

St Andrew's, Rugby

Third Sunday of Advent



15th December 2024

Collect:

○ Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Music and Hymns

Introit: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, *Gardner*

Opening Hymn: 35 Fling wide the gates

Gradual Hymn: 38 Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding

Offertory Hymn: 47 People, look to east

Anthem: This is the record of John, *Gibbons*

Communion Hymn: 44 O Child of promise, come

Recessional Hymn: 769 Rejoice! The Lord is King

Old Testament Reading:

Sing aloud, ○ daughter Zion; shout, ○ Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, ○ daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for
it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the
earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

News and Notices

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

New this week

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! If you can help,
please let Edmund or James know.

Your Church Needs You! We need help distributing Christmas
Cards to all the homes in the parish and stewarding the many
special events in church this season—please look at the sign-up
sheets at the back of church and let Hash or Joyce know if you
can help.

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

Making Christingles is fun! Helen and a team of willing volun-
teers will be making Christingles for the Christingle Services on
the 23rd December from 10am. Snacks and hot drinks provided.
Let Helen know if you would be able to help.

Prayer Shawls—ideal Christmas Presents. The wool for the
shawls has been hand spun dyed and woven using much of the
wool from May Blossom Farm Each shawl comes with a prayer
sheet with simple suggestions for use. Price £50 and all pro-
ceeds go to the work of May Blossom Farm and the Children's
Society. Contact Peter Privett after the service.

Regular Events

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 wel-
come and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

The **Big Table Gospel** group meets every week around the talk-

Later Today
6.00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Diary for the week
8th - 14th 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*
6.00pm Advent Eucharist
6.30pm Board games group
7.15pm Choir Practice
- Friday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Big Table Gospel
- Saturday** 10.00am-12noon Café open
2.00pm Lantern Making and Parade

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6.00pm Iona Evening Prayer