



St Andrew's Church Rugby

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

Advent Sunday **1st December 2024**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Worship All Together Sung Eucharist

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

Collect

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.

Amen.

Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Jesus continued speaking to them, saying, And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be over-

charged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

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

News and Notices

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

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?

Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays.

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.**

**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