

The Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle



Holy Communion

Collect, Invitation to Confession,
Kyrie Confession, Readings, Psalm, Gospel
and Post Communion Prayer



The Benefice of the Uffington Group

St Martin of Tours, Barholm with Stowe | St Margaret of Antioch, Braceborough
St Thomas of Canterbury, Greatford | St Lawrence of Rome, Tallington
St Michael and All Angels, Uffington
St Andrew the Apostle, West Deeping | St Faith of Aquitaine, Wilsthorpe

We extend a very warm welcome to those visiting, those returning and the regular members of the congregation.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle and the Liturgical Colour in church today is Red.

Andrew was the older brother of Simon Peter, a fisherman, a disciple of John the Baptist, and the first disciple called to follow Jesus Christ. ... In Christianity today, he is revered for doing something that would have been extraordinarily hard for anyone to do: being first.

At the spiritual heart of West Deeping is our church which is dedicated to Saint Andrew the Apostle and this dates back at least 750 years.

We have tried to include sufficient instructions to help you take part in the service, **Please join in with the congregational responses in BOLD** and *follow the guidance in the italicised rubrics*. If you'd rather sit and listen then you're very welcome to be still and let the words wash over you. However you join in, we pray that you sense the presence and love of God.

While we wait for the service to begin, it may be helpful for us to sit in stillness and quiet to help us prepare our hearts and minds to take part in this service of worship.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr Aran Beesley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr Aran Beesley - Parish Priest
Rector of the Benefice of the Uffington Group.

Invitation to Confession

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.' Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Kyrie Confession

You were sent to preach the good news of light
in the darkness of the world:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were sent to plant in our hearts the seed of eternal life:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You were sent to reconcile us to yourself
by the shedding of your blood:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew
that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and
brought his brother with him:
call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you
without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Old Testament reading is taken from Isaiah 52. 7-10

(Please sit)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'.

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The New Testament reading is taken from Romans 10. 12-18

(Please remain seated)

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for

'Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 19.

(Please remain seated)

Their word goes forth through all the earth.

R. Their word goes forth through all the earth.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.

R. Their word goes forth through all the earth.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.
Their word goes forth through all the earth.

R. Their word goes forth through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand and turn to face the Gospel)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you into fishers of men.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Matthew ❖ ❖ ❖

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen