



St Andrew's Church

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 27th September 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Hugh Priestner

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon : The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Preacher : The Rev'd Hugh Priestner

Followed by newcomers welcome coffee & chat in the Lady Chapel

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Followed by a reception to celebrate the completion of the renovation works

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit : Teach me, O Lord *Attwood*

Anthem : Call to remembrance *Farrant*

Processional Hymn **586: All praise to Christ**

Gradual Hymn **132: O for a heart to praise my God**

Offertory Hymn **489: From heaven you came**

Communion Hymn **457: Now, my tongue, the mystery
telling**

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

Omitting the * verses

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 : Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? or I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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, Nick B & family, Prem M, Graham H.

News and Notices

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

Newcomers' Meeting. If you've recently started worshipping at St Andrew's, welcome! After the 10.30 eucharist today there will be a short meeting, with tea, coffee and biscuits, in the Lady Chapel. This is an opportunity to meet the clergy and for us to get to know one another a bit better – please do come along.

October is Black History Month. We'll be marking the month with a number of events: a screening of the film *Selma* (2014) in church at 3.15pm on Sunday 4th October; an exhibition of images of Jesus, as pictured by members of our congregation and local community; a World Food Lunch after our Harvest Festival eucharist on Sunday 11th October; and a Sunday service considering themes from the month on the 25th October. More information will follow shortly.

Harvest World Food Lunch Sunday 11th October

12.30pm. This year's Harvest Lunch will celebrate the diversity of our congregation – please sign up on the list at the back of church to offer something delicious to share!

Generous Giving Week, 4th to the 11th October, is our annual opportunity to learn more of how we can support St Andrew's ministry and mission through giving our time and money.

Journeying with Children in Faith. Following a successful session earlier in the year, we'll be meeting again at 12noon on Sunday 18th October to experience Godly Play. All are welcome, but the session is especially designed to help parents and carers of children who share in Godly Play each week to find out more about how it works. Lunch and activities will be provided for children.

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.

Young Choristers need your help!

Some of our Junior Choristers have grown over the summer holiday and their cassocks need

to be let down. If you have sewing skills and would be prepared to help, please contact Rachel. It's all hand sewing, no machine required. youngchoristers@rugbychurch.org.uk



Diary for the week 28th September – 4th October

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

2.15pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Holy Communion

5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Holy Communion

7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Big Table Gospel Group

10.00am Church Mice



Saturday

7.00pm Bilton Silver Band
concert

Sunday 4th October

18th Sunday after Trinity

Generous Giving Week

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

3.15pm Black History Month
SELMA film showing

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.