin, Paul Merry, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, Donna Prior, June Simmonds, Heid Simon, Darren Smith, Robin Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: Carol Vanner, Maureen Hickey, Judy Garrett, David Bowler

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

27th	
28th	Arthur Cole, Edna Ferris, Lewis Stickler
29th	Archibald Jacques, Philip Read
30th	Anne Aynsley, Margaret Fuller, Hilda Grange, Yvonne Short
1st	Fanny Barton, Joseph Farmer, Philip Harkin-Wynne
2nd	Lucy Preston, Lily Slaughter, Gladys Smith
3rd	Elizabeth Brooks, Richard French, Olive Spalding

NOTICES

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.

CHRISTIAN AID BREAKFAST –BIG BREKKIE

Churches Together in Ampthill and Flitwick will be holding a breakfast to begin Christian Aid Week at Sacred Heart Church Flitwick, MK45 1JP.

It will be held in the in the Canon Denis Room on 17th May from 9.00 am.

Everyone welcome, please book a half hour time slot between 9am and 11am by emailing ctaf2021@outlook.com

ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

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

TODAY

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 27th April

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

Hymns: 82-Jesus lives!, 74- O sons and daughters, let us sing!, 83-Love's redeeming work is done;, 74 – verses 6-9
Anthem: The strife is o'er – Vulpius arr. Ley
Recessional: Adagio from Toccata Undecima - Muffat

11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	Archdeacon of Bedford
11.15am	Morning Service	St Michael's, Millbrook	Kerry Smith

DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 29 th	9.15am-11.00am 7.30pm-9.30pm	Little Stars in the Chapter House Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Wednesday 30 th	10.15am-11.30am 12.30pm-2.30pm	Baby Yoga in the Chapter House Tai Chi in the Chapter House
Thursday 1 st	10.00am 2.30pm 6.45pm-8.15pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist in St Andrew's Church Rev'd Nigel Washington Funeral of Maureen Hickey in Church Yoga in the Chapter House Bell-ringing at St Andrew's
Friday 2 nd	7.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm	Choir Practice in the Church Yoga in the Chapter House

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 4th May

8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Communion by Extension
11.15am	Worship Together
11.15am	NO SERVICE
2.30pm	Baptism
6.30pm	Evensong

Third Sunday of Easter

St Andrew's Ampthill	Pippa Kilgour
St Andrew's, Ampthill	Pippa Kilgour
St Lawrence's, Steppingley	Stella Brooks
St Michael's, Millbrook	
St Andrew's, Ampthill	
St Andrew's, Ampthill	

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

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

²⁷When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, ²⁸'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Acts 5: 27-32

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

Revelation 1: 4-8

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 20: 19-31

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**