



St Andrew's
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Christ the King, Next before Advent 23rd November 2025

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Preacher and Deacon: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

12.30pm Baptism for Cory James Schoales Litten

President: The Rev'd Pam Gould

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

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.

Prelude Suite Gothique (i, ii, iii) *Boellmann*

The president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Introit *Sung by the choir* Adoramus te Lassus

Adoramus te, Christe
et benedicimus tibi.

Quia per tuam sanctam crucem
redemisti mundum.

Domine, miserere nobis

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

For by your holy Cross
you redeemed the world.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Please stand

Opening Hymn 227: Crown him with many crowns

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.

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to confession

The Deacon says

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen**

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria

We proclaim the glory of God by singing the following

Glory to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth, Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord.
You a - lone are the most high Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, in the
Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - men.

The Collect

The president says

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes
from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure
everything with patience, while joyfully
giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in
the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us
from the power of darkness and transferred us into the
kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and
on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether
thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have

been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 232: The head that once was crowned

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(23.33-43)

We sing together:



When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 'Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

The Creed *Please stand*

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used and at the end

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Chris & Chris H, Sue P, Chris C, Carol S, Elizabeth I.

In memoriam: Ronald Talbot, Peter Church, Jill Montgomery, Owen Miller, Audrey Chandler.

The Peace

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
Colossians 3:14,15

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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

Offertory Hymn 811: Thou didst leave thy throne

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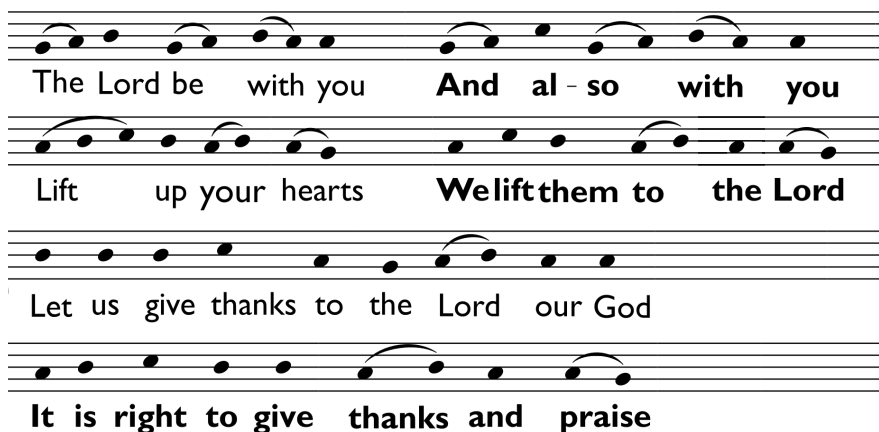
The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **And al - so with you**
Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

The image shows musical notation for the Eucharistic Prayer. It consists of four staves of music, each with a single note and a slur above it. The notes are placed on the first line of each staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the words "The Lord be with you", "And al - so with you", "Lift up your hearts", "We lift them to the Lord", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God", and "It is right to give thanks and praise" in bold.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar
of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of
peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
 that he may bring before your infinite majesty
 a kingdom of truth and life,
 a kingdom of holiness and grace,
 a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
 And so with angels and archangels
 and all the heavenly host,
 we proclaim your glory
 and join their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus *We sing together*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the
 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high - est

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung,

The Deacon then says:

Great is the mystery of faith

We sing together



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Andrew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel

Believing the promises of God,
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

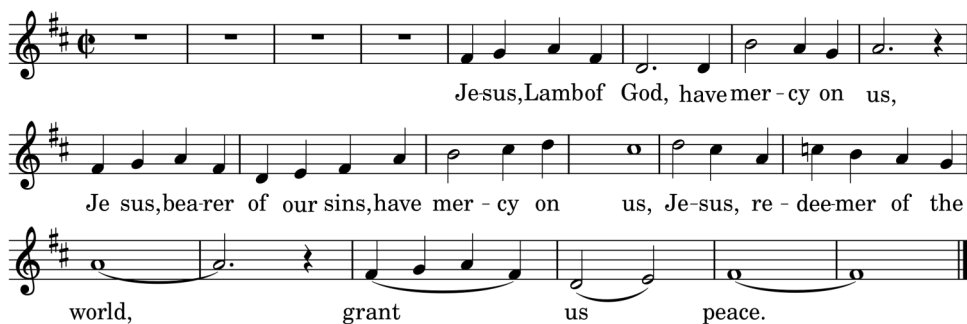
**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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*



Jesus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us,
Je sus, bea - rer of our sins, have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, re - deemer of the
world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or a gluten free host please indicate this to the ministers.

Communion Hymn 420: According to thy gracious word

Communion Anthem: King of glory J S Bach

Post Communion Prayers

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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

Recessional Hymn 690: Jesus is Lord!

During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church.

Conclusion

The president blesses the people, saying

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

Suite Gothique (Toccata) *Boellmann*

News and Notices

*Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with the office by Wednesday,
12noon.*

Advent Quiet Day—Waiting on God. Our annual Advent Quiet Day will take place at The Olde House Retreat in Southam on Saturday 29th November between 10.30 am and 4pm. Led by Rosemary Privett and Heather Fielding, the day will include the opportunity for an optional walk to Southam's holy well.

Quiet days are a great way to deepen your relationship with God - if you've not been on one before, do ask Rosemary, Heather or one of the clergy to talk you through how they work. A list to sign up is at the back of church and we invite a contribution of £15 to cover costs. Please bring a packed lunch with you and indicate if you would be able to offer a lift.

Our **Advent Carol service** is on Sunday 30th November at 6pm

St Andrew's Day. Also on Monday 1st December we keep our patronal festival with a service of Choral Evensong in church at 6pm sung by the Temple Consort of Rugby School.

Bishop Sophie's Visit. The Bishop of Coventry will be spending a day getting to know the Rugby Deanery on Monday 1st December. During the day there are two opportunities to meet her—first at Morning Prayer at 9am St Andrew's and secondly at our Deanery Confirmation service at St Mark's, Bilton at 7.30pm, at which three candidates from St Andrew's will be confirmed: Mick, Blessing and Grant.

Rugby Town Centre Christmas Lights Switch-On

As Rugby gets ready to sparkle with the big Christmas Lights Switch-On at the end of November, St Andrew's will be opening its doors for a family-friendly afternoon of Christmas crafting. A quieter alternative to the hustle, bustle and expense of the town centre funfair. To help make the afternoon extra special, we are asking for donations of Christmas craft supplies – things like tinsel, glitter, felt, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, pom-poms, pinecones, sequins, buttons, and any other festive items in red, green, gold or silver. Why not have a little rummage and raid your Christmas decoration or craft boxes at home – you never know what treasures might be hiding in there! If you can help, please pass your donations onto Simon Armstead (Children & Families Team). A big, sparkly thank you for your generosity – every little ribbon, pom-pom, or sprinkle of glitter will help make Christmas extra magical for the children and families who come through our doors!

Community Engagement Lead We are delighted to announce that our new part-time Community Engagement Lead will be Jo Bryant. Jo started work with us on Wednesday - do make her welcome as you see her at events and activities over this busy season.

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 shoparound1938@gmail.com

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 7th draw took place on Sunday 2 November with the winning tickets being - Ticket No 72 - William Uglow, Ticket No 80 - Patrick Eales and Ticket No 102 - Noni Khumlalo. Future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

Recycling Update We have received news that the most recent box of Ink Cartridges, sent on 13 October, has raised £62.05 meaning the cumulative for the Ink Cartridge Initiative has now raised £1148.75 since we started collecting. Thank you to all our donors, and if you know anyone who uses and can provide used Ink Cartridges for recycling do let them know, as this is a welcome addition to Church Funds. Keep collecting and donating.

Church Mice Stay and Play Group Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrews. 10-11.30am Fridays (term time) for ages 0-4 years and it's free. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome, have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. Thank you.

May Blossom Farm Live Nativity: Following the success of last year Hannah has kindly agreed to host another live nativity trail at her farm on the 20th December at 2-3.30pm. Come along and be prepared to dress up as a nativity character and follow the trail around the farm as we greet the animals that are there and sing a carol at each pen. Following the trail we will warm ourselves up again by having mulled wine/fruit punch and mince pies/shortbread. It was a lot of fun last year so we look forward to seeing you there. Car parking spaces are limited so it would be useful to have an indication as to whether you intend to come by speaking to either Joyce Wooding or Rev'd Alison Baxter.

Diary for the week 24th - 29th November

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting &
 crochet drop-in group
 10.30am Art with Aish
 1.00pm Funeral of Ronald Talbot
 6.30pm Community Singers
 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Reflective Eucharist
 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime
 Concert
 6.30pm Free Voice

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Pop Up Play Village
 12.00pm Eucharist
 5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Setting up of the
 Christmas Tree Festival
 3.30pm Official Opening of the
 Festival by the Mayor
 6.00pm Eucharist
 6.30pm Board Games group
 7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
 12noon Funeral of Owen Miller

Saturday

10am– 12pm Café Open

Sunday 30th November

Advent Sunday

Fire and Ice town event for
 Christmas light switch on

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Choral Eucharist
 1.00-4.00pm Café open and
 Christmas crafts
 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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