



St Andrew's Church

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

The Third Sunday in Lent 8th March 2026

6.00pm Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: Sue Goddard, Licensed Reader

Responses: *Ferial*

Introit *Sung by the choir*

○ God thy soldiers crown and guard *Plainsong*

Opening Hymn 780: Soldiers of Christ, arise

Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all
such things as their well-being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel in silence
and remember God's presence with us now.

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.**

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people
pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their
sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; 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

Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me,
and heard my calling.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the
mire and clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and
ordered my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanks
giving unto our God.

Many shall see it, and fear : and shall put their trust in the
Lord.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

○ Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward : and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

If I should declare them, and speak of them : they should be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened.

Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required : then said I, Lo, I come,

In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God : I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart : my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.

I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth : from the great congregation.

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

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1.1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them,

to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

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 Second Reading: Ephesians 6.10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness

the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 four Collects: The first for the day, the second for Lent, the third for peace, the fourth for aid against all perils.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.**

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 Sicut Cervus Palestrina*

Reflection *Sue Goddard*

Intercessions made for the world

Healing prayer: Irene W, 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, Elizabeth I, Patricia T, David P

Please stand

Hymn 784: Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Please remain standing

Blessing

Voluntary

News and Notices

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

The St Andrew's 100 Club The 11th draw took place on Sunday 1st March with the winning tickets being 101 - Eloise Khumalo, 104 - Tiago Ferreria and Joyce Woodings. It is still not too late to support the work of St Andrew's, why not consider joining for next year 2026 / 27, Renewal and Application Forms are available NOW when you will have the opportunity to join the illustrious company of the thirty one winners to date. Good Luck to all ticket holders, future draws take place on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you for your support, John, Helen and Sonia.

Electoral Roll If you a regular at any of our services we would love to have you on the Electoral Roll, our contact list of worshippers at St Andrew's. Please speak to Pat, Joyce or Hash

The next **Rosebuds** will be 18th March 7pm at Satchmo's Corner.

Do you have any leftover wool or fabric that you are never going to use—if you do the Yarnbombers are collecting. You can bring into church for Joyce or take straight to Wild and Free in Bank Street--thanks.

Easter Lilies If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the Easter lilies, maybe in memory of a loved one, please leave with the wardens or the office. If you are able to gift aid, please complete your details on a yellow envelope and mark as Easter flowers.

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

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.

Together for the Church of England is a group supporting greater equality and inclusion in the church. A local meeting is being held at St Mary's, Walsgrave at 7pm on Wednesday 18th March. All welcome—speak to one of the clergy if you would like a lift.

Lent at St Andrew's

Thursdays in Lent 5.30pm Reflective Prayer 6pm Lent Eucharist

Big Table Gospel Group will be reading David Ford's, *Meeting God in John: A Companion for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Beyond*. All are welcome. It meets on alternate Thursday & Friday mornings at 10am starting Friday 20th February.

A booklet, ***Draw Near: Life-giving Habits for Lent***, is available at the back of church. It focuses on the habits and practices that are essential to what it means to be a Christian—Do please take a copy for a suggested donation of £3.

Finally, during Lent we will experiment with reintroducing the passing of collection plates at the offertory. If you give regularly by Parish Giving, standing order or have used the QR code, please do take one of the cards as you enter church,



Diary for the week 9th - 15th March	
Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon	
<p>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</p>	<p>Tuesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 9.30am Reflective Eucharist 1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime Concert</p>
<p>Wednesday 9.00am Morning Prayer 12.00pm Midday Eucharist 2.15pm Mothers' Union 5.00pm Young Choristers</p>	<p>Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Big Table Gospel group 5.30pm Lent Reflective Prayer 6.00pm Eucharist 7.15pm Choir practice</p>
<p>Friday 9.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Church Mice</p>	<p>Saturday 10.30am Second Saturday Songs</p>
<p>Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</p>	<p>8.00am BCP Holy Communion 10.30am Choral Eucharist 6.00pm Celtic Evening Prayer</p>

