

A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at All Souls' Tide

'I am the Resurrection and the life
says the Lord, those who believe in
me, even though they die shall live.
And everyone who believes in me,
even though they die, shall live forever'.

John 11:25

Sunday 1st November 2026

Officiant: The Rev'd Alison Baxter
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey



St Andrew's Church

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The Gathering

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you

The minister offers words of welcome and introduces the service.

Hymn: *Please stand*

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me**

Prayers for Peace and Forgiveness

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

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

All Amen

The Collect

The minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

‘Let us pray’

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,
grant us, with all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son’s saving passion
and glorious resurrection
that, in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

Please sit or kneel

Reading Revelation 21:1-7 *Please sit*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
'See, I am making all things new.'

Also he said,

'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

Then he said to me,

'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem *sung by the choir*

Address: The Revd Canon Edmund Newey, Rector of Rugby

Hymn *Please stand*

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follow me,
your goodness will lead me home.***

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.**

And I will trust...

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.**

And I will trust...

Please sit

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Let us pray

Gracious Father, in your hands you hold all the departed,
In your mercy and in your peace
you welcome them to their eternal home.
Strengthen us in our grief, to make room for your love;
enable us to comfort one another
and out of despair to bring hope and new life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour,
who is the author and maker of peace
and the one who leads us to you.

All Amen.

You are invited to come and light a candle during the reading of the names. Please do so quietly in order that everyone can hear the names being read.

*The names of those to be remembered will be read aloud.
After each group the Choir sings the Taize response—please feel free to join in:*

**Jesus, remember them,
when they come into your kingdom.**

After the names have been read a time of quiet is observed.

Gracious Father, we give you thanks and praise
for those we love but see no more,
help us to rejoice in what we have been given,
rather than to despair in what has been taken away,;
through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Poem:

Let the light of late afternoon
shine through the chinks in the barn, moving
up the bales as the sun moves down.

Let the cricket take up the chafing
as a woman takes up her needles
and her yarn. Let evening come.

Let dew collect on the hoe abandoned
in long grass. Let the stars appear
and the moon disclose her silver horn.

Let the fox go back to its sandy den.
Let the wind die down. Let the shed
go black inside. Let evening come.

To the bottle in the ditch, to the scoop
in the oats, to air in the lung
let evening come.
Let it come, as it will, and don't
be afraid. God does not leave us comfortless,
so let evening come.

*Jane Kenyon (1947-1995)
who died of leukaemia at the age of 47*

Prayers *concluding with The Lord's Prayer*

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who 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**

Please stand

Hymn

Normally a collection would be taken during this hymn to support the work of the church. This year we would encourage you to give as you leave church, either in the plate or using the card machine: if you are a tax payer, please use the yellow envelopes so that we can recover the tax you have paid.

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rules in might;
thy justice like mountains high souring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
‘tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

The Blessing

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us

We need not fear

All His Spirit is with us

We are surrounded by love

All His Spirit is with us

We are immersed in peace

All His Spirit is with us

We abide in hope and we travel in faith

All His Spirit is with us

May Christ the good shepherd,
enfold you with love,
fill you with peace and lead you in hope,
to the end of your days
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

Organ Voluntary

The ministers and choir depart in silence.



Bereavement Point at St Andrew's Church

A place where your grief is welcome

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be very difficult. Sometimes, for all sorts of reasons, we don't feel able to talk about this to those around us.

Maybe you would like to talk with others in a similar position about what grieving is like, or you simply don't have anyone else to talk to about it?

We offer a drop-in service that provides a space for you to talk openly to experienced and caring facilitators, and to share with others who are living with grief and loss. Bereavement Point is a place that offers comfort and a listening ear and enables you to connect with others who are experiencing the same.

We are not counsellors, rather caring people, who offer support and listening and to be a companion to you in your grief.

No need to book – just come along.

We are here on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays (if there is one) of each month 14:30 – 16:00

The church is open for quiet prayer and candle lighting Monday to Friday from 9am - 2.00pm, Saturday 10am - midday and on Sunday for services.