

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

The departed:

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

23rd	Amy Lawton, Emma Pressland
24th	Ida Massingham, James Negus, Maurice Northwood
25th	Ada Bruce, Winifred Hoskins, Mary Kingsmith, Margaret Wingfield
26th	Cameron Brookman, Pierre du Sautoy, Douglas Fisher, Henry Gibbs, Christopher Maclin, Frances Smallshaw
27th	Agnes Smallshaw
28th	Charles Harrison, Sonja Smith, Elsie Wheeler
29th	William Cole, Benjamin Hawthorn, Jim Yates

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.

JUMBLE SALE Have a Spring Clean to help make our Jumble sale on 5th April a big success. Please leave your good quality jumble at the back of church. Thank you

PARISHIONERS MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
Thursday 10th April 7.30pm ALL WELCOME

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

Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 23rd March

8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Rev'd Andy Jefferson
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Rev'd Andy Jefferson

Hymns: 204 – Let us with a gladsome mind; 57 – My spirit longs for thee; 271 – Bread of heaven on thee we feed; 211 – Through the night
Anthem: Lord for thy tender mercies sake – Anon
Recessional: Short Prelude and Fugue in G minor – Bach

11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	Rev'd Andy Jefferson
11.15am	Morning Service	St Michael's, Millbrook	Kerry Smith

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 24th	7.30pm-9.30pm	Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House
Tuesday 25th	9.15am-11.00am 7.30pm-9.00pm	Little Stars in the Chapter House Yoga in the Chapter House
Wednesday 26th	10.15am-11.30am 12.30pm-2.30pm 8.00pm-10.00pm	Baby Yoga in the Chapter House Tai Chi in the Chapter House Wine Society in the Chapter House
Thursday 27th	10.00am 10.45am 6.45pm-8.15pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist at St Andrew's Rev'd Roger Wood Russell School visit the Church Yoga in the Chapter House Bell Ringing Practice at Andrew's
Friday 28th	7.00pm 7.30-9.00pm	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 30th March	Mothering Sunday	
8.00am Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Pippa Kilgour
9.30am Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	Rev'd David Powell
11.15am Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook	Rev'd Paul Lanham
11.15am Worship Together	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	Stella Brooks

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COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The LORD says this:

¹Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 13: 1-9

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**