

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

The Third Sunday Before Lent **16th February 2025**

10.30am **Choral Eucharist**

President: *The Rev'd Alison Baxter, Associate Minister*

Deacon &

Preacher: *The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster*

Later today:

6.00pm **Iona Evening Prayer**

Officiant &

Preacher: *The Rev'd Sharon Crofts, Associate Minister*

Welcome to St Andrew's — may God's peace be with you.

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

If you have felt something special in this service and want to talk about faith, have a chat with one of the clergy or ministers after the service.

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn.

The Gathering

The president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Introit: *Blest are the pure in heart, Walford Davies*

*Blest are the pure in heart
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode*

*Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart*

*The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring
To dwell in lowliness with men
Their Pattern and their King*

*Lord, we Thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart
A temple meet for Thee*

Please stand

Opening Hymn: 584: All my hope on God is founded

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Prayers of Preparation

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

Brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate,
let us call to mind our sins.

A brief time of quiet is kept.

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Absolution

The President says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all who with heartfelt repentance
and true faith turn to him:
Have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand as you are able

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God in the Highest
and peace to his people on earth
Lord God, Heav'nly King
Almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us.
You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

**For you alone are the Holy one
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
In the Glory of God the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

All Amen.

A time of quiet is kept.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

For the word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God

**Gradual Hymn: 556: Alleluia! Alleluia! Raise the Gospel
over the earth!**

Please stand
Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(Luke 6:17-26)

We sing together

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you* on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
We sing together

All Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit

Sermon

The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

A short period of quiet follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from
heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers are offered for the church and for the world, for the local community, those who suffer and the communion of saints.
Responses which may be used:*

Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share with one another a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: 812: Through all the changing scenes

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this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
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The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give thanks and praise

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,

we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

We sing together

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.

The Deacon says:

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew and all the
saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The sanctuary bell is rung. Please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

We sing together

**All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

**All We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your
table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who are baptized may receive communion as directed by the stewards. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward to receive God's blessing. If you need a gluten free host, please let the minister know.

If you would like to be baptized, we would love to hear from you. Please talk to one of the ministers at the end of the service.

Communion Hymn: 236: Breathe on me, Breath of God

Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Bach

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that
Fashioned*

*Hark, what peaceful music rings,
Where the flock, in thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless
springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead thine own*

*With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.
Through the way where hope is
guiding,*

Post Communion Prayers

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy
receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn: 763: Praise to the Holiest in the height

During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church.

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Conclusion

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

Any item for News & Notices should be with the office by Wednesday, 12 noon.

More on offer for Children and Young People - in an exciting development there is a new pattern to provide for the young people of our congregation due to their growing numbers.

Church Mice Corner: 0-4. Godly Play: 4 - 10. Café Space - 10 upwards. This will be alongside their continued involvement as acolytes in Worship All Together.

Bereavement Point 2pm - 3.30pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!). Opportunity for group

conversation and relationship building where everyone is welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

Generous Giving Week 2024. A very big thank you to all who responded to our Generous Giving appeal last autumn. Regular giving has increased by £800 per month and a number of generous one-off gifts have been made. There is still quite a way to go to balance our books, but we are most grateful for all that has been pledged. Please have a word with Simon Armstead or any member of the PCC if you would like to know more about how to support St Andrew's financially.

Omega Course. A course offering a safe space for participants to learn about preparations for our own mortality and how to support others. The course content includes: living life fulfilling your wishes, preparing and planning for the future, Mental Capacity Act, Lasting Power of Attorney, choices for end of life, how to talk to people who are sick or bereaved; as well as topics raised by participants. Have a word with Sharon to find out more. Look out for the leaflets and sign up to attend.

Equip Hub: The diocese provides opportunities for life-long learning and training, in person, online and on Zoom. There are courses to explore your faith, training for lay ministry and free resources, videos and podcasts. Head onto ww.equiphub.org.uk/ to find out more.

Our first of two annual food festivals is happening on April 26th in the church Gardens between 11 and 4pm. Ben Jennings, community engagement lead, is looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to help pack down the event (because he is running a Candle Lit Concert in the church on the same date!). The jobs to be carried out are as follows: packing down a small gazebo or two, stacking and taking in 20 wooden chairs, folding away and taking in the 6+

tables, reeling extension cables, moving in wooden stage blocks, carrying in speakers, and cleaning up litter. It will take approximately 1 hour, between 4 and 5pm (if we have 3 people working together). Thanks in advance for your support.

Rugby Methodist Church is marking LGBT+ History Month with "Stories", Informal, Inclusive Cafe Worship at 7pm today. The service will engage with LGBT+ stories past and present, accepted and loved as a part of God's story.

If you would like to share part of your story in the gathering, or if you have any questions, please contact Rev'd Nathan at Nathan.Falla@methodist.org.uk

Amazing Grace is a learning community committed to promoting racial equality within the church of God. The sin of racism continues to affect the church, preventing it from fulfilling God's vision in Rev 7:9 of the people of God from every tribe, people and language worshipping together. If you would like to join, the community meets on four Tuesday evenings starting on the 4th March at St Paul's Church, Foleshill. Register on Equip Hub, or have a chat to Rev'd James.

There will be a service of Confirmation at St Andrew's Church on the evening of the 19th April, Easter Eve. Details about confirmation preparation courses to shortly follow. If you, or someone you know, would like to be confirmed, have a chat to Helen Bryant, or Rev'd James or Rev'd Edmund.

There is a handbell practice for tune-ringing on handbells on Sunday afternoon, 3pm to (about) 4pm. If anyone is interested in having a 'go' (or just listening!) you are welcome to join us in

Next Sunday's Bible Reading

Why not study the reading during the week?

Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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**Diary for the week
17th – 22nd February**

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
10.30am Art with Aish
6.30pm Community Singers
7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*

Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
9.30am Reflective Eucharist *followed by coffee*
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
6.00pm Free Voice

Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
12.00pm Eucharist
7.00pm PCC

Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
2.00pm Bereavement Journey
6.30pm Board games group
7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Big Table Gospel group

Saturday 10.00am-12noon Café open

Sunday 23rd February

Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

12.30pm Baptism of Miah McKay-Beresford

6.00pm Evensong