



St Andrews Church
Great Linford

29th MARCH 2026
5th SUNDAY OF LENT

(morning services are live-streamed to <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsGL>)

WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S GREAT LINFORD

Welcome to St Andrew's, Great Linford. We're so glad you're here, and we hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. We are part of the Stantonbury Ecumenical Partnership, and our Church has been a place of worship at the heart of this community since the 12th century — complete with a beautiful ring of mid-18th-century bells.

For centuries we have worshipped together, served our community together, and shared our faith in Jesus Christ. Here, ***all are welcome in this place.***

Our services are mainly traditional, with Holy Communion offered most Sundays at 10am. The first Sunday of each month is our Open Door Service, and throughout the week you'll also find other moments of prayer and gathering.

We would love to welcome you to our services and events, and to get to know you. For more information, please visit our website

<https://stantonbury.net/wp/st-andrews-great-linford>

St Andrew's Team

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2026 – HOLY COMMUNION
begins at 10am

Led by the THE REV'D PETERSON FEITAL

Theme:- PALM SUNDAY

Readings:

Mark 11 1 -11

Matthew 27 1-54

Hymns:

12 All Glory Laud and Honour

640 Ride on, ride on in Majesty

52 At the name of Jesus

521 My song is love Unknown

ST ANDREW'S SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026

05/04/26. 10am Easter Sunday Rev'd Peter Ballantine
08/04/26 10am. Monthly Midweek Communion Rev'd Professor John Beazley
12/04/26. 10am 2nd Sunday of Easter Rev'd Peterson Feital
19/04/26. 10am 3rd Sunday of Easter. Rev'd Professor John Beazley
26/04/26. 10am. 4th Sunday of Easter. Rev'd Peterson Feital

BRITISH SUMMER TIME BEGINS

Clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 29th March 2026

"Don't be late for church"

FIVE WAYS CAFÉ

Tuesday 14th April 2026 - 11am to 1pm

EVENTS FOR HOLY WEEK

See, "From The Rev's Desk" (below) for events at St Andrew's during Holy Week.

~~GOLD CHURCH~~

WARM CHURCH

The problem with the boiler is now resolved. The church is once again heated

FROM THE REV'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters,

As Holy Week approaches, I have found myself returning to my journal and to the writings of the saints. Among them, Teresa of Ávila continues to speak with striking clarity. Reading *Interior Castle* once again, I am reminded not of perfection, but of humanity. The saints do not place themselves beyond us. Instead, they draw us nearer to a simple and profound truth: that God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. It is a thought both humbling and deeply comforting, and one I have been holding close in these days of reflection.

As we prepare together for Holy Week, two things rest particularly on my heart. To remain close to God is also to remain close to one another. Closeness requires time. Time to listen, to share, and to learn something from each other's journeys.

With this in mind, I warmly invite you to join us for a series of gatherings across the week.

We begin on **Monday, 30 March at 2 pm at St Andrews**, where we will host an hour of meditation on the journey of faith. I will be leading a reflection on *The Way of the Pilgrim*, and through music, poetry and journalling, we will take time to consider our own walk with Christ. **All are welcome from across the partnership.**

On Thursday, 2 April at 3 pm, we will gather again for a short and reflective Maundy Thursday service, lasting around thirty-five minutes, including the stripping of the altar. I will be joined by Revd Judy Rose and Revd Charles Dixon in leading this quiet and meaningful time together.

On Good Friday, starting at 2 pm, there will be a service of readings, hymns, prayers, and quiet time, reflecting on 'The Way of The Cross'. It will be led by Revd Peterson Feital and Revd Professor John Beazley. The service will end at 3.00 pm and you are welcome to remain in quietness afterwards if you wish. I will be available until 4.30 pm for anyone who would like to talk quietly with me and pray together.

My prayer is that this Easter season may be for each of us a time of reflection, of renewed closeness to God, and of deeper connection with one another, as we remember Christ's love and what it means to walk humbly in the world.

With every blessing,

Peterson

1st WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

"The Person, Human & Divine"

Wednesday, 1st April, following Holy Communion at 10.00 am, there will be a short break for coffee and fellowship. Thereafter, the 5th in the present series of seminars will be part 1 of "Jesus As a Person". This will focus on what we can learn of how Jesus understood himself in relation to his physique, his birth, his mission, his claims, and his awareness of his status in the community.

Should you care to join us and participate in the friendly discussion you would be most welcome.

John Beazley.

SAFEGUARDING

St Andrews Safeguarding Officer is Stephen Jolly whose email address is

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Many thanks, Peterson Feital

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if you would like further information about **services, weddings, funerals, baptisms** at St. Andrew's, please email greatlinford@googlemail.com

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