



# St Andrew's

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**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.

Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

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

## **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

### **21st September 2025**

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

President and Preacher:

The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

#### **10.30am Choral Eucharist**

President: The Rev'd Sharon Crofts

Deacon: The Rev'd Alison Baxter

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

#### **6.00pm Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land and Middle East**

Leader: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey



## **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Reading: Proverbs 3:13-18**

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.

## **Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13**

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

## **Healing prayer:**

Irene W, George W, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Caroline, Lily, Denise, Mary S, Mary G, Cheryl W, Teresa V, David, S.M, Faith F, Jane B, William B, Rosemary & John K, Chris & Chris H, Sue P, Russell H, Chris C.

## **News and Notices**

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

**Thursday evening eucharist** each Thursday in the Lady Chapel at 6pm—an opportunity for reflective worship at the end of the working day.

**Sponsored Abseil.** *Sarah Stott writes,* ‘On 27th September I am taking part in an abseil down the new Coventry Cathedral in aid of Myton Hospice who constantly do an amazing work, supporting others in the most difficult of times .This why I am asking whether members of St Andrews Church would generously sponsor me to help me reach my goal of £200, by donating or if able, supporting me at the event itself, which would be fun or in my case terrifying!’ Please find below the attached link for my JustGiving page: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-stott-abseil?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-stott-abseil?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

**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/>

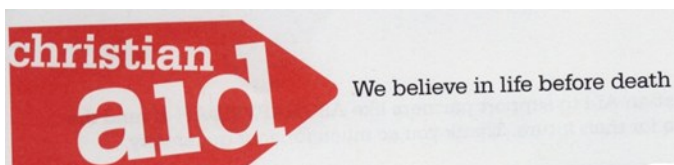
**Everyone is invited** to An Evening With the Rugby Cafe Writers at St Andrew's Church on Friday October 3rd at 7.30pm. This is part of the Rugby Literary Festival and will feature original stories, poems and memoir plus music from The Scutters. There will also be a bookstall and bar. Tickets are £3.50 on the door, or in advance from [bit.ly/rcw2025](https://bit.ly/rcw2025)

**Recycling Update** A further box of **Tealights** has been despatched to our recycling partner weighing 12.25Kg providing a cumulative total of 141.20Kg saved from going to landfill, We also recycle **Candles** Ivory and White (*we regret glass or other containers, together with coloured or fragranced candles are unable to be accepted*). **Used Ink Cartridges, Milk Container Tops, used Postage Stamps** which support the work of the charity Knitted Knockers' supporting women who have had a mastectomy, your **used or unwanted Spectacles** that are recycled by Rugby Rokeby Lions and your **donations to Rugby Foodbank** are even more essential at present.

**Next Issue of Your Magazine** The next issue of The Parish Magazine, Your Magazine, will be the Christmas Issue and should you feel encouraged to provide an article, a piece of prose or poem, or something you wish to share, your contribution is welcome by Sunday 26 October and can be submitted in the usual way. Thank you for your support.

**Rugby Foodbank** As we look forward to Harvest, we are reminded that the number of people in our local community who require emergency food is still incredibly high. During the last year (2024), Rugby Foodbank has provided 6333 emergency food parcels to people who can't afford the essentials. There are several ways you can make a donation, there's a dedicated webshop link if you would prefer to choose the resources and quantities that would be most helpful to you <https://www.trussellgiftshop.com/harvest->

items, we have a collection basket at the back of church, you can drop donations to the foodbank Monday–Friday 9.30am–12 noon or if you would prefer a collection, please contact [harvest@rugby.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:harvest@rugby.foodbank.org.uk). Your support is vital to ensure that Rugby Foodbank can continue to provide their services.



On Sunday 12 October 2025 at 12:15pm for 12:30pm, Rugby & District Christian Aid and St Peter-John's Church invite you to a traditional 3 course Sunday Lunch (melon, roast pork dinner, apple crumble & coffee - vegetarian option only if notified when booking) at St Peter-John's Church, St Peter's Road, Rugby. The cost of the lunch will be £12\* per head, which includes a donation to be shared equally between Christian Aid and St Peter-John's Church. If you wish, please bring your own alcoholic beverages. There will be a raffle too. For more details or to reserve places, please e-mail me on [waltergoodman@btinternet.com](mailto:waltergoodman@btinternet.com) as soon as possible before Sunday 5 October 2025. (\*Cheques payable to. "St Peter-John's Church", places for lunch must be booked in advance).

Walter Goodman  
Rugby & District CA Group



## Diary for the week 22nd - 28th September

### 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  
7.30pm Greenhouse meeting

### Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Reflective Eucharist  
1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime  
Concert  
6.30pm Free Voice

### Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
12.00pm Eucharist  
5.00pm Young Choristers  
7.00pm Soulful Sound Space

### Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Big Table Gospel group  
6.00pm Eucharist  
6.30pm Board Games group  
7.15pm Choir practice

### Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer  
6.00pm Friends of St Andrew's  
Evensong & dinner

### Saturday

10am– 12pm Café Open

### Sunday 28th September

15th Sunday after Trinity  
Generous Giving week begins

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist  
6.00pm Choral Evensong

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[givi.ng/1160223](https://givi.ng/1160223)



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