



St Andrew's Church

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

Choral Evensong *marking the
completion of the works to the north front*

Sunday 27th September 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Officiant and Preacher : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Responses Clucas Canticles Noble in B minor

Introit *Sung by the choir* Lighten our darkness *L'etrange*

Please stand

Opening Hymn 506: The church's one foundation

Omitting the * verse

The Welcome

The minister welcomes the congregation

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet

together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

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.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of

their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. Then shall be sung the psalm appointed

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may
Israel say :
if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men
rose up against us;
- 2 They had swallowed us up quick :
when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.
- 3 Yea, the waters had drowned us :
and the stream had gone over our soul.
- 4 The deep waters of the proud :
had gone even over our soul.
- 5 But praised be the Lord :
who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
- 6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the
fowler :
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
- 7 Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.

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

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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 fill-ed 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

The New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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 or kneel

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 Collects

Then shall follow three Collects: The first for the day, the second for peace, the third for aid against all perils.

The first collect

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The second collect

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.

The third collect

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.

Please sit

Anthem *sung by the choir* Justorum animae Stanford

Reflection *The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

Intercessions made for the world

Please stand – during the hymn the choir and clergy lead the congregation in procession to the north front of the church.

Closing Hymn 584: All my hope on God is founded

The blessing is given and after it, all return to the inside of the church, following the choir and clergy.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

October is Black History Month. We'll be marking it with a number of events: a screening of the film *Selma* (2014) in church at 3.15pm on Sunday 4th October; an exhibition of images of Jesus, as pictured by members of our congregation and local community; a World Food Lunch after our Harvest Festival eucharist on Sunday 11th October; and a Sunday service considering themes from the month on the 25th October. More information will follow shortly.

Generous Giving Week, from the 4th to the 11th October, is our annual opportunity to learn more of how we can support St Andrew's ministry and mission through giving our time and money. mornings.

Bereavement Point 2.15pm - 3.45pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (plus the 5th if there is one!).

Church Mice Stay and Play Group 10-11.30am Fridays (term time) for ages 0-4 years and it's free.

Diary for the week 28th September – 4th October

Church Community Café open Monday - Friday 9.30am-2pm

Saturday 9.30am-12noon

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting &
crochet group

10.30am Art with Aish

6.30am St A's Community
Singers

7.30pm Bell Ringing practice

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Reflective Eucharist

1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime
Concert

2.15pm Bereavement Point

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Holy Communion

5.00pm Young Choristers

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Holy Communion

7.15pm Choir practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Big Table Gospel
Group

10.00am Church Mice

7.30pm *private appointment*



Saturday

7.00pm Bilton Silver Band
concert

Sunday 4th October

18th Sunday after Trinity

Generous Giving Week

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

3.15pm Black History Month
SELMA film showing

6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer