



St Andrew's Church

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

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity 12th July 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Preacher : The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon : Rosemary Privett

Healing : Mike and Alison

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Evensong

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher : Gwyneth Hickman

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit: Thou visitest the earth *Greene*

Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father *SS Wesley*

Processional Hymn **721**: Love divine, all love excelling

Gradual Hymn **387**: Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking

Offertory Hymn **238**: Come down O love divine

Communion Hymn **628**: Father in Heaven

Recessional Hymn **484**: You shall go out with joy

Collect:

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding;
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds

came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’ ‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

Healing prayer: George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, David, S.M, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Patricia T, David P, Margaret S, Mick W.

In Memoriam: Margaret Barnett, Patricia Gore, Ted George.

Post Communion Prayer:

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News and Notices

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

Rector's Reflection – Children in Church

One of the ways in which God is blessing St Andrew's at the moment is the growing number of children sharing in worship. It's quite common for us to have over twenty children and young people on a Sunday morning. Between the ages of around 4 and 11 children are invited to share in Godly Play in the vestry and as teenagers they can join the group meeting in the café area. Toddlers and their parents or carers are welcomed to the children's corner, where they can enjoy each other's company while being close to the heart of the worship we all offer. Others of our young people enjoy singing in the choir, leaving during the sermon and prayers to learn with Rachel, our Junior Choir Leader and Will, our Director of Music.

Worshipping together across the generations is a great blessing. In today's world there are so few times and places where people of all ages – from babies to pensioners – meet together to share in a common activity. When different people meet there are sometimes points of friction – we all have different perspectives and priorities – but I believe the key thing is that we remain thankful to God for each other, different though we are. If you feel disturbed by others' behaviour, do please keep this principle in mind and have word with one of the clergy, rather than behaving unkindly with one another, remembering that St Andrew's offers a wide range of opportunities to worship together throughout the week, ten of which are peaceful and contemplative.

And let's give thanks that God is allowing us in this season to fulfil the words of the psalmist: 'One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts' (Psalm 145:4).

Renovation Works. You will notice that work has started on our Phase I building project. Over the next three months, the northern frontage of the church will be cleaned, stonework restored, window guards replaced, ecologically-sound floodlighting installed and the railings refurbished. We are very grateful for the support of Rugby Borough Council's town centre regeneration funding to enable this project. The church will remain open as normal throughout.

Summer Quiet Day. Our annual Summer Quiet Day will take place at All Saints', Leamington Hastings on Saturday 18th July from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Led by James, this will be a great opportunity for spiritual refreshment. A donation of £10 towards costs would be appreciated, lifts will be available and please remember to bring your own lunch. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Evensong on Sunday 19th July. This will be the last Evensong before the choir's summer break over August and Pimms or non-alcoholic alternatives will be served afterwards—all are welcome!

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.

Summer Camp for children aged 5-11 at Dunchurch Baptist Church, Coventry Road, Rugby CV22 6RF. Dancing, acting, singing,

games, crafts, cooking, bouncy castle, face painting. Further details from strongrootsgroup@gmail.com

July is South Asian Heritage Month, celebrating the cultures of the Indian sub-continent. The Christian communities of South Asia are a rich source of blessing to the worldwide Church and this month is an opportunity for us to pray together in solidarity and thanksgiving. In particular, you might like to offer this Indian Christian prayer, Christaraksha, which many people find a source of strength in adversity:

May the cross of the + Son of God,
which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan
and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven,
abide with us in our going out and in our coming in.

By day and by night, at morning and at evening,
at all times and in all places may it protect and defend us.
From the wrath of evildoers, from the assaults of evil spirits,
from foes visible and invisible, from the snares of the devil,
from all passions that beguile the soul and body:
may it guard, protect and deliver us.
Amen.

The St Andrew's 100 Club The third draw of the second year of The St Andrew's 100 Club, took place following the 10.30 service on Sunday 5 July with the winning tickets being - Number 56 held by Joyce Woodings, Number 78 held by Sue Goddard, and Number 48 held by John Howes. Congratulations to our three new winners who bring our total winners to 46. Tickets are £25 each per annum, which is less than 7p per day, and there is no limit as to the number you may hold. The prize draws take place on the first Sunday of each month, for the previous month. Thank you for your support - 'You've Got To Be In It, To Win It'

Diary for the week 13th July - 19th July

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 drop-in group
10.30am Art with Aish
6.30pm 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
10.00am Community Conversations
12.00pm Holy Communion
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Women's circle group

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Big Table Gospel group
6.00pm Holy Communion
7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Church Mice



Saturday

Sunday 19th July 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm Baptism service
3.00pm Phoenix Sax Orchestra concert
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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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