



St Andrew's Church

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 4th October 2026 Generous Giving Week

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Deacon and Preacher : The Rev'd Edmund Newey

Healing : Carole P and Alison

3.15pm *Selma – Film Showing for Black History Month*

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit : Locus iste *Bruckner*

Anthem : And I saw a new heaven *Bainton*

Processional Hymn **365: Let us build a house**

Gradual Hymn **794: The King of love my shepherd is**

Offertory Hymn **683: Jerusalem the golden**

Communion Hymn **470: We come to this your table, Lord**

Recessional Hymn **489: From heaven you came**

Collect:

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things
and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe,
to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams;
that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading : Haggai 1:1-9, 12-15

In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest: Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD 's house. Then the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your panelled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured, says the LORD. You have looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought

it home, I blew it away. Why? says the LORD of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while all of you hurry off to your own houses.

Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of the prophet Haggai, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the LORD. Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD 's message, saying, I am with you, says the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

Gospel: Matthew 6:19-33

Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer:

Loving and righteous God.

here at your table we have tasted your goodness and generosity which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve;

liberate us from all jealousy and greed,

that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves,

and love and serve others to witness to your glory,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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, Graham H.

News and Notices

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

October is Black History Month. We'll be marking the month with a number of events: a screening of the film *Selma* (2014) in church at 3.15pm on Sunday 4th October; an exhibition of images of Jesus, as pictured by members of our congregation and local community; a World Food Lunch after our Harvest Festival eucharist on Sunday 11th October; and a Sunday service considering themes from the month on the 25th October.

Harvest World Food Lunch Sunday 11th October

12.30pm. This year's Harvest Lunch will celebrate the diversity of our congregation – please sign up on the list at the back of church to offer something delicious to share!

Generous Giving Week, runs from today to the 11th October, is our annual opportunity to learn more of how we can support St Andrew's ministry and mission through giving our time and money.

Journeying with Children in Faith. Following a successful session earlier in the year, we'll be meeting again at 12noon on Sunday 18th October to experience Godly Play. All are welcome, but the session is especially designed to help parents and carers of children who share in Godly Play each week to find out more about how it works. Lunch and activities will be provided for children.

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 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. A new afternoon session will start from Friday 16th October 1pm-2.30pm.

Young Choristers need your help!

Some of our Junior Choristers have grown over the summer holiday and their cassocks need



to be let down. If you have sewing skills and would be prepared to help, please contact Rachel. It's all hand sewing, no machine required. youngchoristers@rugbychurch.org.uk

Diary for the week 5th – 11th October

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
Conversations

12.00pm Holy Communion

5.00pm Young Choristers

7.00pm Adoptive Parents 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



Saturday

10.30am Second Saturday
Songs

7.00pm A Second Season to
Sing Concert

Sunday 11th October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

12.30pm Harvest & World
Food Lunch

6.00pm 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.