



St Andrew's Church

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Pentecost 24th May 2025

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

President and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

10.30am Choral Eucharist

President : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

Deacon and Preacher : The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Healing Ministry : Sharon and John

12.00pm APCM Financial Business

12.30pm PCC meeting

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant : The Rev'd Canon Edmund Newey

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

After the service, please feel free to stay for refreshments—a chance for us all to get to know each other better.

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.

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.

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone!

Prelude

The president welcomes the congregation with any notices

The Gathering

Introit

Sung by the choir

If ye love me Macmillan

Please stand

Opening Hymn

238: Come down, O Love divine

The Greeting

The president says

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Invitation to confession

The President says

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord
and we have walked with him through his journey of love.
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.
We have enjoyed his risen presence with us
and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.
We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.
And now, with the followers of his own time,
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people,
through whom we make Christ known to the world.

An extended period of silence is kept, as we pray for the Spirit's gifts.

Deacon:

Gentle God, who, in Jesus Christ, show us humility and compassion, we thank you for your gracious love.
Forgive our sins of pride and apathy, and empower us to struggle for justice for the oppressed and broken.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

President:

Compassionate Jesus, teach us to be true disciples in our time and place today. As individuals and as a society, enable us to change for the better and for good. Give us eyes to see and hearts to be.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Deacon:

Divine wisdom, Holy Spirit, in your grace transform the world in us and through us. Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits. With serving hands and liberating actions, we humbly pray for courage and inspiration to do your will.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

President:

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gifts of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
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.

We sing together

The Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

God, who as at this time
 taught the hearts of your faithful people
 by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
 grant us by the same Spirit
 to have a right judgement in all things
 and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
 through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Pentecost Reading

A reading from the second chapter of the book of the Acts of the Apostles beginning at the first verse

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall
be saved."

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

263: Spirit of the living God (x3)

Gospel Reading

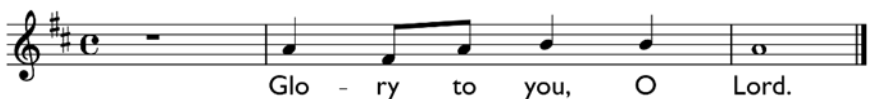
Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
(20:19-23)

We sing together



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

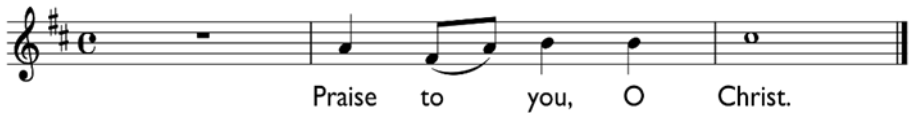
After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

We sing together



Please sit

Sermon

The Rev'd James Sampson-Foster

Please stand

The Creed

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
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: 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, Patricia T, David P,
In Memoriam: Peter Long

The Peace

Please stand

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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

258: O thou who camest from above

This link will allow you to give to St Andrew's online:



The Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer



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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of
one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your name,
for ever praising you and saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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".

We sing together

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Andrew and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Sanctuary bell is rung, please sit or kneel
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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.**

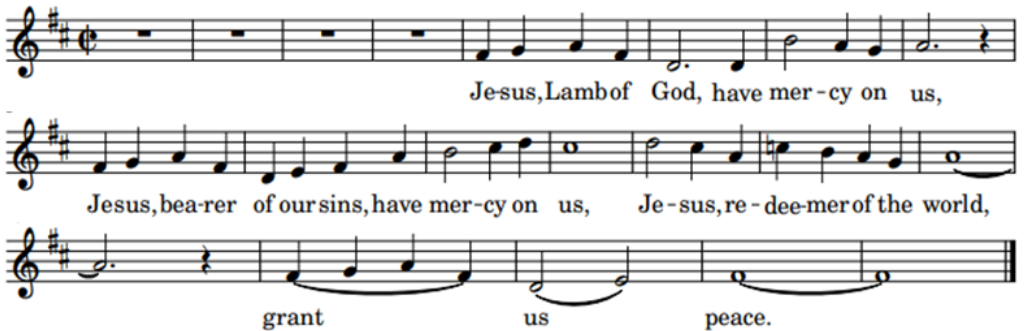
Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

We sing together



Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy 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

262: Spirit of mercy, truth, and love

Communion Anthem

Come down O love divine *Harris*

Post Communion Prayers

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Easter Candle. The president says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Recessional Hymn

630: Father, Lord of all creation

During this hymn the choir and ministers process to the back of church. Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

Commission

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in Rugby, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All We will.

Conclusion

The president blesses the people, saying

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came
among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All Amen.

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon says

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The ministers depart.

Organ Voluntary

News and Notices

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

APCM. The adjourned financial business from last Sunday's APCM will take place at 12noon this Sunday. The 2026 annual report and accounts are available from the office in electronic or hard copy.

Christian Aid The cake stall for Christian Aid made around £250. Many thanks to all those who contributed for this excellent result. Sue Goddard

Journeying in Faith with Children, Sunday 7th June

12noon. A time for parents, grandparents and members of the congregation to explore ways of supporting—and learning from—children of all ages in their journey of faith. Light Lunch & Children's activities provided. Please take one of the forms at the back of church and let us know if you're coming.

Summer Concert on Saturday 27th June at 4pm in church there will be a celebratory summer concert, inspired by the legacy of Rex Pogson. Entry is free and generous donations are encouraged to support Myton Hospice and our Peace Garden project. The Peace Garden, established in Rex's memory, will contain a memorial to Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, 'Woodbine Willie', the famous Great War Chaplain, who was curate of St Andrew's from 1910-1912—more details are available on a separate leaflet.

Helen Bryant. We're delighted that Helen Bryant will be ordained deacon at Coventry Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2026. She will be serving her curacy part-time in our neighbouring parishes of St Peter with St John and St George's, Rugby, whilst continuing to work as a Chaplain at Rugby School. Please keep

Helen and her family in your prayers - we will share further details of the ordination arrangements in due course.

The St Andrew's 100 Club There is still time to join our 40 previous illustrious prize winners; Application Forms are available from John or Helen - with tickets priced at £25 each per annum and there is no limit as to the number of tickets you may hold, with payment accepted by Cheque or Standing Order. To Ticket Holders who paid by Standing Order for last year 2025 / 26 and you selected a one off payment, please consider re-joining and pick up an Application Form and renew your Standing Order. Our first year raised £1225 for Church and this initiative is a way to support the work of the Church while having the opportunity to win a prize, with the prize draws taking place on the first Sunday of each Month, for the preceding month. You've Got To Be In It To Win It.

Recycling Update Your contributions have allowed a further box of White and Ivory Candles to be sent for recycling on 15 May weighing, 13.2Kg meaning since we started the Recycling Candle Initiative we have recycled 177.15Kg of candles saved from going to landfill. Thank you for your support of this and our other recycling initiatives.

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.



Blessing the River Avon. To mark the end of this year's Great Big Green Week, churches along the course of the River Avon will be blessing and giving thanks for its waters on Sunday 14th June. Here in Rugby, we'll be holding a service of blessing and a bring and share picnic beside the Avon between Brownsover and Clifton at 3.30pm. All are welcome and have a word with James or Alison for more details.



Pentecost

Diary for the week 25th - 31st May

Café open Monday - Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-12noon

School half term holiday

Monday

Bank Holiday

Church closed

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am Reflective Eucharist

1.00pm Tuesday Lunchtime

Concert

Wednesday

9.00am Morning Prayer

12.00pm Midday Eucharist

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Eucharist

7.15pm Choir Practice

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Church Mice

10.00am Big Table Gospel group



Saturday

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Choral Eucharist

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