

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

Third Sunday before Lent: Septuagesima
16th February 2025

8.00am **BCP Holy Communion**

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

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

Later today:

10:30am **Sung Holy Communion**

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

Deacon &

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

6.00pm **Iona Evening Prayer**

President

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

Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

And Jesus came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all. And he lifted up

his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation.

Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

News and Notices

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

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.

More on offer for Children and Young People - in an exciting development there is a new pattern to provide for the young people of the 10:30 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/>

Did you know that **Choral Evensong** services happen at Rugby School Chapel every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 6pm. All are welcome, ask Helen for further details.

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 on Sunday 16th February at 7pm. 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 practice for tune-ringing on handbells on Sunday afternoon, 3pm to (about) 4pm. If anyone is interested in having a 'go' (or just listening to them: constructive criticism will be appreciated) you are welcome to join us in church. Entry will be via the West door.



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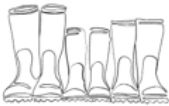


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Next Sunday's Bible Reading

Why not study the reading during the week?

Luke 6:17-26

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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
2.00pm Bereavement Point
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
8.00pm Candlelit Concert

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