

Sunday

@ *St Andrew's*

23rd March 2025 - The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

6.00pm Choral Evensong

President: Edmund Newey

Reflection: James Sampson-Foster

Mass Setting: Penitential Mass

Introit: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant*

Anthem: Teach me thy way, O Lord *Fox*

Processional Hymn: **295** Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth,

Gradual Hymn: **116** Be thou my guardian and my guide

Offertory Hymn: **594** Be still, my soul

Communion Hymn: **119** 'Forgive our sins as we forgive'

Recessional Hymn: **761** Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer: Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, Jane G, David. S.M, Faith F, Alison J, Jane B, Russell, Gary and family

In memoriam: Len & Pat Hall, Ronald Fisher, Tyrese Bryan, Pamela Mawby

News and Notices

Any item to be included should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12noon

News this week

Families Easter Workshop: 16th April 2-5. Come and make an Easter Garden, help create Easter flowers and think more deeply about Easter as a family. More details to follow. Volunteers and encouragers always welcome!

ADVANCE - prayer for schools and young people. You are invited to join an ecumenical gathering on Sunday 23rd March at The Woodlands Centre, Cymbeline Way, Rugby at 6pm for a focused evening of prayer for schools and young people in the town.

Yellow Gift Aid Envelope Each week there are a number of Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes that we cannot use to claim the intended enhanced giving of 20%, as the detail boxes have not been completed by the donor. It is vital that each of the boxes on the face of the Yellow Gift Aid Envelope contain your title, full name, full address and postcode together with the date you place your giving within the envelope - without this information we are unable to claim the 20% enhancement on your giving from HM Government and the envelope used if sealed is also wasted. The intended 20% enhancement of your giving is especially welcome to assist church but is lost if you do not fully complete the detail boxes. Thank you for your assistance.

Recycling Update Your 10th box of candles has been despatched for recycling weighing 12.8 Kg meaning cumulatively 123.84 Kg has been saved from going to landfill. As well as your candles, tealights and candles in containers you can deposit for recycling your used ink cartridges, milk container tops, used and

replaced spectacles, old mobile telephones and used postage stamps. Many thanks for your support of our many recycling initiatives.

Relaunch of The St Andrews' 100 Club We are pleased to announce that The St Andrews' 100 Club is being relaunched from April 2025 with a new organising and administration team.

The first prize draw being made in May and monthly thereafter. The Club year will run from April to March annually and Application Forms will be available soon in Church for you to complete. Each number will be priced at £25 per annum (the first increase for many years) and there is no limit to the number of tickets that you may purchase. It is acknowledged that this is an increase from the previous £15 ticket price (pre2024) however we feel it is more reasonable for households at this time, and is a substantial reduction on the proposal last year of £5 per month - being £60 per annum. Renewal forms will be available annually from March 2026 and are to be returned by 11 April to be included in the draws this year.

Half of the total funds raised will serve as the prize fund for the year with the remainder being funds for St Andrews' - so a good way to support the work of the Church and to take part with a chance to win back the price of your ticket.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused by the failure of the relaunch that was promoted at the APCM 2024 and which was abandoned later last year, and trust you will be able to support this renewed fundraising opportunity for Church. Thank you for your support.

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 welcome and comfort is offered <https://compassionaterugby.co.uk/>

The **Big Table Gospel** group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shopround1938@gmail.com

Diary for the week 24th - 30th March:

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group
 10.30am Art and Design with Aish
 6.30pm Community Singers
 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Reflective Eucharist
 11.00am Guided Prayer Hour
 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
 6.00pm Free Voice

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Pastoral group meeting
 12.00pm Holy Communion
 5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
 6.00pm Lent Eucharist
 6.30pm Board Games Group
 7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 1.00pm Omega course

Saturday

10am– 12pm Café Open
 8.00pm Candlelit Concert

Sunday 30th March
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Choral Eucharist
 12.30pm Confirmation class

HOLY WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

8am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist *procession with donkeys from St Andrew's Gardens*

18.00pm Sung Evensong

Monday 14th April

9am Morning Prayer

12noon Holy Week Midday Prayer

7pm Compline

7.30pm Women Mystics Lecture: Teresa of Avila

Tuesday 15 April

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Reflective Communion

12noon Holy Week Midday Prayer

7pm Compline

Wednesday 16th April

9am Morning Prayer

12noon Holy Week Midday Prayer

2 to 5pm Easter Activities for Children and Families

7pm Compline

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

12noon Holy week Midday Prayer

7.30pm Eucharist with Foot Washing and Vigil to 10pm

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

9am Morning Prayer

10am Walk of Witness (Starting at Rugby Baptist Church)

12noon to 1pm - Good Friday Reflections

1pm-2pm - Good Friday Reflections

2pm-3pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday

10am Church clean

8.30pm Easter Vigil, Confirmation and Service of Light

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day

8am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Festal Eucharist



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