



St Andrew's Church Rugby

Second Sunday before Advent 19th November 2023

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Canon Graham Hardwick

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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President: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts, Associate Minister

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Susan Hardwick

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer (on Zoom)

President: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Reflection: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

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

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.

Please sit in the side aisles if you would prefer greater distancing or wish to remain off camera

The Collect

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen

Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-end

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil.

Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, 'For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather

where I have not strawed:

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth’.

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Alan B, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, David, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Ivan, Richard G, Sarah P, Julian H, Eve D.

In Memoriam: Margaret Clegg, Peter Pugh

News and Notices

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

Rugby Cafe Writers. This is a group for anyone interested in writing or talking about books. We meet each fortnight on a Friday morning, and have a monthly online Book Chat meeting. We have published several books which are on sale at the Second Saturday Singing Events at St Andrew's and some Tuesday lunchtime concerts. It can also be ordered online. Further details, www.rugbycafewriters.com

Thirteen Bells Book Club We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science

fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: shoparound1938@gmail.com

Big Table Gospel Group Starting Again With God is the theme of a series of discussions about the 'big table' in the church cafe in the run-up to Christmas. You are invited to join the Big Table Gospel group each week to talk about the book Turned by Divine Love by John Stroyan, the former Bishop of Warwick. It is described as "a book of hope, encouraging us all to make a fresh start with God". Meetings begin on Thursday November 23rd at 10am and continue weekly alternating between Fridays and Thursdays until Christmas. Contact John Howes on shoparound1938@gmail.com for more information or just come along.

Christmas Tree Festival We will be holding our annual Christmas Tree Festival again in December this year with the theme 'A Homemade Christmas' and raising funds for the new sensory area at Rugby Myton Hospice. Kirsty and Mark Chaplin will be leading the administration, but we would love to recruit one or two other volunteers from the congregation to help out with the planning and logistics. If you can help, please speak to Joyce, Hash or Edmund

The Children's Society A reminder that boxes are being emptied in November. Boxes can be brought to church on Saturday 11th at 10.00 am or can be collected by Marion at a time to suit. More people are welcome to join our friendly team of boxholders - phone 07760 328270 for more information.

Quiet Prayer Event for COP28 You are invited to join in the Lady Chapel on Saturday 25 November from 10.00 to 12.30 for a Quiet Prayer Event for COP28 which is being held from 30 November to 12 December at Expo City, Dubai. The event will include silent as well as spoken prayer for the deliberations of the delegates of the many countries attending COP28. There is no obligation for the whole morning you could just pop in for half an hour. Thank you for your support.



Compassionate Communities 'Community Conversation' It's really good to talk!

Come along and join us around the table for tea/ coffee, cake and chat on the first Wednesday of each month, 10.30-11.45. Contact Sharon Crofts, 07342 086276

Wellbeing Saturdays Free family event. Advent is a time of waiting and for preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus into our hearts and minds as we look forward to Christmas coming. We invite children, young people and their families to join us for this one-off Wellbeing Saturday event where there will be time to learn more about Advent, food and craft making and a story time using Godly Play. To find out more please speak with Sharon Crofts and tell others about it too.

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 Organ. Many will know that the condition of our historic organ has been deteriorating, leaving our organists struggling to maintain the quality of music we desire in worship. The PCC has therefore taken the decision to buy an electronic organ, generously funded by an anonymous donor, which we will be using for a three to five year period while we work on the repair or replacement of the pipe organ. The sum needed is likely to be over £500,000 and a working group has been established to look at options and begin fundraising. There are of course many other calls on the parish's limited resources and the PCC is clear that the organ campaign will be entirely separate from our other fundraising - if you give to St Andrew's your offerings will not be spent on the organ campaign unless you specifically ask them to be.

Diary for the week 20th - 27th November

Monday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Ball of Yarn knitting and crochet group
	10.30am	Art with Aish
	6.30pm	St Andrew's Community Singers
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice
Tuesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	9.30am	Reflective Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>
	2.00pm	Bereavement Point
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert
	6.00pm	Free Voice
Wednesday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Pastoral Group meeting
	12.00pm	Middy Eucharist (Holy Communion)
	5.00pm	Young Choristers' practice
	6.00pm	Men's Support group
Thursday	9.00am	Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>
	10.00am	Christmas Tree Festival set-up day
	10.00am	Big Table Gospel group
	5.00pm	Bell Ringing Training
	6.30pm	Board Games group
	7.15pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9.00am	<i>No Morning Prayer</i>
	10.00am	Café Writers' Group
Saturday	10.00am-12pm	Café open. <i>Pop in for friendship and fellowship!</i>
	1.00pm	Wellbeing Saturday - Preparing for Advent

Sunday 26th November Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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