

St Andrew's, Rugby

At the Heart of Things

St Andrew's is a member of the national Major Churches Network, an iconic part of the town-centre environment, listed 2*, and generally seen as 'the Parish Church for the town'.

The St Andrew's Purpose ('What We Exist to Do'):

Worship as the heartbeat of the church community through the week.

A holy place, seeking to bring worshippers and visitors ever closer to the love of God and the example of Jesus.

Community involvement as the heartbeat of our mission.

A meeting-place, for all the people of Rugby, and all visitors, of all faiths and none, so together we can help in the revival and happiness of the town centre.

The Key Priorities of the Diocese of Coventry: (A backdrop to the St Andrew's Vision)

Reconciliation; Worship; Discipleship; Transforming Communities

The St Andrew's Vision ('How We Define Future Strategic Objectives'), **during and after Covid19, is to provide an environment...**

1. of care and challenge for the whole community;
2. centred on Christian worship, values, heritage and music;
3. demonstrating mutual respect and love across all generations and cultures;
4. actively eco-friendly and digitally forward-looking;
5. hospitable every day to those of all faiths and none;
6. integral to the revival of the town-centre as Rugby's heart.

The St Andrew's Strategic Objectives, 2021-25 (developing out of two 3-year Vision and Mission plans, 2014-7, 2017-20; but also shaped by the experience of Covid)

*A Seven-Day Church: worship and engagement at the heart of the town, and increasingly a place for people to turn to in good times and in difficulty

*A Hospitality Church: faith, food and fun in the town centre, and increasingly a place where the gospel meets the people's needs

*A Heritage Church, where respect for the historical, musical and architectural treasures of the past is embraced in an urgency about justice and renewal for people and the planet

*A Church with All Generations at its Heart, leading projects for mutual respect between young and old, families and their community, different cultures and traditions

*A Civic Church, playing an increasingly important role in partnerships for the re-shaping of the town-centre community

*A Well-Resourced Church, with an imaginative strategy for providing the finance and up-to-date infrastructure necessary for delivering all objectives.