



# St Andrew's Church

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## **The Sunday after Ascension Day 17th May 2026**

### **8.00am BCP Holy Communion**

President and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

President and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Deacon : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

### **6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer**

Officiant : The Rev'd Alison Baxter

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

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.

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We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; a link to online giving is on the back of this notice sheet.

**Collect:**

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

**Reading: Acts 1:6-14**

When they therefore were come together, they asked of the risen Christ, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

## **Gospel: John 17:1-11**

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

**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,

**In Memoriam:** The Rev'd Pamela Gould, Peter Long

## News and Notices

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

**The Revd Pam Gould.** Pam's funeral service will take place at St Andrew's on Friday 22nd May at 1pm—all are of course welcome

**APCM.** The adjourned financial business from last Sunday's APCM will take place at 12noon next Sunday. The 2026 annual report and accounts are available from the office in electronic or hard copy.

**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.

**The St Andrew's 100 Club** There is still time to join our 40

previous illustrious prize winners; Application Forms are available from John or Helen - with tickets priced at £25 each per annum and there is no limit as to the number of tickets you may hold, with payment accepted by Cheque or Standing Order. To Ticket Holders who paid by Standing Order for last year 2025 / 26 and you selected a one off payment, please consider re-joining and pick up an Application Form and renew your Standing Order. Our first year raised £1225 for Church and this initiative is a way to support the work of the Church while having the opportunity to win a prize, with the prize draws taking place on the first Sunday of each Month, for the preceding month. You've Got To Be In It To Win It.

**Recycling Update** A further box of candles was sent for recycling on 8 April weighing 4.5Kg meaning since we started candle recycling on 2 April 2025 we have sent 163.95Kg for recycling and saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

### **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.

**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.



# Diary for the week 18th - 24th May

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

## 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

## Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
12.00pm Midday Eucharist  
5.00pm Young Choristers  
7.00pm Women's Circle group

## Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Big Table Gospel group  
6.00pm Eucharist  
7.15pm Choir Practice

## Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Church Mice



## Saturday

## Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

8.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am Choral Eucharist  
12noon APCM Financial Business  
12.30pm PCC meeting  
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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After the service, please feel free to join us for coffee—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

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