



St Andrew's Church

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

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 4th October 2026 Generous Giving Week

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Deacon and Preacher : The Rev'd Edmund Newey

Healing : Carole P and Alison

3.15pm *Selma – Film Showing for Black History Month*

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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Collect:

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Reading: Haggai 1:1-9, 12-15

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.

Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways.

Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord.

Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord.

Then spake Haggai the Lord's messenger in the Lord's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the Lord.

And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,

In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-end

Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the

field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:
And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not
arrayed like one of these.
Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is,
and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe
you, O ye of little faith?
Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What
shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly
Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all
these things shall be added unto you”.

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

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, from the 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 and 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 2.15pm - 3.45pm 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. Next month we will also be experimenting with a second afternoon session. Please spread the news where you can. Volunteers are warmly welcome—have a chat with Lydia, Joyce or Heather for more information. A new afternoon session will start from Friday 16th October 1pm-2.30pm.

**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 5th – 11th 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
10.00am Community
Conversations
12.00pm Holy Communion
5.00pm Young Choristers
7.00pm Adoptive Parents
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

10.30am Second Saturday Songs
7.00pm A Second Season to
Sing Concert

Sunday 11th October **19th Sunday after Trinity**

Harvest

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Choral Eucharist
12.30pm Harvest & World
Food Lunch
6.00pm Evensong

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