



St Andrew's Church Rugby

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

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 18th August 2024

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Alison Baxter, Associate Minister

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President: The Rev'd Peter Privett

Deacon: Rosemary Privett, Worship Leader

Preacher: The Rev'd Alison Baxter, Associate Minister

12.30pm Baptism of Carter James Rea

The Rev'd Pamela Gould

6.00pm Iona Evening Prayer

The Rev'd Alison Baxter, Associate Minister

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars:

She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city,

Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

The Gospel: John 6:51-58

Jesus said, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Mary S, Jane B, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Catherine E, Cheryl W, Pauline W, Teenie S-S, Teresa V.

In Memoriam: Michael Griffin, Harold Rani, Mary Tredennick.

News and Notices

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

Your Church Needs Your Support. The PCC has recently been reviewing St Andrew's financial viability. At this half-way point in the year we are facing a **deficit for 2024 of just under £70,000.**

Clearly this is a very large sum and whilst our reserves mean that we are in no short-term danger, this position is not one we can sustain even for another year. From the 29th September to the 5th October we will be holding a Generous Giving Week, with full information on the ways in which you can help address this urgent hole in our finances by supporting us with regular giving. In the meantime, please do pray for us as a parish, as we plan sustainable ways to allow our vital worship, ministry and mission to flourish.

Confirmation. We have a group of three adults and at least one young person ready to prepare for baptism and confirmation in the autumn. Would you or someone you know like to join them? If you would like to consider baptism or confirmation as next steps on your Christian journey, please have a word with one of the clergy or with Helen, our Children and Families Minister.

Thirteen Bells Cafe. Our wonderful church café is run entirely by volunteers—could you be one of them? If you have a couple of hours or more to spare each week, we'd love to hear from you.

St Andrew's WhatsApp Group - strengthening community/friendships and improving communication within our St Andrew's congregation. We are starting a brand-new friendly WhatsApp group for members of our congregation - sharing news/events, making stronger connections and supporting each other. If you would like to be part of it, please speak to Simon, or drop him an e-mail with your mobile phone number and he will add you to the group (sarmstead68@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/>

Compassionate Communities needs you to support our Rugby citizens The number of individuals being referred into Compassionate Communities for support is growing, particularly for bereavement support and people needing a listening ear or some befriending. We are looking to develop and grow 'bereavement friendly communities' and our person to person and phone support provision. Currently we have a very small number of dedicated volunteers who are volunteering themselves and their time to helping provide the compassion that we offer.

Could you help too? If you have a spare hour or so once a week, that is all that is needed but we won't say no if you can offer more! Please consider this ask prayerfully.

Please have a word with Revd Sharon who can let you know more about how you might be able to help. Thank you.

Thirteen Bells Book Club We choose a book to read together and meet fortnightly to discuss it. Titles include thrillers, science fiction, history, family drama and romance. We meet in local cafes including St Andrew's. Contact John: shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Rugby Cafe Writers have just published their latest book, *A Story For Every Day Of Spring*. This completes a project of four books, now offering a short story for every day of the year - all written by members of the group, including several parishioners. The latest book costs £5 if you buy it in person, or £6 on Amazon. You can buy the full set of four books for only £18. They will be on sale at our monthly Saturday Songs event which also features short readings from members of the group. Budding and experienced writers are welcome to join the Writers for their meetings. More details on www.rugbycafewriters.com.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week around the talking table in the cafe, alternating on Thursday and Friday mornings. The group includes parishioners from St Andrew's and we are lucky to be joined by friends from Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist and Evangelical churches in Rugby. Our Friday meetings continue to focus on the Gospel reading for the forthcoming Sunday. Our Thursday meetings now have a specific topic for discussion. So far, we have covered Pilgrimage, the Psalms and Prayer. Future themes include Green Christianity and Going on Retreat. New members are always welcome. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

We are invited to Margaret Johnson's 85th birthday celebration on Sunday, 25th August 2024 at St. George's Church Hall, 3pm onwards. NB NO presents please. If wished, donations to the work of "The Children's Society" or St. George's Church would be most gratefully received. RSVP Margaret Johnson tel. no. 01788336675 email mejvernonav@virginmedia.com

Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays. Everyday Faith is about where and how we encounter God as we go about our lives. Where is God in our daily lives? How do we find God in the fullness of everyday life? Whether you wish to develop your faith or support others in theirs, Everyday Faith is designed to support you

in your life discipleship or vocational journey. The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme.

Rosebuds On the 3rd September at 7pm a new ladies group is starting named 'Rosebuds'. It will be held at Sachmo's (just across the road from Church) and will be held each month thereafter. Come along, buy a drink and join us! The aim of the group is for women to be able to support each other in their life journey and faith. The main focus of the evening will be informal conversation but there will also be an opportunity (should you wish) to do a different craft activity each week related to a bible passage and reflect on this with the help of a few guided questions. Please invite any friends who might like to attend with you and be welcomed in to a relaxed and informal space. For further information please contact Carol Slater at: Carol Slater 20151@outlook.com or Alison Baxter at: alison.baxter@rugbychurch.org.uk and 07435 433501

Diary for the week 19th - 25th August 2024

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
 10.30am Art with Aish
 11.00am Church Mice *Baby & toddler stay & play*
 7.30pm Bell ringing practice *New members welcome*
- Tuesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 9.30am Reflective Communion *followed by coffee*
 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert by Raymond Wui-Man Yiu
 (piano)
 2.00pm Bereavement Point
 6.00pm Free Voice
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 12.00pm Holy Communion
- Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 2.00pm Funeral of Harold Rani
 6.30pm Board games group
- Friday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
- Saturday** 10.00am-12pm Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship!*

Sunday 25th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

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A collection plate is available at the back of church
or this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
givi.ng/1160223



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