

Sunday

@ St Andrew's

The Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May 2025

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Preacher: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Deacon: Tom Nettey

12.30pm Annual Parishioners' Church Meeting and Lunch

6.00pm Evensong

Officiant: Helen Bryant

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

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.

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Introit: Rejoice in the Lord *Elvey*

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd *Goodall*

Processional Hymn: **209:** Love's redeeming work is done

Gradual Hymn: **724:** Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

Offertory Hymn: **221:** Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Communion Hymn: **825:** Word of God, come down on earth

Recessional Hymn: **222:** You shall go out with joy

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Acts 9.36–end

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.

He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.

This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon..’

Gospel Reading: John 10.22–30

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not believe

because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all ; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

I and the Father are one.”.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Healing prayer: Irene W, George W, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Noel, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B.

In Memoriam: Theodore Johnson, Jane Gould

News and Notices

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

Rosebuds next meet on Wednesday 14th May 7pm at Satchmo's Corner. Join us for a labyrinth journey!

Annual Church Meeting and Lunch TODAY. Our 2025 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 12.30pm followed by lunch. Do stay for this opportunity to celebrate the past year at St Andrew's and look forward to future plans. Elections to the PCC (the church council) also take place at this meeting. A copy of the Annual Accounts for 2024 is also available at the back of church.

James's Priesting. Having completed a year as a Deacon, James will be ordained Priest in the Cathedral on Sunday 29th June at 10.30am. We are planning to book a coach to attend the service— please sign the list at the back of church to indicate your interest in attending.

Volunteer Thank You—Sunday 1st June St Andrew's depends on the involvement of a huge number of volunteers to sustain our ministry and mission. Your clergy and staff team would like to say thank you by inviting you to tea in church at 4pm on the afternoon of Sunday 1st June. If you're already a volunteer at St Andrew's, please do put the date in your diaries; if you're not yet, a volunteer perhaps you'd like to come along to find out more!

Christian Aid Week 2025 11th - 17th May

This is a wonderful opportunity at St Andrew's Church to show our love and concern for parts of the world where there is a lot of suffering. Christian Aid celebrates its 80th birthday this year supporting work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home. Envelopes are available in church for your donation.

Diary for the week 12th - 18th May:	
<p>Monday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Knitting & Crochet Group 6.30pm Community Singers 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>	<p>Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert 6.30pm Free Voice</p>
<p>Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Pastoral Group meeting 12.00pm Holy Communion 2.15pm Mothers' Union Communion 5.00pm Young Choristers 7.00pm Songwriters' group</p>	<p>Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Board Games Group 7.15pm Choir Practice</p>
<p>Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel group</p>	<p>Saturday 10am– 12pm Café Open</p>
<p>Sunday 18th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter BIKEFEST</p>	<p>8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 7.00pm Iona Evening Prayer</p>