

Advent Sunday 1st December 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Worship All Together

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Peter Privett

Deacon: Helen Bryant, Children's and Families' Minister

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey



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 president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Introit: Creator of the starry height, Conditor Alme Siderum

sung by the choir.

Please stand

Opening Hymn: 31: Lo, he comes with clouds ascending

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.

Please sit or kneel.

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath

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 commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

When the Lord comes,

he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

During a time of silence, the first candle is lit on the Advent Wreath.

Heavenly Father,

you have created a universe of light:

forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,

you are the light of the world:

cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

A time of quiet is kept.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the
works of darkness,
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great
humility;
that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty,
to judge both the quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

All Amen.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn: 801: The Son of God his glory hides

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Isaiah 40.3-5

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 21:25-36

We sing together

All Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together

All Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

Talk *The Rev'd Peter Privett*

A short period of quiet follows the talk.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through Faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens
us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. As we prepare to pray together, the children will light the Christ Candle, signifying a time of quiet and prayerful stillness.

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick

and raise up all who have fallen,

let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Mary S, Jane B, Luci
& Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Donald,
Alan & Tim, Mary G, Ron G, Marion, Cheryl W, Pauline W, Teresa V,
Jane G., Kate F, David.

In memoriam: Rita Bright. John Rogers

The Peace *Please stand*

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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: 45, O Come, O come Emmanuel.

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The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

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 always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.
You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

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**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

The sanctuary bell is rung.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

The sanctuary bell is rung.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,

send your Holy Spirit,

that we who share these gifts

may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us

that we may love one another,

work for the healing of the earth,

and share the good news of Jesus,

as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,

with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:

one God, for ever 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*

**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

Come to this table,
not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a
right to come, but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to
love him more.

Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or gluten free bread, please indicate this to the ministers.

**Communion Hymn: 37: Hark what a sound, and too divine
for hearing.**

Anthem: And the Glory the Lord, Handel

Post Communion Prayers

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn: 30, Come thou long expected Jesus.

The Blessing

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

All: Amen.

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

All: Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.

All: Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit with be with us all,
evermore.

All Amen

Conclusion

The Deacon says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

Advent at St Andrew's

The season of Advent begins on the 1st December.

Our **Advent Quiet Day, 'Journeying to Bethlehem'**, is an opportunity to prepare spiritually for the Advent and Christmas. It will take place at Budbrooke on Saturday 30th November from 10am to 4.30pm, led by Rosemary Privett and Heather Fielding. Lifts will be available and a donation of £8 towards costs would be appreciated. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to come.

The **Advent Carol Service** is on Sunday 1st December at 6pm. As part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas, you might like to join the **Big Table Gospel** group as it reflects on the themes of Advent through the lens of poetry and to come to the weekly evening eucharist on **Thursdays in Advent at 6pm**.

News and Notices

Items for News & Notices should be emailed to the office by Wednesday, 12noon.

St Andrew's Monthly All Age Family Walks Our next altogether parish family stroll is on Saturday, 7th December (1:30pm to 3:30pm) at Ryton Pools Country Park, CV8 3BH.

Everyone is welcome, no one is too old, or too young.

We will meet at the "Pirates" play area opposite the Ryton Pools café and take a leisurely stroll to the ice-cream van at the "Foothills" play area!

Children, you are welcome to bring your bicycles and pushchairs.

We will finish our walk with a lakeside hot chocolate, marshmallows & cream, or a coffee/tea from the St Andrew's pop-up mobile café.

As we are an eco-gold church, we encourage car sharing, please ask if you need a lift, or can offer a car lift. Any questions, please ask Simon (sarmstead68@gmail.com)

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/>

Rita Bright. Rita's funeral service will take place at Rainsbrook Crematorium on Monday 2nd December at 1pm. All who knew Rita are warmly invited to attend.

Festival of Christmas Trees. Our annual festival opens on Friday 29th November. If you are able to help staff the church during set-up on Thursday 28th, please speak with Joyce.

Manchester Carols Saturday 7th December at 7pm Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Carol-singing and Handbell-ringing in Care Homes. As usual, we will be singing in five homes around the parish this Christmas: Thursday 12th December 10.15 Rugby Care Home, 11.15 Farmers Court,; Monday 16th December 10.30 Granville, 11.15 Te Hira, 3pm Trinity Court. All are welcome—you don't need to be a trained singer—just enthusiastic! You might also like to join our handbell ringers, who are practising at the moment—if you're interested, please speak with Christine Homer.

Nativity Trail at May Blossom Farm. Come and meet the donkeys and sing carols around the manger on Saturday 21st December, 1.30-3.30pm

Recycling Update

Thanks to your support a further bag of **Milk Container Tops** has been provided to aid the school in Sierra Leone, cumulatively some 13 bags and 44,508 milk container tops prevented from going to landfill. Donating your used **Ink**

Cartridges has so far raised over £1000 for the work of the church, let's see how quickly we can double this. A further two boxes of **Candles and Tea Lights** have been despatched for recycling, with these you have saved some 40.48 kg from going to landfill. Don't forget to recycle your old/unused **Spectacles** for Rugby Rokeby Lions to recycle, they can be deposited in their collection box. Thank you for your continued support of our various initiatives.

Eco Tip: Be a tourist in your own area – from parks, walks, theatres and museums there is plenty to enjoy in the Rugby area. Why not think of a local holiday, rather than flying?

Prayer App [James to add]

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The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com.

**Diary for the week
2nd- 6th December**

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
11.00am Church Mice Baby & Toddler Stay & Play
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

Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
12.00pm Eucharist
5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Big Table Gospel
6.00pm Advent Eucharist
6.30pm Board games group
7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

Saturday 10.00am-12noon Café open
7.00pm Manchester Carols

Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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