St Andrew's Church

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

The Sunday Next before Advent
Christ the King
22nd November 2026

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Deacon : Rosemary Privett

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster
Preacher : Sue Minton

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—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.

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain seated if you prefer. Toilets are available through the arch at the back of church.

The president welcomes the congregation and makes any announcements.

Introit *Sung by the choir* Adoramus te *Lassus*

Adoramus te, Christe	We adore you, O Christ,
et benedicimus tibi.	and we bless you.
Quia per tuam sanctam crucem	For by your holy Cross
redemisti mundum.	you redeemed the world.
Domine, miserere nobis.	Lord, have mercy on us.

Please stand

Opening Hymn 486: Christ is the King!

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.

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Invitation to confession

The Deacon says

Jesus says,
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen

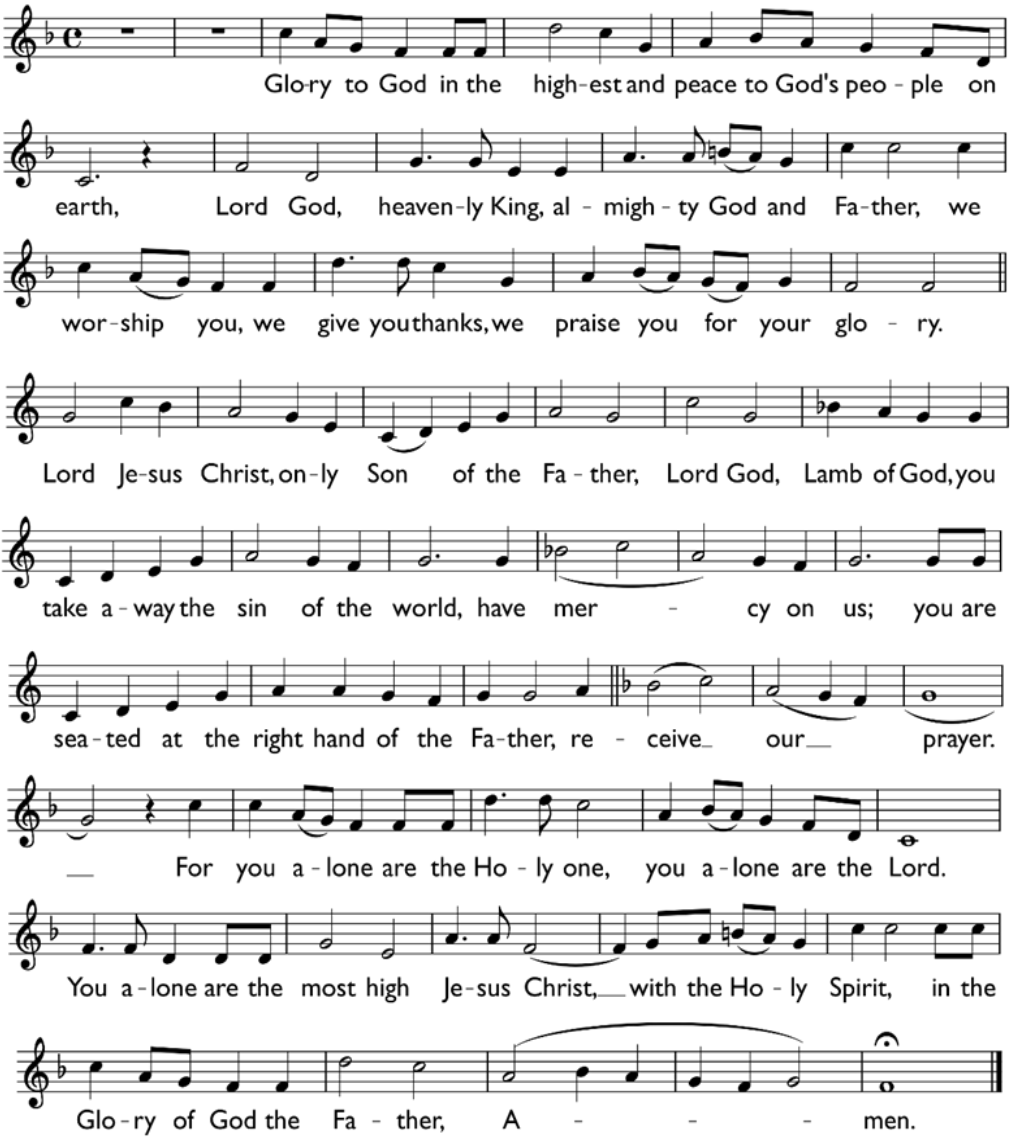
The president says

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.

The Gloria

We proclaim the glory of God by singing together



The Collect

The president says

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they

shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
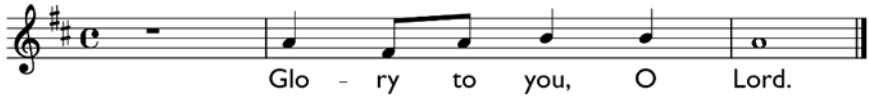
Please stand

Gradual Hymn 575: When I needed a neighbour

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (*25.31-end)*

We sing together:
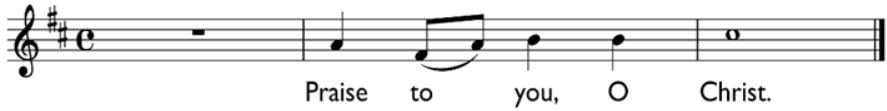


Jesus said, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go

away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

The Creed *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

Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

and at the end

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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, John D.

In memoriam: Graham Hardwick

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Colossians 3:14,15

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 with those around us by saying 'peace be with you'

Offertory Hymn 697: Join all the glorious names

*Omitting * verses*

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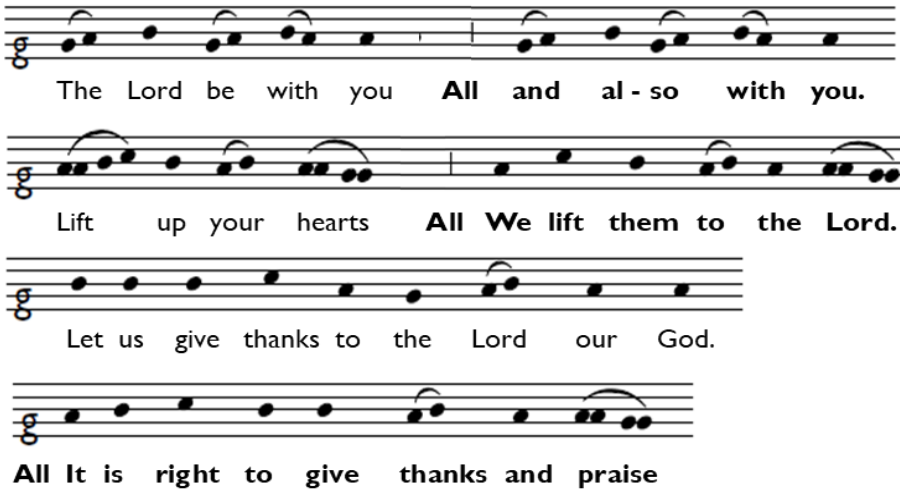
The Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

All Blessed be God for ever.

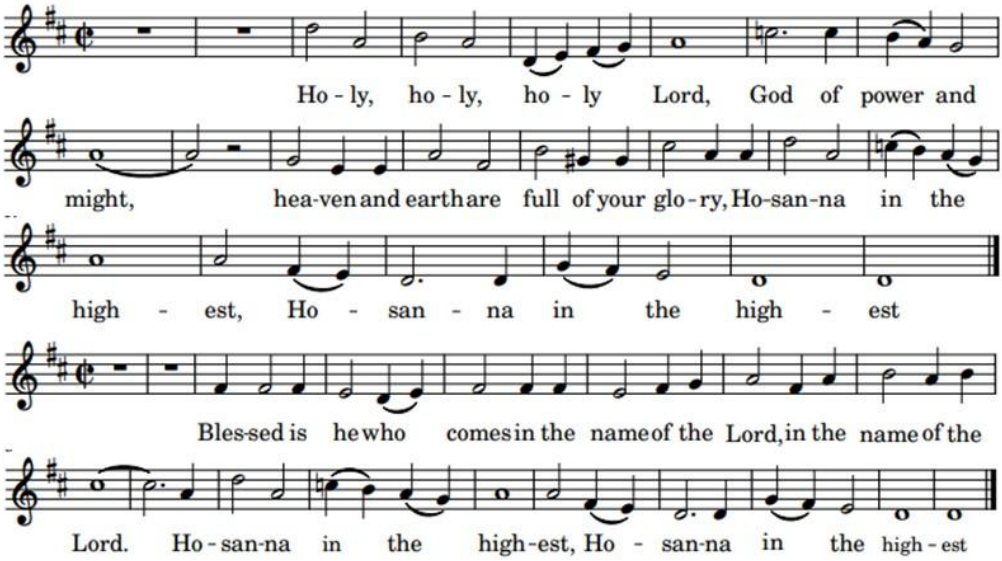
The Eucharistic Prayer



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.
And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus and Benedictus *We sing together*



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

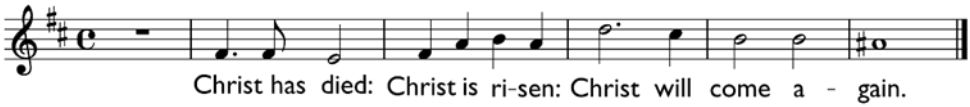
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung,

The Deacon then says:

Great is the mystery of faith

We sing together



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.

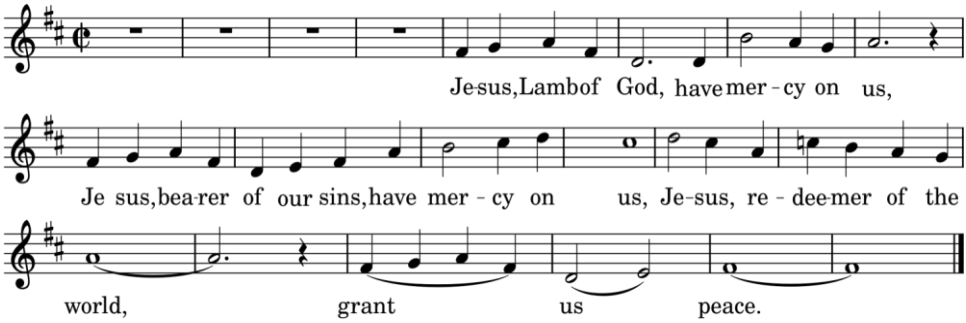
All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

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*



Holy Communion will be administered at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, or a gluten free host please indicate this to the ministers.

Communion Hymn 563: Jesus Christ is waiting

Communion Anthem: Christus factus est *Bruckner*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem,
mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name
which is above all names.

Post Communion Prayers

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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

Recessional Hymn 580: Judge eternal

During this hymn the ministers process to the back of church.

Conclusion

The president blesses the people, saying

Christ our King make you faithful and strong
to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary Suite Gothique (Toccata) *Boellmann*

News and Notices

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

Advent begins next Sunday, marking the beginning of the Church's year.

- **Advent Carol Service** our choir-led, traditional carol service is next Sunday 29th November at 6pm.
- **Advent Reflective Eucharists.** The Tuesday 9.30am Reflective Eucharist during Advent will offer an opportunity to reflect and pray together on the themes of Advent. A related prayer station in the Lady Chapel will be available through the week.
- **The Big Table Gospel group will be reading an Advent book together:** Paul Dominiak's *The Love that Moves the Sun*. The group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Our annual **Festival of Christmas Trees** begins this Friday – do spread the word!

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 and 1pm-2.30pm on 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.

St Andrew's Day. Our Patronal Festival is on Monday 30th November. We will be celebrating it with Choral Evensong, sung by Rugby School's Temple Consort, at 6pm. Afterwards the Friends of St Andrew's will be hosting mulled wine and mince pies in church.

We are delighted to be holding the **Cranmer Awards**, a special competition for children 11-18, at St Andrew's on the 25th November at 5pm. The main competition is about reciting a small section of scripture or a traditional prayer from the Prayerbook. This year there is also a poetry competition. Those who win first place will receive a cash prize of £60, second place is £40 and third is £30. Winners will be invited to go along to the national final which is always somewhere special, with previous finals held at Hampton Court Palace and where the first prize is £250. The competition aims to help children learn to read and pray confidently and is an exciting opportunity to do something special! If you or one of your children would like to know more, please talk to James or Edmund.

Christmas Publicity. We are in the process of getting postcards printed to distribute to the houses in our Parish. We'd really appreciate help in doing this, so please take a look at the list of roads at the back of church and maybe think of a group of people you could share the job with. Thank you.

Stewarding If anyone would like to join our excellent stewarding team to help welcome the public in to church over Advent and Christmas, please speak to Joyce, Hash or email the office. There are daytime opportunities as well as evening.

Diary for the week 23rd – 29th November

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
Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Holy Communion 5.00pm Cranmer Awards (no Young Choristers this week)	**Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30pm Christmas trees set up 4.00pm Festival of Christmas Trees opening ceremony **6.30pm** Holy Communion 7.15pm Choir practice
Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel Group 10.00am Church Mice 1.00pm Church Mice 	**Saturday** *2pm-8pm Rugby's Artisan Market*
Sunday 22nd November **Advent Sunday**	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Advent Carol Service