St Andrew's Church

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

The Second Sunday before Advent
15th November 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Deacon and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant : The Rev'd Alison Baxter
Preacher : Sue Goddard

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.

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.

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: George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Patricia T, David P, Margaret S, Nick B & family, Prem M.

In memoriam: Graham Hardwick

News and Notices

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

Joab Lawlor. We are delighted to welcome Joab Lawlor, an ordinand (trainee priest) at St Stephen's House in Oxford, who will be on Sunday placement with us until Easter. Please do say hello!

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 2.15pm - 3.45pm 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 10-11.30am and 1pm-2.30pm on 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.

Advent Quiet Day. Advance notice that our Advent Quiet Day will be on Saturday 28th November at The Olde House in Southam. Further details will follow.

St Andrew's Day. Our Patronal Festival is on Monday 30th November. We will be celebrating it with Choral Evensong, sung by Rugby School's Temple Consort, at 6pm. Afterwards the Friends of St Andrew's will be hosting mulled wine and mince pies in church.

We are delighted to be holding the **Cranmer Awards**, a special competition for children 11-18, at St Andrew's on the 25th November at 5pm. The main competition is about reciting a

small section of scripture or a traditional prayer from the Prayerbook. This year there is also a poetry competition. Those who win first place will receive a cash prize of £60, second place is £40 and third is £30. Winners will be invited to go along to the national final which is always somewhere special, with previous finals held at Hampton Court Palace and where the first prize is £250. The competition aims to help children learn to read and pray confidently and is an exciting opportunity to do something special! If you or one of your children would like to know more, please talk to James or Edmund.

Christmas Publicity. We are in the process of getting postcards printed to distribute to the houses in our Parish. We'd really appreciate help in doing this, so please take a look at the list of roads at the back of church and maybe think of a group of people you could share the job with. Thank you.

Stewarding If anyone would like to join our excellent stewarding team to help welcome the public in to church over Advent and Christmas, please speak to Joyce, Hash or email the office. There are daytime opportunities as well as evening.

Diary for the week 16th – 22nd November
Church Community Café open Monday - Friday 9.30am-2pm
Saturday 9.30am-12noon

Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group 10.30am Art with Aish 6.30am St A's Community Singers 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice	**Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert 2.15pm Bereavement Point
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Community Conversation 12.00pm Holy Communion 5.00pm Young Choristers 7.00pm Women's Circle group	**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 1.00pm Church Mice 	**Saturday** Rugby's Christmas Lights switched on
Sunday 22nd November **Next before Advent** **Christ the King**	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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