



St Andrew's Church

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The Sunday next before Lent 15th February 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President & Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

3.30pm *Refreshments and Film Showing: Prayers for Billy*

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

Officiant & Reflection: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

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, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Reading: Exodus 24:12-end

And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights. .

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

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, Patricia T

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

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 a 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.

Recycling Initiatives Update The recycling columns were emptied on 6 February with a further black bag containing 3,615 milk container tops sent for recycling meaning since the start of this initiative some 65,652 milk container tops have been recycled and saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives. We can accept spectacles in support of Rugby Rokeby Lions Used Postage Stamps in support of 'Knitted Knockers' a charity supporting women who have had a mastectomy; Used Ink Cartridges raising funds directly for St Andrew's; Candles and Tealights presently we are unable to accept coloured or scented candles or candles in containers (glass or metal); Unwanted Mobile Telephones through the National Police Aid Convoy to Ghana where they are passed to the charity Afrikids which uses them in support of technology training and their repair and reuse; not forgetting the ability of Toilet Twinning, St Andrew's Church, Rectory and members of the congregation have twinned their toilets, should you feel encouraged to do so please speak with John D, search toilet twinning.org info@terfund.org or call 02039063906 providing safe water, hygiene and sanitation for all. Thank you for supporting our various recycling initiatives

Do you have any leftover wool or fabric that you are never going to use—if you do the Yarnbombers are collecting. You can bring into church for Joyce or take straight to Wild and Free in Bank Street--thanks.

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

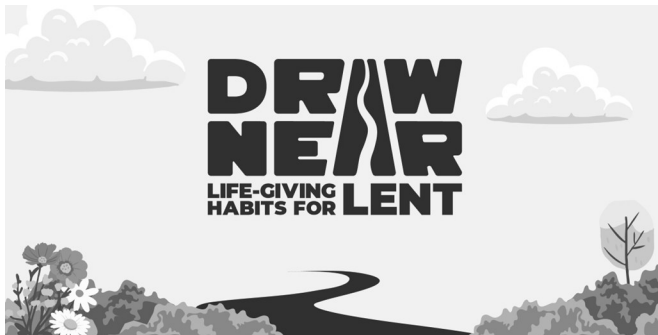
Lent at St Andrew's

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.

A booklet, **Draw Near: Life-giving Habits for Lent**, is available at the back of church. It focuses on the habits and practices that are essential to what it means to be a Christian—Do please take a copy for a suggested donation of £3.



Finally, during Lent we will experiment with reintroducing the passing of collection plates at the offertory. If you give regularly by Parish Giving or standing order, please do take one of the cards as you enter church, so that you can place this in the plate as a sign of your offering.

Diary for the week 16th - 22nd February

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

School half term

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

Ash Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
12.00pm Eucharist with ashing
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with ashing

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Lent Reflective Prayer
6.00pm Holy Communion
7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice
10.00am Big Table Gospel Group

Saturday

Sunday 22nd February

1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
3.30pm Ukraine Service
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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or this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:



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