



# **St Andrew's Church**

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## **Second Sunday before Lent 8th February 2026**

### **8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

President: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts, Associate Minister

Deacon: Helen Bryant

### **12.30pm Baptism of Efia Rose**

Officiant: The Rev'd Pam Gould

### **6.00pm Evensong**

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection; The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

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

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.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

**Collect:** O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3**

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to

every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

### **Gospel: Matthew 6:25-end**

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all

these things shall be added unto you.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

**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,

## **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 Second Annual Rex Pogson Lecture** will take place in church at 4pm on Saturday 28th February. Entitled '**Angels don't speak... they sing... — Reflecting on Angels in the Arts**', we are delighted that it will be delivered by the countertenor, Patrick Craig, Director of Aurora Nova Choir, Full details and tickets are available here: <https://www.standrewrugby.org.uk/events>

**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.

**The St Andrew's 100 Club** The 10th draw took place on Sunday 1st February with the winning tickets being; Number 3 - Beatrice Long, Number 45 - Annette Isles and Number 9 - Joyce Woodings. 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 2026 when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the thirty one winners to date. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month.  
Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

**Mystery!** Does anyone know the whereabouts of a small box containing 20 old copies of the Parish Magazine? I can't remember who I lent it to but I would like them back please! Sue Minton

**Film Showing** On Sunday 15th February, as part of LGBT History month, we will be showing *Prayers for Bobby*, a poignant true story of a devoutly religious young gay man. The film addresses critical themes such as acceptance, love and the consequences of intolerance. Join us for a cup of tea at 3.30pm with the film starting at 4pm. All are welcome.

**Lent at St Andrew's** Information leaflet available soon

**Ash Wednesday** 18th February: 12noon Eucharist with Ashing  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing.

**Thursdays in Lent** 5.30pm Reflective Prayer 6pm Lent Eucharist  
**Big Table Gospel Group** will be reading David Ford's, Meeting God in John: A Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Beyond. All are welcome. It meets on alternate Thursday & Friday mornings at 10am starting Friday 20th February.

**English Mystics** Following on from the success of last year's series of webinars on Women Mystics, this spring we are sharing in a series of talks led by experts from Sarum College. We meet in the Lady Chapel on Mondays between 7.30 and 9pm. All are welcome.

23rd February — Richard Rolle with Tim Glover

30th March — The Cloud of Unknowing with Becky Field

27th April — William Blake with Mark Vernon

25th May — Evelyn Underhill with Jane Shaw

## Diary for the week 9th - 15th 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  
 2.15pm Mothers' Union  
 5.00pm Young Choristers

### 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

10.30am Second Saturday  
                   Songs

### Sunday 15th February

*Next before Lent*

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
 10.30am Choral Eucharist  
 3.30pm Prayers for Bobby -  
 LGBT History Month film  
 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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