



# St Andrew's

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## **6.00pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: Gwyneth Hickman

### **Welcome to St Andrew's Church**

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; a link to online giving is on the back of this service sheet.

**Responses:** Smith    **Canticles:** Brewer in D

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

Rejoice in the Lord *Elvey*

*The Minister announces the opening hymn, please stand*

**Hymn 507: We have a gospel to proclaim**

**The Welcome**

*The Minister welcomes the congregation to the service*

Beloved, we are come together  
in the presence of Almighty God  
and of the whole company of heaven  
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;  
to make confession of our sins;  
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,  
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love

and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;  
and to ask on behalf of all men  
such things as their well-being doth require.  
Wherefore let us kneel in silence  
and remember God's presence with us now.

*Please kneel as we say together*

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,  
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost  
sheep,  
We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts,  
We have offended against thy holy laws,  
We have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
And we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done,  
And there is no health in us:  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable  
offenders;  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,  
Restore thou them that are penitent,  
According to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesu our Lord:  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
That we may hereafter live a godly,  
righteous, and sober life,  
To the glory of thy holy Name.  
Amen.**

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon  
and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and  
the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Please stand*

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

*Please sit*

## **Psalm 119 verses 41-56**

41 Let thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord : even  
thy salvation, according unto thy word.

42 So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers : for my  
trust is in thy word.

- 43 O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my  
mouth : for my hope is in thy judgements.
- 44 So shall I alway keep thy law : yea, for ever and ever.
- 45 And I will walk at liberty : for I seek thy commandments.
- 46 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings :  
and will not be ashamed.
- 47 And my delight shall be in thy commandments : which I  
have loved.
- 48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments,  
which I have loved : and my study shall be in thy statutes.
- 49 O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : where  
in thou hast caused me to put my trust.
- 50 The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath  
quickened me.
- 51 The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have  
I not shrinked from thy law.
- 52 For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord :  
and received comfort.
- 53 I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.
- 54 Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my  
pilgrimage.
- 55 I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-  
season : and have kept thy law.
- 56 This I had : because I kept thy commandments..

*Please stand for the Gloria if you wish*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen

*Please sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients,  
and is concerned with prophecies;  
he preserves the sayings of the famous  
and penetrates the subtleties of parables;  
he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs  
and is at home with the obscurities of parables.  
He serves among the great  
and appears before rulers;  
he travels in foreign lands  
and learns what is good and evil in the human lot.  
He sets his heart on rising early  
to seek the Lord who made him,  
and to petition the Most High;  
he opens his mouth in prayer  
and asks pardon for his sins.

If the great Lord is willing,  
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;  
he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own  
and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.  
The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,  
as he meditates on his mysteries.  
He will show the wisdom of what he has learned,  
and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant.  
Many will praise his understanding;  
it will never be blotted out.  
His memory will not disappear,  
and his name will live through all generations.  
Nations will speak of his wisdom,  
and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

*Please remain seated*

## **Magnificat**    *Luke 1*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

*Please stand for the Gloria if you wish*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Please sit or remain seated*

## **New Testament Reading:** Colossians 1:24 - 2:7

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for

the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

For I want you to know how much I am struggling for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face. I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this so that no one may deceive you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**Nunc Dimittis**      *Luke 2.29*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared :

before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Please stand for the Gloria if you wish*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

**The Apostles Creed** *please stand*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

Cantor    The Lord be with you.  
Answer    And with thy spirit.



Cantor Let us pray

*Please sit*

Answer Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Our Father,

**Answer which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## **The Collect**

*Then shall follow the Collects: The first of the day, the second for peace, the third for aid against all perils.*

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Anthem** *sung by the choir*

O for a closer walk with God *Stanford*

**Reflection** The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

## **Intercessions made for the world**

**Healing prayer:** Irene W, 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, Elizabeth I.

**In Memoriam:** Ida Joyce Indira Prasad, Alexandra Murgatroyd

*Please stand*

## **Final Hymn 477: Go forth and tell!**

*Please remain standing*

## **Final Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
be amongst *you* and remain with *you* always.  
**Amen.**

*The choir and minister depart*

## **Voluntary**

**News and Notices**

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

**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](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**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 9th draw took place on Sunday 4 January with the winning tickets being - No 4 - Rev'd Canon Dr Edmund Newey, No 28 - Hash Mistry, No 48 - Ronald Smith and No 68 - Rev'd Pam Gould. 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 will be available in March Future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month.

**The Children's Society** *Marion writes* It has been another successful year as we collected over £700. A thank you poster from the Children's Society is at the back of church. Sadly we have lost some of our collectors and I am hoping to recruit more people. It involves having a box from me into which you put any loose change - or more if you wish! It is surprising how much it can amount to at the end of the year and is for a very good cause! Please see me for more information.

**The Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture** will take place in church on the afternoon of Saturday 28th February. We are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir, on the subject of Angels. Full details will follow shortly, but please save the date.

**Rugby Revive** is Rugby's ecumenical partnership of churches across the town. A Commissioning Service for new volunteers across a wide range of ministries, from Street Pastors to CAP Debt Counselling, will take place at Rugby Baptist Church on Sunday 25th January at 6.30pm. Please keep them in your prayers, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from the 18th to the 25th January, and if you'd like to find out more about the work the Rugby churches do together, visit [reviverugby.net](http://reviverugby.net) or talk to one of the clergy.

**Praying for the Persecuted Church.** Each year an organisation called Open Doors evaluates the fifty countries where Christians face the most severe persecution for their faith. This year these are the top ten: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea, Syria, Nigeria, Pakistan, Libya and Iran. Please do keep in your prayers our fellow members in the Body of Christ, as they face persecution, violence and discrimination.

**Electoral Roll** If you are regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. This enables you to vote at the annual meeting and you may also like to think about being on our church council. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash to check if you are already a member or if you would like a form to complete.



# Diary for the week 26th January - 1st February

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

## Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Knitting & crochet group  
10.30am Art with Aish  
6.30pm St A's Community Singers  
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

## Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Reflective Eucharist  
1.00pm Lunchtime concert

## Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
12.00pm Eucharist  
5.00pm Young Choristers  
7.30pm Bell Ringers AGM

## Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Big Table Gospel  
Group  
6.00pm Holy Communion  
7.15pm Choir Practice

## Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Church Mice

## Saturday

## Sunday 1st February

*(Candlemas)*

*Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am Worship All Together  
with Baptism of Mirabel  
6.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer

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