

## **Second Sunday before Advent 19th November 2023**

### **8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Graham Hardwick*

### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

*livestreamed: [twitch.tv/standrewrugby](https://www.twitch.tv/standrewrugby)*

*President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

*Deacon: Rosemary Privett*

### **6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer**

*President: The Rev'd Alison Baxter*

*Reflection: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

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

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

God be in my Head *Walford Davies*

*Please stand*

## **Opening Hymn 784 Stand up, stand up for Jesus**

**The Greeting** *is given by the president*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**All Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you.**

## **The Welcome**

*The president welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.  
Younger children and their parents are welcome to use the play area  
in the south aisle.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Jesus says, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.**

**In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The President grants God's absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *We sing together*

**Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest**

**Glory to God in the Highest  
and peace to his people on earth  
Lord God, Heav'nly King  
Almighty God and Father  
we worship you, we give you thanks  
we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only son of the Father  
Lord God, Lamb of God**

**you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest**

**For you alone are the Holy one  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the most high  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit  
In the Glory of God the Father  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest**

## **The Collect**

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Reading Zephaniah 1:7,12-end

The reading is from the first chapter of the book of the prophet Zephaniah beginning at the seventh verse.

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.'

Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth..'

For the word of the Lord

## **All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

## **Gradual Hymn 558 Extol the God of justice**

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 5.3*

### **All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

*25:14-30*

### **All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents

made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**Sermon** *The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

*Please stand*

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**



who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** *Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer*

*This response may be used*                      *and at the end*

Lord, in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

**Healing prayer:** Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Alan B, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, David, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Ivan, Richard G, Sarah P, Julian H, Eve D.

**In Memoriam:** Margaret Clegg, Peter Pugh

**The Peace** *Please stand*

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*Colossians 3:14-15*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace safely with those around us by saying  
'peace be with you'*

## Offertory Hymn 595 Be thou my vision

*A collection plate is available at the back of church or this link  
will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:  
[givi.ng/1160223](http://givi.ng/1160223)*



*Please remain standing*

### The Preparation of the Table

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

**All Amen**

### The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.  
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ

brings home the lost, restores the sinner  
 and gives dignity to the despised.  
 In his face your light shines out,  
 flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
 gathering into one in your kingdom  
 a divided and broken humanity.  
 Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
 we glorify your name,  
 for ever praising you and singing:

**Sanctus and Benedictus** *we sing together*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 and according to your holy will,  
 these gifts of bread and wine  
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
 took bread and gave you thanks;  
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*The sanctuary bell is rung*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*The sanctuary bell is rung*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*We sing the Acclamation together*



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole  
world,  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

St Andrew and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel*

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
Because we share in one bread.**

# Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *we sing together*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us,  
Jesus, bea-rer of our sins, have mer-cy on us, Je-sus, re-dee-mer of the world,  
grant us peace.

*Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and in one kind only (consecrated bread) at the west end of church.*

*Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.*

## Communion Anthem *sung by the choir*

Beati quorum via Stanford

## Post Communion Prayers

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Please stand*

**Closing Hymn 715 Lord, for the years**

**Blessing and Final Responsory**

May God give to you and to all those whom you love  
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,  
in this world and the next  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**

*The ministers depart.*

**Voluntary**

## **News and Notices**

*Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12 noon.*

**Rugby Cafe Writers.** This is a group for anyone interested in writing or talking about books. We meet each fortnight on a Friday morning, and have a monthly online Book Chat meeting. We have published several books which are on sale at the Second Saturday Singing Events at St Andrew's and some Tuesday lunchtime concerts. It can also be ordered online. Further details, [www.rugbycafewriters.com](http://www.rugbycafewriters.com)

**Thirteen Bells Book Club** We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: [shoparound1938@gmail.com](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**Big Table Gospel Group** Starting Again With God is the theme of a series of discussions about the 'big table' in the church cafe in the run-up to Christmas. You are invited to join the Big Table Gospel group each week to talk about the book Turned by Divine Love by John Stroyan, the former Bishop of Warwick. It is described as "a book of hope, encouraging us all to make a fresh start with God". Meetings begin on Thursday November 23rd at 10am and continue weekly alternating between Fridays and Thursdays until Christmas. Contact John Howes on [shoparound1938@gmail.com](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com) for more information or just come along.

**Christmas Tree Festival** We will be holding our annual Christmas Tree Festival again in December this year with the theme 'A Homemade Christmas' and raising funds for the new sensory area at Rugby Myton Hospice. Kirsty and Mark Chaplin will be leading the administration, but we would love to recruit one or two other volunteers from the congregation to help out with the planning and logistics. If you can help, please speak to Joyce, Hash or Edmund

**The Children's Society** A reminder that boxes are being emptied in November. Boxes can be brought to church on Saturday 11th at 10.00 am or can be collected by Marion at a time to suit. More people are welcome to join our friendly team of boxholders - phone 07760 328270 for more information.





## **Compassionate Communities 'Community Conversation' It's really good to talk!**

Come along and join us around the table for tea/coffee, cake and chat on the first Wednesday of each month, 10.30-11.45. Contact Sharon Crofts, 07342 086276

**Wellbeing Saturdays** Free family event. Advent is a time of waiting and for preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus into our hearts and minds as we look forward to Christmas coming. We invite children, young people and their families to join us for this one-off Wellbeing Saturday event where there will be time to learn more about Advent, food and craft making and a story time using Godly Play. To find out more please speak with Sharon Crofts and tell others about it too.

**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 Organ.** Many will know that the condition of our historic organ has been deteriorating, leaving our organists struggling to maintain the quality of music we desire in worship. The PCC has therefore taken the decision to buy an electronic organ, generously funded by an anonymous donor, which we will be using for a three to five year period while we work on the repair or replacement of the pipe organ. The sum needed is likely to be over £500,000 and a working group has been established to look at options and begin fundraising. There are of course many other calls on the parish's limited resources and the PCC is clear that the organ campaign will be entirely separate from our other fundraising - if you give to St Andrew's your offerings will not be spent on the organ campaign unless you specifically ask them to be.

**Quiet Prayer Event for COP28** You are invited to join in the Lady Chapel on Saturday 25 November from 10.00 to 12.30 for a Quiet Prayer Event for COP28 which is being held from 30 November to 12 December at Expo City, Dubai. The event will include silent as well as spoken prayer for the deliberations of the delegates of the many countries attending COP28. There is no obligation for the whole morning you could just pop in for half an hour. Thank you for your support.

Lantern  
Parade!



Make your own lantern and  
join the procession!

Saturday Dec  
9th, 5pm

Free making  
workshop  
10am-1pm  
Sat Dec  
2nd



# MAKE YOUR OWN LANTERN FOR RUGBY'S FESTIVE PROCESSION!

We are asking people to join the town's lantern procession, and are offering FREE lantern making kits and workshops for those who want to make lanterns. The parade takes place on Saturday 9 December, starting and finishing at St Andrew's Church in Rugby town centre, with workshops on the day and leading up to the sparkling event.

The lanterns themselves are hand-held and made from environmentally friendly materials. The FREE lantern making kits (limited availability), come with an online video that show you how to make the lanterns, and are easy to assemble and suitable for all ages.

The dazzling procession, will be led by a colourful samba band, and leaves St Andrew's Church at 5.30pm, taking a short circular route around the town centre, before returning to the church for hot chocolate and some traditional Christmas carols. Everyone is welcome to join the procession – just make sure you are there for 5.15pm latest and wear something warm! Torches, LEDS and lights are welcome but no naked flames please!

Prior to the parade a lantern making workshop will take place in St Andrew's Church between 2pm and 4.30pm. Hot chocolate, mulled wine and a delicious selection of festive treats will also be available from the Church café! Other workshops, in various town centre locations, will also be taking place on the day and prior to the event. Please visit the Rugby First web site for further details on the workshops.

# Diary for the week 20th - 27th November

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|------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9.00am       | Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>                |
|                  | 10.00am      | Ball of Yarn knitting and crochet group                 |
|                  | 10.30am      | Art with Aish   |
|                  | 6.30pm       | St Andrew's Community Singers                           |
|                  | 7.30pm       | Bell ringing practice                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9.00am       | Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>                |
|                  | 9.30am       | Reflective Communion <i>followed by coffee</i>          |
|                  | 2.00pm       | Bereavement Point                                       |
|                  | 1.00pm       | Lunchtime Concert                                       |
|                  | 6.00pm       | Free Voice  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.00am       | Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>                |
|                  | 10.00am      | Pastoral Group meeting                                  |
|                  | 12.00pm      | Middy Eucharist (Holy Communion)                        |
|                  | 5.00pm       | Young Choristers' practice                              |
|                  | 6.00pm       | Men's Support group                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9.00am       | Morning Prayer <i>in the Lady Chapel</i>                |
|                  | 10.00am      | Christmas Tree Festival set-up day                      |
|                  | 10.00am      | Big Table Gospel group                                  |
|                  | 5.00pm       | Bell Ringing Training                                   |
|                  | 6.30pm       | Board Games group                                       |
|                  | 7.15pm       | Choir Practice  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.00am       | <i>No Morning Prayer</i>                                |
|                  | 10.00am      | Café Writers' Group                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10.00am-12pm | Café open. <i>Pop in for friendship and fellowship!</i> |
|                  | 1.00pm       | Wellbeing Saturday - Preparing for Advent               |

## **Sunday 26th November Christ the King**

**8.00am** Holy Communion

**10.30am** Choral Eucharist

**6.00pm** Choral Evensong