



St Andrew's Church Rugby

The Fifth Sunday of Easter **28th April 2024**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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President: & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon: Helen Bryant, Lay Chaplain, Harris Church of England School

12.00pm The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Reviewing our worship and work at St Andrew's over the past year and our plans for the future; along with elections to the church council.

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Reflection: Helen Bryant, Lay Chaplain, Harris Church of England School

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

The service sheet gives directions on when to stand or kneel, but please feel free to remain sitting if you prefer. Toilets are available through the arch beside the main entrance.

We have a plate at the back of church for offerings; you will find a link to online giving with the offertory hymn

Introit *sung by the choir*

Adoramus te, christe *Lassus*

Please stand

**Opening Hymn 194: Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven
and voices raise**

The Greeting *is given by the president*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

*The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.
Younger children and their parents are welcome to use the play area in
the south aisle.*

Invitation to confession

The Deacon says

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

The President proclaims God's forgiveness:

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis *We sing together*



take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive_ our_ prayer.
 — For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord.
 You a - lone are the most high Je - sus Christ, — with the Ho - ly Spirit, in the
 Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray *Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to us the gate of
 everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put into our minds good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

New Testament Reading

A reading from the eighth chapter of The Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the twenty sixth verse.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When

they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn 212: Now the green blade riseth

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,

and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6.35*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

(15:1-8)

We sing together

All Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do

nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together

All Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit

Sermon *The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey*

Please stand

**All We believe in God the Father
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel as we are led in prayer

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

and at the end

Lord in your mercy
All Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Healing prayer: Solanki, Irene W, George W, Edwin F, Mary S, Jane B, Adrianna, Luci & Sophie, Gillian M, Rita & Noel, Caroline, Dilshad, Lily, Denise, Tony & Kirsten, Donald, Alan & Tim, Mary G, Sarah P, Ron G, Marion, Colleen S, Catherine E, John D, Louise E, Cheryl W, Teenie S-S.

In Memoriam: Eric Rani, Frank Roger Badger, The Rev'd John Hargreaves

The Peace *Please stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace safely with those around us by saying
'peace be with you'*

Offertory Hymn 453: Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

*A collection plate is available at the back of church or
this link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:
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The Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer *please remain standing*



The Lord be with you *R.* and al-*so* with you.
Lift up your hearts. *R.* **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising
have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

We sing together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the
 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
 On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

The sanctuary bell is rung

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of
 sins.

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

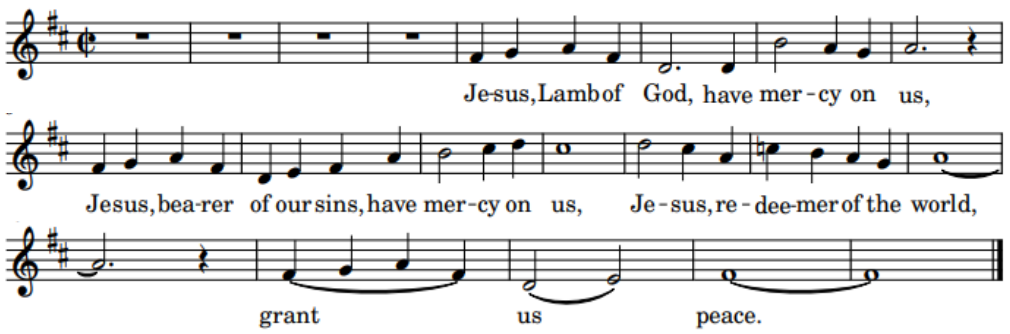
Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

We sing together



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us,
 Je-sus, bea-rer of our sins, have mer-cy on us, Je-sus, re-dee-mer of the world,
 grant us peace.

Communion will be administered in both kinds (consecrated bread and consecrated wine from the common cup) at the High Altar and at the west end of church. Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards.

Communion Hymn 430: Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

Communion Anthem

○ Quam Gloriosum *Victoria*

Post Communion Prayers

Eternal God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
 grant us to walk in his way,
 to rejoice in his truth,
 and to share his risen life;
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen

Please stand

Closing Hymn 748: O Jesus I have promised

Blessing and Final Responsory

God the Father

By whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

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

Confirmation. We are delighted that Bishop Ed Condry will be returning to St Andrew's on Sunday 5th May at 6pm to confirm four candidates: Glenn, Mel, George and Mia. Glenn's son, Charlie, will also be baptized at the service. Please pray for these five fellow pilgrims on their next stage in the journey of Christian faith. All are welcome at the service, which will draw on the Celtic tradition and be accompanied by St Andrew's Community Singers.

Rogationtide Blessing Service at May Blossom Farm. Come and walk the boundaries of May Blossom Farm, asking God's blessing on all the farm's green and growing things, especially its newly planted areas of native woodland and hedgerow.

Rugby Foodbank greatly appreciates your contributions and ongoing support. We now have a collection basket at the back of church



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/>

Community Conversation, Wednesday 1st May, 10.30-11.45am. As a lead into 'Dying Matter Week,' 6th -12th May, you are invited to attend our Community conversation, which will focus on the topic of dying and death. This is an important topic for people to talk about, including how we might ourselves make preparations for that eventuality, talk to our loved ones about it and how we might support our community friends and neighbours when they are grieving. I hope you will join me. Reverend Sharon Crofts

Dying Matters

Let's talk about it

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 meet every fortnight in St Andrew's Church on a Friday at 10am. This is a group for anyone who enjoys writing fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The group has recently published an anthology called *A Story For Every Day Of Winter*. To buy a copy, see a member of the group or go to www.rugbycafewriters.com New members are always welcome.

The Big Table Gospel group meets every week in the church cafe on alternate Thursdays and Fridays at 10am. This is a group for anyone who wishes to explore the weekly readings of the church in a bit more depth and talk about how they relate to everyday life. We are devoting our Thursday meetings to discussing a book on some aspect of faith. New members welcome. Contact John on shoparound1938@gmail.com

The Easter Magazine is now available and it is hoped you will find something of interest. The next issue of Your Magazine will be the Pentecost Issue and a contribution from you is welcome, be it an article, story, poem or something of interest you wish to share with the readers. Should you feel inspired please provide your contribution by 21 April. Please send to John or Kate. Thank you.

Regular Giving to support St Andrew's Mission and Ministry. We are hugely grateful to all who support St Andrew's financially by regular giving. We are in the process of transferring the management of regular giving to the new Parish Giving system, which saves a lot of administrative time and expense. To sign up you can take a form from the back of church or you can use this link: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/rugby-st-andrew-rugby/> Please have a word with Hash, Joyce or any PCC

members if you would like to find out more.

Recycling - Your contributions are most welcome and continue to support the Church as well as other charities. There is a separate yellow collection bin for your unwanted **spectacles**, due perhaps to a change in your prescription. The recycling unit has two columns the left hand column is for the collection of **ink cartridges** and the right hand column is for **milk container caps**. Please assist the sorting and packing process by not placing items in the wrong column or by placing general waste in either of the columns. Where possible only deposit the ink cartridge without their original cardboard packaging as we can only send the ink cartridges for recycling. The soft plastics (bags) in which items are deposited are recycled separately to further reduce waste. Don't forget your **used postage stamps** to support the Knitted Knockers Charity that provides wool for Breast Replacements for women who have had a mastectomy, and your unwanted **mobile telephones** will be transported to Ghana by the charity NPAC - National Police Aid Convoy - where they are handed to the charity Afrikids to help in technology training and repair and reuse. Thank you for your ongoing support of these valuable initiatives.

You are warmly invited to **May Blossom Farm's Gardening** for Wellbeing Saturday afternoon sessions between 2pm and 4pm on various dates until the end of June. Sessions are an opportunity to grow veg, connect with others and enjoy time outdoors in God's creation. They are part-funded through your very generous donations at the recent St Andrews Community Lunch. To come along, simply book a parking space for the sessions you would like to attend on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/gardening-for-wellbeing-3190549>

Please note that for the **World Food event** on 12th May tickets are now available. We are seeing a high demand for the tickets and not to disappoint, please see Hash and Joyce to ensure tickets are

allocated. We have set the number at 100 due to the high demand. The event will be very informal, no seating, 10 serving stations, bar and raffle. Self service with no limits to how many times you go up to eat.

Rev'd John Hargreaves who did his curacy in St Andrew's has sadly died following a long illness. His family warmly invites anyone who wishes to attend his funeral on Friday 3rd May at 11am in Rippon Cathedral and to refreshments afterwards.

Diary for the week 29th April - 5th May

- Monday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.00am Ball of Yarn knitting & crochet group
 10.30am Art with Aish
 6.30pm St Andrew's Community Singers *All welcome*
 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 Da-Hee Kim (piano)
 2.00pm Bereavement Point
 6.00pm Free Voice
- Wednesday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 10.30am Community Conversations
 12.00pm Holy Communion
 5.00pm Young Choristers practice
 7.30pm Adoptive Parents Group
- Thursday** 9.00am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*
 1.00pm Funeral of Eric Edgar Rani
 6.30pm Board games group
 7.15pm Choir Practice
- Friday** 9.00am *No Morning Prayer*
 10.00am Big Table Gospel group
- Saturday** 10.00am-12pm Café open. *Pop in for friendship and fellowship!*

Sunday 5th May - 6th of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

3.00pm Rogation Service at May Blossom Farm

6pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Ed Condry

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