St Andrew's Church
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Welcome to St Andrew's — may God's peace be with you.

Choral Evensong

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

Officiant and : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Preacher : Sue Minton

Responses : *Ayleward* Canticles : *Walmisley in D minor*

Introit *Sung by the choir* O God the King of glory *Purcell*

Please stand

Opening Hymn 227: Crown him with many crowns

The Welcome
The minister welcomes the congregation

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet

ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Please kneel as we say together

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to

his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Cantor Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit. Then shall be sung the psalm appointed

Psalm 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself
with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their
voice : the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh
thine house for ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father : and to the
Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit

The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Magnificat *Luke 1*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
The lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blesséd.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath fill-ed the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father :
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost :
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit

The New Testament Reading Matthew 28.16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.
And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2.29*

LORD now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people ;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father :
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost :
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

Please stand

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

Please sit or kneel

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Our Father,
Answer **which art in heaven,**
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King.
Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Then shall follow three Collects: The first for the day, the second for peace, the third for aid against all perils.

The first collect

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The second collect

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The third collect

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please sit

Anthem *sung by the choir*

Reflection *Sue Minton*

Intercessions made for the world

Please stand

Closing Hymn 612: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Advent begins next Sunday, marking the beginning of the Church's year.

- Advent Carol Service our choir-led, traditional carol service is next Sunday 29th November at 6pm.
- Advent Reflective Eucharists. The Tuesday 9.30am Reflective Eucharist during Advent will offer an opportunity to reflect and pray together on the themes of Advent. A related prayer station in the Lady Chapel will be available through the week.
- The Big Table Gospel group will be reading an Advent book together: Paul Dominiak's *The Love that Moves the Sun*. The group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Our annual **Festival of Christmas Trees** begins this Friday – do spread the word!

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/

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. 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 23rd – 29th 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
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Holy Communion 5.00pm Cranmer Awards (no Young Choristers this week)	**Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30pm Christmas trees set up 4.00pm Festival of Christmas Trees opening ceremony **6.30pm** Holy Communion 7.15pm Choir practice
Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel Group 10.00am Church Mice 1.00pm Church Mice 	**Saturday** *2pm-8pm Rugby's Artisan Market*
Sunday 22nd November **Advent Sunday**	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Advent Carol Service