



St Andrew's Church Rugby

Thanksgiving for Harvest and Generous Giving **6th October 2024**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Worship All Together

Livestreamed: [twitch.tv/standrewrugby](https://www.twitch.tv/standrewrugby)

President: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Leader and Reflection: 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.

Introit *sung by the choir*

Thou visitest the earth

Please stand.

Opening Hymn 282 Come, ye thankful people come

During which Harvest gifts can be brought forward

The Greeting *is given by the president*

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.

The president welcomes the congregation. Younger children and their parents are welcome to use the play area in the south aisle.

Prayer of Penitence

The deacon says

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our failings, especially the ways in which
we take God's good gifts for granted.

Silence is kept.

Creative God, you have gifted us with your creation,
yet we take your good gifts for granted;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Gracious God, you bless us each day, yet we forget to be thankful;

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Generous God, you offer new life through your Son, yet we turn away from you;

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May God who so loved the world that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gathering of Gifts and Thanksgiving

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,

All and enter his courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord

All and bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

All his steadfast love endures forever.

After each of the thanksgivings that follow, please join in the response;

Father in heaven

All We give you thanks and praise.

At the end:

All Lord, in token of our gratitude,

**We bring to you symbols of the harvest
and the fruit of our labours.**

We ask you to accept them and us for your service.

Amen.

The people's gifts are brought forward and placed around the high altar.

The Collect

Let us pray *Silence is kept.*

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.

Gradual Hymn 284: For the fruits of all creation

Please remain standing

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for
harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(6:25-35)

All Glory to you, O Lord

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they
said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered
them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not
because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the
loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the
food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will
give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his

seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

Talk by James

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God for his gifts so generous given to us, and for the blessings we each abundantly receive.

For the beauty of creation, for the wonder of new life, for all things seen and unseen.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the gift of life that you breathe into us,
for minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For our families and friends,
for all who we love and who love us,
for your image revealed through those around us.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For life of your church, its vibrancy and diversity,
for the mission in which we all share.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the vocations in which you call us,
for the skills which are nurtured and grow,
for our ministries in all walks of life.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For your creativity planted in each person,
for voices to sing our praises to you,
for our capacity to create.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For your love which brings us peace even in the darkest of
times, for your strength when we feel weak and vulnerable,
for your hope when all seems lost.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For all financial gifts offered to our church,
for blessings offered to be a blessing to others,
for sacrifices made to further mission and enable us to be
Christ in the world.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the generosity of this community,
for all who give their time and skills,
for the gifts which are built up and encouraged,
for acts which point beyond themselves and reveal your glory.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For you, O God,
for your beauty revealed in all things around us,
for love and life everlasting.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the wisdom of your Spirit,
for gifts given and nurtured,
for sustaining us in prayer.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For your Son, Jesus Christ,
for the gift of his perfect sacrifice,
for our hope in him, and the joy of serving his Church.

All We give thanks to you, O God.

**All Source of all life and giver of all that is good,
hear our praise and prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with
joy forever.**

The Peace *Please stand*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those around us, saying
'peace be with you'*

Offertory Hymn 289: To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

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this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online: givi.ng/1160223*



The Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

**All All things come from you and of your own do we give
you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

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.

Eternal God and Father, all things are in your making.
In fulfilment of your promise you have showered us with
blessings and filled us with your gifts.
You form us in your image, the first fruits of your creation,
and by your Holy Spirit embed within us generous hearts
that we may be channels of your self-giving love.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom of priests
to serve you with joy for ever.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus *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.
Blessed 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

Coming before the Father with thankful hearts,
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.**

The communion assistants join the ministers at the holy table

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.**

Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.

Communion Hymn 285: God, whose hand is all creation

Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem *Maunder*

Post Communion Prayers

God our creator,

you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place

where hunger and thirst are no more;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Closing Hymn 290: We plough the fields, and scatter

Blessing and Final Responory

May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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.

Feast of St. Francis Celebration—May Blossom Farm TODAY, 6th October. 3.00pm-5.00pm. Our friends at May Blossom Farm are holding an event to ask for God's blessing on our animals and celebrate the life of St. Francis with crafting and prayer.

Eco Tip of the Week. Brush up on recycling rules! What is accepted in our kerbside recycling wheelie bins in Rugby Borough? If you put items made from materials that aren't actually accepted for recycling in the wrong colour wheelie bin, you risk contaminating the entire load, which could then be sent for incineration, or landfill. Check Rugby Borough Council's website to make sure you're on top of what's recycled and what isn't. www.rugby.gov.uk/what-goes-in-which-bin

Rugby Foodbank is seeing an ever-increasing need, but a reduction in vital donations. By donating this Harvest you can support local people facing hardship. Top five items needed this Harvest: long-life fruit juice, instant coffee, tinned fish, tinned potatoes, jam/marmalade.

Talking Jesus. Sharing our faith with those around us isn't always easy, but it is something we are called to do. Join Archdeacon Barry and Gareth Fitzpatrick to explore the latest Talking Jesus research and how this can help us communicate to good news of Jesus clearly and effectively. A series of events across the diocese, coming to St Andrew's on **Wednesday 9th October at 7.30pm.** More information from: Gareth.fitzpatrick@Coventry.anglican.org

Second Saturday Songs 12th October 10.30am, led this month by members of the Rugby Male Voice Choir. All welcome.

Fundraising Workshop. One of the ways in which you may be able to help St Andrew's is by sharing in the writing of funding bids. On the 15th October some of us will be attending a fundraising workshop—please have a word with one of the wardens or clergy if you feel you could help.

Come and Sing Day - As part of our Choral Tradition we would like to introduce the singing at St. Andrews to more children and young people. This will be taking place on 30th October 2024. Information available on the website. Do let Helen or Will know if you would be able to help at any point in the day.

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/>

Thirteen Bells Book Club We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. The group includes parishioners from St Andrew's and we are lucky to be joined by friends from Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist and Evangelical churches in Rugby. Our Friday meetings continue to focus on the Gospel reading for the forthcoming Sunday. Our Thursday meetings now have a specific topic for discussion. So far, we have covered Pilgrimage, the Psalms and Prayer. Future themes include Green Christianity and Going on Retreat. New members are always welcome. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com.

Women of Righteousness - Where are you planted? Where are you planting? A conference at Launde Abbey with Jenny Campbell

and the team. 3pm Fri 25th April to 12pm Sun 27th April 2025
COST: Full board £290 Single £235 Shared Times of quiet, teaching, prayer, prophecy, relaxation, refreshing, friendship and laughter in a beautiful and historic setting. To book your place please contact: juliet.packer49@gmail.com

In Our Hands Eco Film. On Thursday 10th October, 7-9.30pm, come to the Rugby Eco Hub at 43 Clifton Road and see this inspiring and uplifting film, and participate in a discussion about how the food system locally can be improved . https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thinking-thursday-in-our-hands-film-and-discussion-tickets-1006962641367?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Everyone is invited to an **Evening of Stories, Poems and Songs** on Friday October 18th at St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm. An Evening With The Rugby Cafe Writers is part of the Rugby Literary Festival which takes place that weekend. The Cafe Writers, who meet every fortnight in the church, will present readings from their new book, Dive Into A Poem, plus a selection of very short stories along with music from The Scutters and our own Ben Jennings. Tickets are £3 on the door and there will be a bar and a bookstall selling books by the Cafe Writers.

Loving: Black History Month Film Screening. On Sunday 20th October at 4pm, we will be holding a film screening of the film *Loving*. Based on the true story of Richard and Mildred Loving, *Loving* tells the story of a young couple's interracial marriage in the United States in 1958. Their love and struggle against racism and prejudice eventually lead to a landmark case in the Supreme Court.

Diary for the week 7th - 12th October

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Ball of Yarn knitting and crochet group
	6.30pm	St Andrew's Community Choir
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	9.30am	Reflective Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	1.00pm	
	2.00pm	Bereavement Point
	6.00pm	Free Voice
Wednesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	12.00pm	Midday Eucharist (Holy Communion)
	5.00pm	Young Choristers
	7.30pm	Talking Jesus Event
Thursday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	5.00pm	Bell ringing training
	6.30pm	Board Games group
	7.15pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Big Table Gospel Group
Saturday	10.00am-12pm	Café open. <i>Pop in for friendship and fellowship!</i>
Sunday 13th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity (Sunday in Black History Month)		
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Choral Eucharist
	6.00pm	Evensong

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