



St Andrew's Church, Rugby

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

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. 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 service sheet.

Palm Sunday **24th March 2024**

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Helen Bryant, Lay Chaplain, Harris Church of England School

Responses: Smith **Canticles:** Gibbons Short Service

Introit *sung by the choir* God be in my head Walford Davies

The Minister announces the **Opening Hymn**; *please stand*

Opening Hymn 161 ii Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The Welcome

The Minister welcomes the congregation to the service

Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all men

such things as their well-being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel in silence
and remember God's presence with us now.

Please kneel as we say together

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost
sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable
offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto *you* pardon and
remission of all *your* sins, time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 61

HEAR my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee: when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the

enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires : and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before God for ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

So will I always sing praise unto thy Name : that I may daily perform my vows.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen

Please sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

Please remain seated

Magnificat *Luke 1*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit or remain seated

New Testament Reading: Mark 12:1-12

Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes”?

When they realized that he had told this parable against them,
they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they
left him and went away.

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2.29*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Please stand for the Gloria if you wish

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles Creed *please stand*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,**

**And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen**

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray

Please sit

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Our Father,

Answer which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect

Then shall follow four Collects: The first of the day, the second for Lent, the third for peace, the fourth for aid against all perils.

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.

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

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem *sung by the choir*

Hosanna to the Son of David *Gibbons*

Reflection *Helen Bryant*

Intercessions made for the world

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Colleen S, Rod B, Catherine E, John D, Louise E, Cheryl W, Teenie S-S.

In Memorium: Rex Pogson

Please stand

Final Hymn 25 We praise you, Father, for your gift

Please remain standing

Final Blessing

The peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst *you* and remain with *you* always.
Amen.

The choir and minister depart

Voluntary

News and Notices

Any item to be included in News & Notices should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12noon.

Back to Basics Sunday Prayer Evenings - 6.30pm Calling The Church to pray 24th March at Bilton Evangelical Church
31st Mar at Harris Church of Academy

Lent Lunches

Weds 27th Mar at Paddox Methodist Church at 12.30pm

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/>

Thirteen Bells Book Club We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Rugby Cafe Writers meet every fortnight in St Andrew's Church on a Friday at 10am. This is a group for anyone who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The group has recently published an anthology called A Story For Every Day Of Winter. To buy a copy, see a member of the group or go to www.rugbycafewriters.com New members are always welcome.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week in the church cafe on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. This is a group for anyone who wishes to explore the weekly readings of the church in a bit more depth and talk about how they relate to everyday life. We are devoting our Thursday meetings to discussing a book on some aspect of faith. New members welcome. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

Healing Ministry We are seeking to introduce healing ministry into one of our worship services and are keen to hear from members of our worshipping community who would be interested in supporting us in this. A small group has met once and will be meeting again on Friday 12th April at 2pm — please speak with Edmund or Sharon if you'd like to find out more.

Save the date! Following the lovely lunch we shared recently, there will be another fundraising lunch at church on Sunday 12th May to enable other groups to continue the work that they do. Further details will follow soon.

The Easter Magazine is now available and it is hoped you will find something of interest. The next issue of Your Magazine will be the Pentecost Issue and a contribution from you is welcome, be it an article, story, poem or something of interest you wish to share with the readers. Should you feel inspired please provide your contribution by 21 April. Please send to John or Kate. Thank you.

Easter Eve Church Cleaning—all are welcome to join the group who will be cleaning and polishing in church on the morning of Holy Saturday, 10am-12noon.

Regular Giving to support St Andrew' Mission and Ministry. We are hugely grateful to all who support St Andrew's financially by regular giving. We are in the process of transferring the management of regular giving to the new Parish Giving system, which saves a lot of administrative time and expense. To sign up you can take a form from the back of church or you can use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rugby-st-andrew-rugby/> Please have a word with Hash, Joyce or any PCC members if you would like to find out more.

Diary for the week

25th - 31st March 2024

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting and crochet group
12.00am Midday prayer *(in the garden)*
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
8.00pm Compline
- Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
9.30am Reflective Communion *followed by coffee*
12.00am Midday prayer *(in the garden)*
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
8.00pm Compline
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
12.00am Midday prayer *(in the garden)*
7.00pm Stations of the Cross
8.00pm Compline
- Maundy Thursday**
12.00am Midday prayer
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Vigil until 10pm
- Good Friday**
9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
10.00am Walk of Witness (from Rugby Baptist Church)
12.00pm Good Friday Reflections
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
- Saturday** 10.00am-12pm Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship!*
Church cleaning—all welcome!
8.00pm Service of Light

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Festal Choral Eucharist

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