



# St Andrew's Church

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## Trinity Sunday 31st May 2026

### 8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President: and preacher: The Rev'd Hugh Priestner

### 10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Deacon: Tom Nettey



**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.

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.

**Please remember to switch off your mobile phone!**

## Prelude

*The president welcomes the congregation with any notices*

## **The Gathering**

## Introit

*Sung by the choir*

How lovely are the messengers *Mendelssohn*

*Please stand*

## Opening Hymn

**276: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

## The Greeting

*The president says*

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.**

## Invitation to confession

*The President says*

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God  
for idols of our own imagining.

As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided  
Trinity,

and to worship him in spirit and in truth,  
let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us life and peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **The Gloria**

*The choir sings the communion setting in F by Harold Darke*

Glory be to God on high

Glory be to God on high  
and in earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,  
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,  
O Lord God, Heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ,  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us,

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
Receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father  
Have mercy upon us.

For thou only art Holy,  
Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most High in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the  
Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
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***

## **Reading**

### **Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end**

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and  
emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God’?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gradual Hymn**

**246: Holy Spirit, come confirm us**

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come,  
the Almighty.

*cf Revelation 1.8*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

*(28.16-end)*

*The choir sings*

Glory be to thee, O Lord

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

*The choir sings*

Praise to you, O Christ

*Please sit*

**Sermon**  
*Rev'd Alison Baxter*

*Please stand*

**The Creed**

**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, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Sue P, Carol S, Patricia T, David P,

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### **The Peace**

*Please stand*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God 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 safely with those around us by saying  
'peace be with you'*

# Offertory Hymn

## 810: Thou, whose almighty word

*This link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:*




## The Preparation of the Table

Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.

**All Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

## The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you **And** al - so with you  
Lift up your hearts **We** lift them to the Lord  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
It is right to give thanks and praise

*The president says*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we sing for ever of your glory:

## **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*The choir sings*

Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:  
Glory be to Thee,  
O Lord most high, Amen  
Blessed is He  
that cometh in the Name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the Highest.

*The president says*

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 say together*

**All Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again**

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)**

*The choir sings*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace.

*Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.*

## **Communion Hymn**

**268: Affirm anew the three-fold name**

## **Communion Anthem**

Hymn to the Trinity *Tchaikovsky*

## **Post Communion Prayers**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever;

**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**

## ***The Dismissal***

*Please stand*

# Recessional Hymn

## 612: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

*During this hymn the choir and ministers process to the back of church*

### Conclusion

*The president blesses the people, saying*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
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

## **News and Notices**

*Any item to be included should be with Kate by Wednesday, 12noon*

**Renovation Works.** You will notice that work has started on our Phase I building project. Over the next three months, the northern frontage of the church will be cleaned, stonework restored, window guards replaced, ecologically-sound floodlighting installed and the railings refurbished. We are very grateful for the support of Rugby Borough Council's town centre regeneration funding to enable this project. The church will remain open as normal throughout.

**Christian Aid** The cake stall for Christian Aid made around £250. Many thanks to all those who contributed for this excellent result. Sue Goddard

**Journeying in Faith with Children, Sunday 7th June 12noon.** A time for parents, grandparents and members of the congregation to explore ways of supporting—and learning from—children of all ages in their journey of faith. Light Lunch & Children's activities provided. Please take one of the forms at the back of church and let us know if you're coming.

**English Mystics.** The next livestream, on Evelyn Underhill, takes place in the Lady Chapel on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm—all are welcome.

**Blessing the River Avon.** To mark the end of this year's Great Big Green Week, churches along the course of the River Avon will be blessing and giving thanks for its waters on Sunday 14th June. Here in Rugby, we'll be holding a service of blessing and a bring and share picnic beside the Avon between Brownsover and Clifton at 3.30pm. All are welcome and have a word with James or Alison for more details.

**Summer Concert on Saturday 27th June** at 4pm in church there will be a celebratory summer concert, inspired by the legacy of Rex Pogson. Entry is free and generous donations are encouraged to support Myton Hospice and our Peace Garden project. The Peace Garden, established in Rex's memory, will contain a memorial to Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, 'Woodbine Willie', the famous Great War Chaplain, who was curate of St Andrew's from 1910-1912—more details are available on a separate leaflet.

**Helen Bryant.** We're delighted that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

**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](mailto:shoparound1938@gmail.com)

**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/>

**Church Mice Stay and Play Group** Great news! Church Mice has restarted at St Andrew's. 10-11.30am 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. Thank you.

## Diary for the week 1st - 7th June

### Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Ball of Yarn Knitting &  
crochet drop-in group  
10.30am Art with Aish  
6.30pm Community Singers  
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

### Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Reflective Eucharist  
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime  
Concert  
2.00pm Bereavement Point  
5.00pm Wedding rehearsal

### Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Community  
Conversation  
10.30am Pastoral Group meeting  
12.00pm Holy Communion  
5.00pm Young Choristers  
7.00pm Adoptive parents group

### Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Big Table Gospel  
group  
11.00am Wedding  
6.30pm Holy Communion  
7.15pm Choir practice

### Friday

Godly Play Conference  
9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Church Mice

### Saturday

Church Closed  
Godly Play Conference

### Sunday 7th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am Choral Eucharist  
12.30pm Children & families  
lunch  
6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer

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