



St Andrew's Church

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

The Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher and Deacon : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Healing Ministry : John and Carol

6.00pm Choral Evensong

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Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit: A New Commandment *Nardone*

Anthem: Worthy is the Lamb *Handel (Messiah)*

Processional Hymn: **593**: At the name of Jesus

Omitting * verses

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

Offertory Hymn: **567**: Sing the gospel of salvation

Communion Hymn: **192**: A brighter dawn is breaking

Recessional Hymn: **652**: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Reading: Acts 2.42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Jesus said, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and

the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Healing prayer: 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, Patricia T, David P,

In Memoriam: Elizabeth Ingram, The Reverend Pamela Gould

Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News and Notices

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

Church closure

The church will be closed for essential electrical works from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May inclusive. Sadly, this means that all weekday services and events will have to be cancelled that week, but everyone is welcome to Morning Prayer at 9am the Rectory each morning.

Newcomers Coffee. As last month, we'll be holding a short meeting after church next week (Sunday 3rd May) for anyone who considers themselves new to St Andrew's. Do come along—this is a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other better.

Gold Altar Frontal. Our beautifully refurbished gold altar frontal will be rededicated at Evensong on Sunday 10th May at 6pm in the company of the family of the late Pat and Stewart Smith, who contributed to the costs of the work. All are welcome.

Helen Bryant. We're delighted to announce that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Our annual church meeting will take place after the Sung Eucharist on Sunday 10th May. This is an opportunity to celebrate the life of the church over the past year and hear about our current needs and future plans. There will also be elections to the church council and deanery synod - if you would like to find out more about getting

involved, please have a word with any of the clergy of wardens.

Dawn Chorus Walk Welcome the day with birdsong and community in St. Andrew's Gardens on May 4th at 5.30am. Join the Churchyard and Heritage Project for this peaceful guided experience and absorb the sights and sounds as the garden wakes up with you. Free to attend but booking is essential.

Christian Aid Week: There will be a cake and produce stall outside St Andrews in aid of this worthwhile charity on the morning of Saturday 16th May. Contributions of cakes etc clearly labelled Christian Aid can be left in church beforehand or possibly collected during the previous week. Offers of help welcome to Pat Eales or Sue Goddard.

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. Thank you.



The St Andrew's 100 Club The 12th draw took place on Sunday 5 April with the winning tickets being - Ticket Number 1 - Sally Beament, Ticket Number 43 - Brinley William and Ticket Number - 90 Gwen Grant. 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 are available NOW at the West End of Church, when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the 37 winners of last year. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws will take place on the first Sunday of the month and it is great that you have helped raise £1225 for St Andrews' in our first re-launch year,
Thank you for your support John, Helen and Sonia.

Recycling Update Your efforts in collecting Ink Cartridges have allowed another box weighing 3.25Kg to be sent on 30 March for recycling and saved from going to landfill, this is the 18th box since we started collecting and the cumulative saved from going to landfill is now 85Kg. The value of this consignment of cartridges was £60.85 for the work of St Andrews' - so please spread the word to your friends and family, and any business you know to save their Ink Cartridges and recycle with St Andrews' so we can grow this income stream. Thank you so much for your continued support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

Diary for the week 27th April - 3rd May

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Saturday

Café open 10am-12noon

Sunday 3rd May
Fourth Sunday after Easter

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.15pm Coffee and welcome
chat for newcomers
6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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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.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance