

## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter** **21st April 2024**

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

*The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

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

*President: The Rev'd Alison Baxter*

*Deacon: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts*

*Preacher: Sue Goddard, Licensed Reader*

### **12.30pm Baptism of Isaiah Jacob Bryan**

### **6.00pm Iona Evening Prayer**

*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*  
Prevent us o Lord Byrd

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn 291: Christ is made the sure foundation,**  
**(Part 2 and Doxology)**

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

**Invitation to confession**

*The Deacon says*

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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*

**The Collect**

**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**

Let us pray *Silence is kept.*

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.

**All Amen.**

*Please sit*

**New Testament Reading**

A reading from the fourth chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the fifth verse.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

For the word of the Lord

## **All Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(10:11-18)

*We sing together*

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

Jesus said, I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

*We sing together*

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

*Please sit*

**Sermon** Sue Goddard

*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 and the Son,  
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.**

*Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*This response may be used*

*and at the end*

Lord in your mercy

Merciful Father,

**All Hear our prayer**

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

**Healing prayer:** Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Colleen S, Catherine E, John D, Louise E, Cheryl W, Teenie S-S.

**In Memoriam:** Clare Addison, Eric Rani, Frank Roger Badger, The Rev'd John Hargreaves

## **The Peace** *Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**



*The Deacon says*

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 671: I will sing the wondrous story

*A collection plate is available at the back of church or  
this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:  
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## The Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.

**All Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*



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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*We sing together*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest**

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*

**All Christ has died  
Christ is risen  
Christ will come again**

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*

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour 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 all share in one bread.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### **Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)**

*We sing together*

**All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin 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 at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.*

### **Communion Hymn 681: In heavenly love abiding**

## **Communion Anthem**

The Lord's my shepherd *Goodall*

## **Post Communion Prayers**

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.

**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 806: There's a wideness in God's mercy**

## **Blessing and Final Responsory**

God the Father  
By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.  
Amen

*The Deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ.**

**Amen**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The ministers depart.*

**Organ Voluntary**

## News and Notices

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

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** This will take place after the 10.30 Eucharist next Sunday 28th April – do stay for this opportunity to give thanks for our worship and work at St Andrew's over the past year and our plans for the future.

**Rugby Foodbank** greatly appreciates your contributions and ongoing support. We now have a collection basket at the back of church



**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/>



*Let's talk about it*

**Community Conversation**, Wednesday 1st May, 10.30-11.45am. As a lead into 'Dying Matter Week,' 6th-12th May, you are invited to attend our

Community conversation, which will focus on the topic of dying and death. This is an important topic for people to talk about, including how we might ourselves make preparations for that eventuality, talk to our loved ones about it and how we might support our community friends and neighbours when they are grieving. I hope you will join me. Reverend Sharon Crofts

**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)

**The Rugby Cafe Writers** meet every fortnight in St Andrew's Church on a Friday at 10am. This is a group for anyone who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The group has recently



published an anthology called A Story For Every Day Of Winter. To buy a copy, see a member of the group or go to [www.rugbycafewriters.com](http://www.rugbycafewriters.com) New members are always welcome.

**The Big Table Gospel group** meets every week in the church cafe on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. This is a group for anyone who wishes to explore the weekly readings of the church in a bit more depth and talk about how they relate to everyday life. We are devoting our Thursday meetings to discussing a book on some aspect of faith. New members welcome. Contact John on [shoparound1938@gmail.com](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**The Easter Magazine** is now available and it is hoped you will find something of interest. The next issue of Your Magazine will be the Pentecost Issue and a contribution from you is welcome, be it an article, story, poem or something of interest you wish to share with the readers. Should you feel inspired please provide your contribution by 21 April. Please send to John or Kate. Thank you.

**Regular Giving to support St Andrew's Mission and Ministry.** We are hugely grateful to all who support St Andrew's financially by regular giving. We are in the process of transferring the management of regular giving to the new Parish Giving system, which saves a lot of administrative time and expense. To sign up you can take a form from the back of church or you can use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rugby-st-andrew-rugby/> Please have a word with Hash, Joyce or any PCC members if you would like to find out more.

**Recycling** - Your contributions are most welcome and continue to support the Church as well as other charities. There is a separate yellow collection bin for your unwanted **spectacles**, due perhaps to a change in your prescription. The recycling unit has two columns the left hand column is for the collection of **ink cartridges** and the right hand column is for **milk container caps**. Please assist the sorting and packing process by not placing

items in the wrong column or by placing general waste in either of the columns. Where possible only deposit the ink cartridge without their original cardboard packaging as we can only send the ink cartridges for recycling. The soft plastics (bags) in which items are deposited are recycled separately to further reduce waste. Don't forget your **used postage stamps** to support the Knitted Knockers Charity that provides wool for Breast Replacements for women who have had a mastectomy, and your unwanted **mobile telephones** will be transported to Ghana by the charity NPAC - National Police Aid Convoy - where they are handed to the charity Afrikids to help in technology training and repair and reuse. Thank you for your ongoing support of these valuable initiatives.

You are warmly invited to **May Blossom Farm's Gardening** for Wellbeing Saturday afternoon sessions between 2pm and 4pm on various dates until the end of June. Sessions are an opportunity to grow veg, connect with others and enjoy time outdoors in God's creation. They are part-funded through your very generous donations at the recent St Andrews Community Lunch. To come along, simply book a parking space for the sessions you would like to attend on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/gardening-for-wellbeing-3190549>

Please note that for the **World Food event** on 12th May tickets are now available. We are seeing a high demand for the tickets and not to disappoint, please see Hash and Joyce to ensure tickets are allocated. We have set the number at 100 due to the high demand. The event will be very informal, no seating, 10 serving stations, bar and raffle. Self service with no limits to how many times you go up to eat.

**Rev'd John Hargreaves** who did his curacy in St Andrew's has sadly died following a long illness. His family warmly invites anyone who wishes to attend his funeral on Friday 3rd May at 11am in Rippon Cathedral and to refreshments afterwards.



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