



St Andrew's Church

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

The Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Deacon : Rosemary Privett

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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Mass Setting: Thorne Mass

Introit: O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

Anthem: O for a closer walk with God *Stanford*

Processional Hymn: **333**: God the Father

Gradual Hymn: **437**: 'Come to me', says Jesus

Offertory Hymn: **709**: Light of the minds that know

Communion Hymn: **435**: Christian people, raise your song

Recessional Hymn: **641**: Glorious things of thee are spoken

Omitting * verse

Collect:

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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.

Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he

vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Healing prayer: George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Patricia T, David P, Pam G

In Memoriam: Elizabeth Ingram

Post Communion Prayer:

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Church closure

The church will be closed for essential electrical works from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May inclusive. Sadly, this means that all weekday services and events will have to be cancelled that week, but everyone is welcome to Morning Prayer at 9am the Rectory each morning.

News and Notices

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

Helen Bryant. We're delighted to announce that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Our annual church meeting will take place after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 10th May. This is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the church over the past year and hear about our current needs and future plans. There will also be elections to the church council and deanery synod - if you would like to find out more about getting involved, please have a word with any of the clergy of wardens.

Dawn Chorus Walk Welcome the day with birdsong and community in St. Andrew's Gardens on May 4th at 5.30am. Join the Churchyard and Heritage Project for this peaceful guided experience and absorb the sights and sounds as the garden wakes up with you. Free to attend but booking is essential.

Christian Aid Week: There will be a cake and produce stall outside St Andrew's in aid of this worthwhile charity on the morning of Saturday 16th May. Contributions of cakes etc clearly labelled Christian Aid can be left in church beforehand or possibly collected during the previous week. Offers of help welcome to Pat Eales or Sue Goddard.

Come along to St. Andrew's Community Cafe and gardens as part of Rugby Food and Drink Festival on Saturday 25th April, 11am - 3pm. They'll be honey stalls, Eco stalls, children's craft activities and more - fun for all!

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

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/>

Church Mice Stay and Play Group Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 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.

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 12th draw took place on Sunday 5 April with the winning tickets being - Ticket Number 1 - Sally Beament, Ticket Number 43 - Brinley William and Ticket Number - 90 Gwen Grant. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining The St Andrew's 100 Club for next year 2026 / 27, Application Forms are available NOW at the West End of Church, when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the 37 winners of last year. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws will take place on the first Sunday of the month and it is great that you have helped raise £1225 for St Andrews' in our first re-launch year, Thank you for your support John, Helen and Sonia.

The St Andrew's Church Magazine The next issue of The St Andrew's Church Magazine will be the Pentecost Issue 2026 and items are welcome for inclusion, so if you wish to provide a poem, a piece of prose or something you would like to share please submit your contribution in the usual way by the copy date of 19th April. Thank you for supporting YOUR Magazine.

Recycling Update Your efforts in collecting Ink Cartridges have allowed another box weighing 3.25Kg to be sent on 30 March for

recycling and saved from going to landfill, this is the 18th box since we started collecting and the cumulative saved from going to landfill is now 85Kg. The value of this consignment of cartridges was £60.85 for the work of St Andrews' - so please spread the word to your friends and family, and any business you know to save their Ink Cartridges and recycle with St Andrews' so we can grow this income stream. Thank you so much for your continued support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

Diary for the week 20th - 26th April

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

Monday

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

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Reflective Eucharist
 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert
 2.00pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 12.00pm Midday Eucharist
 5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
 6.00pm Eucharist
 7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
 10.00am Church Mice



Saturday

Rugby Spring Food and Drink Festival

Sunday 26th April

Second Sunday after Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am Choral Eucharist
 6.00pm Choral Evensong

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After the service, please feel free to join us for coffee—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.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance