



St Andrew's Church

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Palm Sunday **29th March 2026**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.15am Gathering in St Andrew's Gardens for the procession with donkeys

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Deacon : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

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

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.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

Collects:

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me. And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set *him* thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed *them* in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

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, Elizabeth I, Patricia T, David P

In Memoriam: Irene Watts

News and Notices

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

Electoral Roll If you are a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash

Easter Lilies If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the Easter lilies, maybe in memory of a loved one, please leave with the wardens or the office. If you are able to gift aid, please complete your details on a yellow envelope and mark as Easter flowers.

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 Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 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 11th draw took place on Sunday 1st March with the winning tickets being 101- Eloise Khumalo, 104 - Tiago Ferreria and Joyce Woodings. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining for next year 2026 / 27, Renewal and Application Forms are available NOW when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the thirty one winners to date. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

St Andrew's church members are warmly invited to **May Blossom Farm** on Saturday 4 April 11:00am until 2:00pm to celebrate with us as the Rugby Mayor opens our new Sensory Garden. Free entry, with sandwiches and drinks provided, and family Easter activities. Please book a parking space here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grand-opening-of-the-may-blossom-farm-sensory-garden-tickets-1984380798386?aff=oddtcreator>

The Parish Magazine, Easter edition is now available at the back of church. Pick up your copy now for a suggested donation of 75p to help with the cost of printing and upkeep of the church.

English Mystics Livestream. All are welcome to the second in our series of livestreams on English Mystics. On Monday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel we will learn more about the great fourteenth century text, *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

Recycling Update On 24 March your contributions enabled a further bag of 3613 Milk Container Tops to be passed on to support funds for a school in Africa, meaning since the initiative started over five years ago some 20 bags containing 69265 Milk Container Tops have been sent for recycling and saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

Holy Week, beginning today, is a wonderful annual opportunity for us to journey together with Jesus, sharing with him in the events of his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday,) his Last Supper (Maundy Thursday), his crucifixion (Good Friday) and his resurrection (Easter Day). You are warmly invited and encouraged to share in any or all of the services listed over the page.

There will be organ music on Good Friday starting from 11.45am ahead of the 12pm Reflection so that people can enter quietly and prepare.

Holy Week and Easter Day

Monday 30th March	9.00am 12noon 7.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Week Midday Prayer Compline English Mystics Livestream: <i>The Cloud of Unknowing</i>
Tuesday 31st March	9.00am 9.30am 12noon 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Reflective Communion Holy Week Midday Prayer Compline
Wednesday 1st April	9am 10.30am 12noon 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Easter Children's Crafting Holy Week Midday Prayer Compline
Maundy Thursday 2nd April	9.00am 12noon 7.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Week Midday Prayer Eucharist with foot washing and Vigil to 10pm
Good Friday 3rd April	9.00am 10.00am 12—2pm 3.00pm	Morning Prayer Walk of Witness from St Andrews to Rugby Baptist Church Good Friday Reflections Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday 4th April	8.30pm	Service of Light
Easter Day 5th April	8.00am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion Festal Eucharist

6th - 12th April

Monday 6th April		Church Closed
Tuesday 7th April	9.00am 9.30am 1.00pm 2.00pm	Morning Prayer Reflective Communion Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Bereavement Point
Wednesday 8th April	9.00am 12.00pm 2.15pm	Morning Prayer Midday Communion Mothers' Union
Thursday 9th April	9.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Morning Prayer Big Table Gospel Group Eucharist
Friday 10th April	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 11th April	10.30am	Second Saturday Songs
Sunday 12th April <i>1st Sunday after Easter</i>	8.00am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

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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.

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