

Across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

OPEN CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday 21 June 2015



A to Z of CHURCHES OPEN IN BEDFORDSHIRE

LOCATION, TIMINGS and ATTRACTIONS

*plus names of all churches open in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
listed by Postcode*

*‘Seek and you will find.....’
(Matthew 7.7)*

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- AMPTHILL St Andrew** Church Square, Church Street MK45 2EW
Open from 11.00am to 5.00pm **Tea, coffee, cake**
Features: 15th century roof angels. Heraldry, brasses and stone memorials. Stained glass windows including memorial to Katherine of Aragon.
Guided tours of church, bell tower and churchyard, occasional organ recitals and book and plant stalls
- ASPLEY GUISE St Botolph** Church Street MK17 8HN
Open from 9.15am to 5.30pm. Communion service at 9.30am.
Features: Effigy of knight. Good stained glass in Nativity Chapel and 17th century woodwork on pulpit.
- BEDFORD All Saints** Westbourne Road MK40 4LD
Open from 9.30am to 12.30pm. 10am Eucharist with Sunday School. **Tea and coffee**
Information regarding our interfaith project and relationship with black history.
- BEDFORD Christ Church** Denmark Street MK40 3TJ
Open from 8.30am to 8.30pm
Coffee/tea after 10am service, complimentary barbecue, afternoon cake and cuppa
Features: 1958 Cachemaille-Day architecture. Norman and Beard organ relocated from Pollokshields. Lively and friendly church community.
Bouncy castle, face painting, organ recital, music, games and more - all complimentary
- BEDFORD St Peter de Merton with St Cuthbert** De Parys Avenue MK40 2TX
Open from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Service at 10.15am **Hot and cold drinks and biscuits**
Features: Burnaby window. Chancel history. Bell tower.
- BEDFORD St Mark** Calder Rise MK41 7UY
Open from 9.00am to 5.00pm
Features: Garden of Remembrance. Stained glass by Joseph Nuttgens. National award winning modern Community Centre buildings.
- BEDFORD St Martin** Clapham Road MK41 7PW
Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm **Tea, coffee, cake**
Features: Fine Victorian building. Impressive hanging rood. Glass by Clayton and Bell.
Bric a brac and cards stall
- BIDDENHAM St James** Church End MK40 4AS
Open from 2.00pm to 4.30pm **Bring and share picnic tea from 3pm-4.30pm**
Features: Church building partly from 12th century
Plant stall and ancient books on display
- BIGGLESWADE St Andrew** Shortmead Street SG18 0JB
Services at 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm
For further details of the day, visit: www.biggleswadeparishchurch.co.uk
- BLETSOE St Mary the Virgin** The Avenue MK44 1QD
Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm **Refreshments**
Features: Newly restored 15th century font. 16th century alabaster memorial to Sir John St John. Restored bells.
Access to newly restored ringing chamber

- BLUNHAM St Edmund or St James** Park Lane MK44 3NQ
 Open from 1.00pm to 4.00pm **FREE refreshments for all**
Features: Grade 1 listed building. John Donne, poet, was Rector of this parish. .
News of forthcoming alterations: Big Changes Coming Soon to a Church Near You!
- CARDINGTON St Mary** Church Lane MK44 3SR
 Open from 2pm
Refreshments
Features: R101 display. Whitbread memorial chapel. .
- CARLTON St Mary** Turvey Road MK43 7LD
 Open from 2.30pm to 5.00pm **Refreshments**
Features: Founded pre-Norman Conquest. 12th century font with Green Man motif. Millenium stained glass window.
- CLIFTON All Saints** Church Street SG17 5ET
 Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm **Teas**
Features: Carillon. 16th century tomb. Medieval screen.
Open Gardens, mini Flower Festival, tombola and plant/produce stall
- CLOPHILL St Mary the Virgin** High Street MK45 4BJ
 Open from 2.00pm to 4.00pm (and earlier as usual) **Tea, coffee, biscuits**
Features: Modern East window depicting the boy Jesus and Mary. Wood and metal screen from the Old Church separating main church from chapel. Reordering of the back of the church.
The Registers will be available for viewing
- COCKAYNE HATLEY St John the Baptist** Cockayne Hatley SG19 2EA
 Open from 11.00am to 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Flemish woodwork. 14th century window of English saints. Windows by Willement c.1820.
Church guides available and tower open
- COLMWORTH St Denys** Church Lane MK44 2JU
 Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm **Tea, coffee, cake**
Features: Grade I listed unaltered Perpendicular style church (Chancel currently closed as East Window is being replaced). Timothy Matthews' tomb in churchyard. Direct access to country park
Church history exhibition by Colmworth and Neighbours' History Society
- COPLE All Saints** Grange Lane MK44 3TT
 Open from: 9.00am to 4.00pm
Features: Windows and brasses
- EATON BRAY St Mary the Virgin** Church Lane LU6 2DP
 Open from 8.00am - 5.00pm
Features: Medieval carved north arcade. Medieval font. Ornate iron work on south door.
- EATON SOCON St Mary** Great North Road PE19 8EJ
 Open from 8.30pm to 5.00pm. Services at 9am and 10.30am **Refreshments**
Display board showing church life and ministries. Prayer team available for prayer and healing.
- EDLESBOROUGH St Mary the Virgin** Church End LU6 2EP
 Open for Edlesborough Festival weekend. Access may be restricted at times
 Full programme of events will be available on www.edlesboroughchurch.org.uk/home
Features: Dramatic hill top location. Victorian wall paintings. Medieval 'hour-glass" pulpit.
- FELMERSHAM St Mary** Church End MK43 7JB
 Open from 9.30am to dusk
Features: West Front (early English). Chancel screen c.1425. Nave arcading and central tower.

- FLITWICK St Peter & St Paul** Church Road MK45 1AE
Open from 1.00pm to 5.00pm **Strawberry teas**
Features: Grade 1 listed building. Norman archway. Domesday plaque.
Information plaques around the church and display board in Chapter House
- GOLDINGTON St Mary the Virgin** Church Lane MK41 0HN
Open from 12noon to 5.00pm **Cold drinks**
Features: 14th century font. 16th century brasses and medieval graffiti. Unusual combination of 15th and 20th century architecture.
Exhibition boards, possible tower tours and craft stalls
- GREAT BARFORD All Saints** High Street MK44 3LQ
Open from 11.00am to 4.00pm (Saturday and Sunday) **Ploughman's lunchec, tea, coffee and cakes**
Floral displays on the theme of "Sport"
- HARLINGTON St Mary** Church Road LU5 6LE
Open from 2.00pm to 4.00pm **Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits**
Features: John Bunyan window, altar, and display. Stained glass window in memory of Ivor Clemitson, MP and clergyman. Renovated organ.
Stalls to include local Harlington honey, bookmarks, cards and Church Guide
- HENLOW St Mary** Church Road SG16 6AN
Open from 2.00pm to 4.00pm **Refreshments**
Features: 12th century building. Stained glass windows including 2013 addition. Pilgrim Fathers' connection.
- HOCKLIFFE St Nicholas** Church End LU7 9NH
Open from 3pm to 5.30pm **Teas, cakes and scones**
Features: Medieval church. Bells. Views.
- HOUGHTON REGIS All Saints** High Street LU5 5UB
Open from 8.30am to 4.00pm **Tea, coffee, cakes, savouries. Cream teas from 3pm to 4pm**
Features: Norman font. Sewell tomb. Memorial stained glass windows.
Church goods, books, tombola and craft stalls. Bell tower and photographs
- KEMPSTON All Saints** Church End MK43 8RH
Open from 12.30pm to 5.00pm **Tea and cakes**
Features: Norman chancel arch. Two medieval panels. Churchyard setting by riverside.
Children's illustrated booklet
- KEMPSTON Church of the Transfiguration** Bedford Road MK42 8BQ
Open from 9.00am to 4pm
- KENSWORTH St Mary the Virgin** Church End, The Lynch LU6 3RA
Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm **Hot and cold drinks, biscuits and cakes**
Features: Norman (and later) Church. Stained glass window previously displayed at London Exhibition. Carvings of Aesop's Fables around Church doors.
Small local history of Kensworth exhibit
- KEYSOE St Mary the Virgin** Church Road MK44 2HW
Open from 10.00am to 5.00pm **Cream teas**
Features: 12th century building. 13th century font with Norman French inscription. Reredos carved by Ian Howgate.
Books, bric-a-brac and tours of the church

- LANGFORD St Andrew** Church Street SG18 5QA
Open from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Features: Small medieval wall painting. Front pews of architectural importance (cf. Pevsner). Memorial to the Revd Ewbank, Curate and Vicar for 66 years from 1867.
- LUTON Holy Cross, Marsh Farm** Purway Close LU3 3RT
Open from 11.30am to 4.30pm **Tea, coffee, cakes**
Features: Stained glass cross window. Statue of Virgin and Child.
Arts and crafts exhibition
- MAULDEN St Mary the Virgin** Church Road MK45 2AU
Open from 9.00am to 6.00pm. Service at 9.30am **Cream teas**
Features: Sgraffito. Mausoleum.
Open Gardens in the village from 12noon to 5.00pm
- MILTON BRYAN St Peter** Milton Bryan MK17 9HR
Open from 1.00pm to 4pm **Tea, coffee, cakes and nibbles**
Features: Joseph Paxton stained glass window. Church dating back to 11th century. Splendid interior and architecture.
History table about church and village. Cards, nearly new items and other stalls/sideshows.
- MILTON ERNEST All Saints** Church Green MK44 1RH
Open from 12noon to 5.00pm **Hot drinks, biscuits, cakes, soft drinks**
Features: Butterfield features. Beautiful old church.
- NORTHILL St Mary the Virgin** Ickwell Road SG18 9AA
Open from 12.30pm to 5.00pm
Features: 17th century windows. Francis Pott, author of "Angel voices", was Rector of Northill.
- ODELL All Saints** High Street MK43 7AA
Open from 12noon to 4.00pm **Light afternoon refreshments**
Features: Connection with Concord, Massachusetts, USA. Churchyard ecological site.
- OLD WARDEN St Leonard** Church Lane SG18 9HD
Open from 12noon to 6.00pm **Ploughman lunches and afternoon teas**
Features: Continental carvings from early 19th century. Medieval stained glass from Warden Abbey. Carvings possibly from Anne of Cleves private chapel.
Flower Festival
- RENHOLD All Saints** Church End MK41 0LU
Open from 9.00am to 6.00pm **Cream teas 3pm-5pm**
Features: Fine 13th century church. Excellent Chapter House. Beautiful surroundings.
Bookstall, Songs of Praise at 5pm, outside if weather is good
- SANDY St Swithun** High Street SG19 1AQ
Open from 12 noon to 6.00pm **Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits**
Features: Views from the tower. Stained glass. Stone carvings.
Flower Festival, trips up the tower, children's quiz, books and preserves
- SHELTON St Mary** Village Road PE28 0NP
Open from 9.00am to 6.00pm
Features: Grade I listed building mainly 13th Century. Original 15th century oak pews. Wall paintings on North wall.
- SOUTHILL All Saints** Old Warden Road SG18 9LL
Open from 10.00am to 6.00pm **Refreshments**
Features: Admiral Byng. Stained glass. Whitbread pew.

- STANBRIDGE St John the Baptist** Tilsworth Road LU7 9QJ
Open from 2.00pm to 4.30pm
Afternoon teas
Features: Jacobean pulpit. Original 13th century font. Squint window.
History of the church with records, plans, photographs, etc. Patronal Festival.
- STEVINGTON St Mary the Virgin** Church Road MK43 7QB
Open from 11.00am to 5.00pm
Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits
Features: Saxon base to the tower. Poppy head pew ends. The Holy Well.
Displays by Stevington Historical Group and Bedfordshire Geology Group
- STONDON All Saints** Meppershall Road SG16 6LJ
Open from 12.30pm to 5.00pm
Strawberry and cream teas
Features: Unique Victorian stained glass window. Unusual layout. Churchyard and picturesque setting.
- STOPSLEY St Thomas** Hitchin Road LU2 7UL
Open from 8.00am to 7.30pm (may be closed from 2pm to 4pm)
Refreshments for most of the day
Features: Traditional Victorian village church built 1862.
Services at 8am, 10am, 11.30am, 1pm, 5pm and 6.30pm
- STOTFOLD St Mary the Virgin** Church Road SG5 4NF
Open until late afternoon. Service at 10.00am
Scarecrow Festival weekend
- STUDHAM St Mary** Church Road LU6 2NW
Open from 10.30am to 5.00pm
Teas
Features: Norman font. Foliate capitals. War memorial panels and photographic war memorial.
- SUNDON St Mary** Manor Road LU3 3PA
Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Hot and cold drinks and cakes
Features: Ancient screen and pews. Parish chest. Wall paintings.
Summer Fete with stalls, activities and games
- SWINESHEAD St Nicholas** High Street MK44 2AA
Open from 9.00am to 7.00pm
Features: Frieze outside. Unspoilt interior. Expressive stone faces.
- TILSWORTH All Saints** Stanbridge Road LU7 9PN
Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- TOTTERNHOE St Giles** Church Road LU6 1RE
Open from 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, biscuits
Features: John Piper stained glass window. Building constructed of Totternhoe Clunch stone.
Churchyard with wild flower areas.
Ringing chamber open
- TURVEY All Saints** High Street MK43 8EP
Open from 10.00am to 6.00pm
Cream teas
Features: Mordaunt family memorials. Medieval wall painting. Norman font.
Music, brass band. Tours of the church
- UPPER CALDECOTE All Saints** Biggleswade Road SG18 9BL
Open from 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Tea and biscuits
Features: Grade II listed building. Intricate polychrome brickwork. .

- WHIPSNAD** St Mary Magdalene The Green LU6 2LL
 Open from 10.00am to 4.00pm **Hot and cold drinks, savouries and cakes**
Features: Simple 18th century brick design by Nicholas Hawksmoor. Royal Coat of Arms and
 Commandment boards. Victorian apse.
Choir and organ performing in the afternoon. Posters around church to explain features
- WILDEN** St Nicholas Church Walk MK44 2PB
 Open from 10.00am to 6.00pm **Cream teas and Teddy Bears' Picnic**
Features: Medieval East window. Black Death burial pit. Royal Coat of Arms, 1837.
Afternoon activities: Teddy Bear drop from Tower. Salvation Army Band
- WILLINGTON** St Lawrence Church End MK44 3PU
 Open from 10.00am to 5.00pm **Refreshments**
Features: Gostwick Chapel and memorials. Medieval tiles. Organ.
Activities for children and book stall
- WOBURN SANDS** St Michael Church Road MK17 8TA
 Open from 9.00am to 8.00pm Service at 9.45am **Tea, coffee, biscuits**
Features: Very good acoustics
Music performed during the morning
- YILDEN** St Mary Church Lane MK44 1AU
 Open from 10.00am to 5.00pm
Features: 16th century pulpit from which John Bunyan preached. 14th century masonry and wall painting.
 Organ by J. Trustam of Bedford, 1865.

Bedfordshire by Post Code

LU2	STOPSLEY St Thomas
LU3	LUTON Holy Cross, Marsh Farm SUNDON St Mary
LU5	HOUGHTON REGIS All Saints HARLINGTON St Mary
LU6	KENSWORTH St Mary the Virgin STUDHAM St Mary TOTTERNHOE St Giles WHIPSDADE St Mary Magdalene
LU7	HOCKLIFFE St Nicholas STANBRIDGE St John the Baptist TILSWORTH All Saints
MK17	ASPLEY GUISE St Botolph MILTON BRYAN St Peter WOBURN SANDS St Michael
MK40	BEDFORD All Saints BEDFORD Christ Church BEDFORD St Peter de Merton BIDDENHAM St James
MK41	BEDFORD St Mark BEDFORD St Martin GOLDINGTON St Mary the Virgin RENHOLD All Saints
MK42	KEMPSTON Transfiguration
MK43	CARLTON St Mary FELMERSHAM St Mary KEMPSTON All Saints ODELL All Saints STEVINGTON St Mary the Virgin TURVEY All Saints
MK44	BLETSOE St Mary the Virgin BLUNHAM St Edmund or St James CARDINGTON St Mary COLMWORTH St Denys COPEL All Saints KEYSOE St Mary the Virgin MILTON ERNEST All Saints SWINESHEAD St Nicholas WILDEN St Nicholas WILLINGTON St Lawrence YIELDEN St Mary
MK45	AMPTHILL St Andrew CLOPHILL St Mary the Virgin FLITWICK St Peter & St Paul MAULDEN St Mary the Virgin
PE19	EATON SOCON St Mary
PE23	SHELTON St Mary
SG5	STOTFOLD St Mary the Virgin
SG16	HENLOW St Mary STONDON All Saints
SG17	CLIFTON All Saints
SG18	BIGGLESWADE St Andrew LANGFORD St Andrew NORTHILL St Mary the Virgin OLD WARDEN St Leonard SOUTHILL All Saints UPPER CALDECOTE All Saints
SG19	SANDY St Swithun COCKAYNE HATLEY St John the Baptist

Hertfordshire by Post Code

AL1	ST ALBANS St Peter ST ALBANS St Paul
AL3	FLAMSTEAD St Leonard
AL4	HARPENDEN All Saints ST ALBANS MARSHALSWICK St Mary
AL6	AYOT ST LAWRENCE St Lawrence WELWYN St Mary
AL10	HATFIELD St Luke
EN5	ARKLEY St Peter
EN6	POTTERS BAR King Charles the Martyr RIDGE St Margaret
HP1	BOXMOOR St John HAMMERFIELD St Francis of Assissi BOURNE END St John the Evangelist GREAT GADDESSEN St John the Baptist
HP4	LITTLE GADDESSEN St Peter & St Paul NORTHCHURCH St Mary
HP23	LITTLE GADDESSEN St Peter & St Paul NORTHCHURCH St Mary
SG1	STEVENAGE Holy Trinity
SG2	ARDELEY St Lawrence ASTON St Mary BENINGTON St Peter WALKERN St Mary the Virgin
SG3	KNEBWORTH St Mary DATCHWORTH All Saints
SG4	WESTON Holy Trinity
SG7	HINXWORTH St Nicholas WALLINGTON St Mary
SG8	BARLEY St Margaret of Antioch REED St Mary ROYSTON St John the Baptist
SG9	BRENT PELHAM St Mary the Virgin BUCKLAND St Andrew SANDON All Saints ANSTEY St George ASPENDEN St Mary
SG10	MUCH HADHAM St Andrew
SG11	BRAUGHING St Mary the Virgin LITTLE HADHAM St Cecilia STANDON St Mary
SG12	WARE Christ Church WARE St Mary the Virgin WIDFORD St John the Baptist
SG13	BAYFORD St Mary LITTLE AMWELL Holy Trinity PONSBORNE St Mary
SG14	BRAMFIELD St Andrew HERTINGFORDBURY St Mary WATTON-AT-STONE St Andrew
WD3	CROXLEY GREEN St Oswald
WD6	BOREHAMWOOD Holy Cross
WD7	RADLETT Christ Church
WD23	BUSHEY St James the Apostle BUSHEY HEATH St Peter
WD24	WATFORD Christ Church

